

Bylaws

Of

The League

Of

Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39

**Bylaws
of
The League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc.
Table of Contents
Article I --- Name and Purpose**

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51

Section 1. Name
Section 2. Purpose

Article II --- Membership

Section 1. Qualifications
A. Suspension Hearing
B. Appeal Hearing
Section 2. Classification
A. Class A, Member Clubs
B. Class B, Junior Member Clubs
C. Class C, State Member Associations
D. Class D, Sustaining Members
E. Class E, Non-Voting Clubs
F. Class F, Associate Members
G. Class G, Life Members
H. Class H, Family Members
Section 3. Representation
Section 4. Past Presidents
Section 5. Honorary Members

Article III --- Officers

Section 1. Officers
Section 2. Election of Officers
A. President, NRA Representatives
B. Nominating Committee
C. Election Procedure
Section 3. Qualifications
Section 4. Terms of Office
Section 5. Duties of Officers
Section 6. Vacancies

Article IV --- Board of Directors

Section 1. Composition and Tenure
Section 2. Authority
Section 3. Meetings
A. Electronic Meetings
Section 4. Quorum
Section 5. Executive Committee
Section 6. Removal of Members
Section 7. Report to Convention
Section 8. Vacancy

Article V --- Districts

Section 1. Number of Districts
Section 2. District Federation Bylaws
A. Annual Meetings
B. Delegates
C. Alternate District Director

- D. Conflicting Positions
- E. Membership Requirements

Article VI --- Meetings

- Section 1. Annual Meeting or Convention
 - A. Date and Place
 - B. Agenda
 - C. National Wildlife Federation Delegate and National Rifle Association Delegate
- Section 2. Special Meetings
- Section 3. Voting
- Section 4. Quorum
- Section 5. Parliamentary
- Section 6. Credentials Committee and Delegates
 - A. Credentials Committee
 - B. Delegates and Alternates
 - C. Director-at-Large and District Directors Federation Presidents and Vice-presidents

Article VII --- Committees

- Section 1. Appointment and Duties of Committees
- Section 2. Standing Committees
 - A. Articles and Bylaws Committee
 - B. Budget and Finance Committee
 - C. Membership Committee
 - D. Convention Committee
 - E. Public Information/Public Relations Committee
 - F. Credentials Committee
 - G. Resolutions Committee
 - 1. Standard Resolutions
 - 2. Emergency Resolutions
 - H. National Wildlife Week Committee
 - I. Conservation Education Committee
 - J. Farmer/Sportsman Relations Committee
 - K. Natural Resources Committee
 - L. National Hunting and Fishing Day Committee
 - M. Ways and Means Committee
 - N. Legislative Committee
 - O. Sportsman of the Year Committee
 - P. Website Committee

Article VIII --- Finances

- Section 1. Dues
- Section 2. Use of Corporation Funds
- Section 3. Payment of Accounts
- Section 4. Borrowing Power
- Section 5. Fiscal Year
- Section 6. Audit
- Section 7. License Plate Fund Distribution

Article IX --- Amendments and General Provisions

- Section 1. Amendments
- Section 2. Interpretation of Bylaws
- Section 3. Parliamentary Guide

1
2 **President's Certification Signature**
3
4
5
6
7
8

9 **Article I --- Name and Purpose**

10 **Section 1. Name**

11 The name of this organization, incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of
12 Kentucky and hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation" shall be "The League of
13 Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc."
14

15 **Section 2. Purpose**

16 The purposes of the Corporation are purely educational and charitable in nature and
17 are as follows:
18

- 19 **A.** To develop, promote, and support a Comprehensive Educational Program based
20 upon scientific study and technical research for the advancement, restoration, wise
21 use, management, and conservation of wildlife and other natural resources;
22
- 23 **B.** To coordinate all agencies, societies, clubs and individuals which are or should
24 be interested in the restoration, wise use, conservation and scientific management of
25 wildlife and other natural resources into a permanent, unified, active agency for the
26 purpose of securing adequate public recognition of the needs and values of wildlife
27 resources and other natural resources;
28
- 29 **C.** To stimulate a proper public attitude and appreciation regarding sportsmanship
30 and the wise use and management of all natural resources, enabling our people to
31 appraise the value and importance of all resources;
32
- 33 **D.** To Promote through education of the members and the general public, including
34 Especially the youth and sportsmen of Kentucky, an understanding of the importance
35 of good sportsmanship and the conservation and wise use of the fish, wildlife, and
36 other natural resources of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the United States of
37 America as well as the rest of North America and the world;
38
- 39 **E.** No part of the Corporation's net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member
40 or individual, and no substantial part of its activities shall consist of carrying on
41 propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall be
42 conducted in conformity with the provisions of Section 501 of the 1954 Internal
43 Revenue Code as those provisions are presently constituted, or may exist hereafter.
44 If the Corporation is dissolved, all of its remaining assets shall be distributed by the
45 Board of Directors exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.
46

47 **ARTICLE II -- Membership**

48 **Section 1. Qualifications**

49 The members of this Corporation shall be persons and/or groups of persons who
50 adhere to the conservation of our natural resources, such persons and/or groups of

1 persons having complied with the requisites of membership as provided for in these
2 Bylaws and further determined by the Board of Directors. All applications for
3 membership shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Any person or
4 group of persons whose application for membership has been denied by the Board of
5 Directors may appeal such action at the next annual meeting of the Corporation. The
6 Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend any affiliated organization,
7 member thereof, or any associate member for failure to pay dues or for conduct
8 which in its judgement may be detrimental to the welfare, interests, or reputation of
9 the League, provided that such members shall be given the right of a hearing before
10 the Board before suspension. The suspended member shall have the right of appeal
11 to the next annual convention, and the League on hearing the appeal in annual
12 convention shall confirm, modify or annul the suspension, or may expel the offending
13 member from any further participation in the League.
14

15 **A. Suspension Hearing**

16 Before the Board of Directors exercises the right to suspend any affiliated organization,
17 member thereof or any associate member, the affiliated organization, member thereof or
18 associate member shall be advised in writing of the proposed action and the specific
19 reason or reasons for said proposed action. Said written notice shall also advise said
20 affiliated organization, members thereof or associate member of their right to a hearing
21 before the Board of Directors. Said notice shall include the date, time, and place of the
22 next Board of Directors meeting. This notice shall be sent by regular mail or hand
23 delivered to the affiliated organization, member thereof or associate member at least
24 thirty (30) days prior to said meeting. If said notice is sent by regular mail, it shall be sent
25 to the most recent address that the League has available. Upon receipt of said notice,
26 the affiliated organization, member thereof, or associate member shall have fourteen
27 (14) days to inform the League of their intent to have a hearing before the Board of
28 Directors. This notice shall be in writing and shall be sent by regular mail to the central
29 business office of the League of KY Sportsmen. At said hearing, a simple majority of the
30 eligible voters at the Board meeting shall determine whether the affiliated organization,
31 member thereof or associate member is suspended or not.
32

33 **B. Appeal Hearing**

34 If after the hearing before the Board has been held, the Board decides to suspend the
35 membership of the affiliated organization, member thereof or associate member, the
36 suspended party shall be provided in writing the reason or reasons for said suspension.
37 This notice shall also include notification to the suspended party or their right to appeal
38 said suspension to the next annual convention as well as the date, time and place of the
39 convention. The suspended party shall have fourteen (14) days from the receipt of the
40 notice of suspension to file, in writing, their intent to appeal the suspension to the next
41 annual convention. Said appeal shall be filed with the central office of the League of KY
42 Sportsmen. At the annual convention, the appeal hearing shall be placed on the agenda
43 to be taken up by the voting delegates. The appeals hearing shall be supervised by the
44 Chairman of the Resolution Committee. The League Board shall designate who will

1 present their reasons as to why the suspended member was suspended. The League's
2 position shall be presented first and shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. At any time
3 during said presentation or after said presentation, any voting delegate may direct any
4 questions relating to the suspension, to the presenter of the League's position. After the
5 League has presented its position, the suspended party shall present their defense to
6 the position. This presentation shall be given by the suspended party or their
7 representative and shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes .At any time during said
8 presentation or after said presentation, any voting delegate may direct any question
9 relating to the suspension to the presenter of the suspended party's positions. After the
10 parties have presented their positions, a vote shall be taken of the voting delegates.
11 The deciding vote shall be by simple majority of the voting delegates. The voting
12 delegates must decide whether to confirm, modify, or annul the suspension, or may
13 expel the offending member from any further participation in the League.

14 Section 2. Classification

15
16 There shall be the following classes of members, all generally hereinafter referred to
17 as "Members":
18

19 **A. Class A, "Member Clubs"** are those organized groups of sportsmen and wildlife
20 conservationists, such as clubs, societies, and associations, of a local character
21 consisting primarily of adults, twenty-five (25) or more League dues-paying members in
22 number, excluding associate members, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Local
23 Units".

24 In counting membership, Local Units may include one or more League Life
25 Members under the provisions of Article II, Section 2,G. The League dues of Life
26 Members
27 Shall be considered as having been paid for the Local Unit indicated by the Life Member
28 as his/her primary affiliation.

29 No other Local Unit may list him/her as a member unless the prescribed annual
30 League membership fee shall have been paid on his/her behalf through the secondary
31 Local Unit(s).
32

33 **Class A, 2, "Associate Clubs"** are those organized groups of sportsmen and wildlife
34 conservationists, such as clubs, societies, and associations, of a local character
35 consisting primarily of adults, fifteen (15) to twenty-four (24) in number League
36 dues-paying members, excluding associate members, hereinafter sometimes referred to
37 as "Local Associate Clubs".

38 Local Associate Clubs shall be allowed one voting delegate to the Annual
39 Meeting, such delegate to have all rights and privileges and to be subject to all
40 regulations applicable to other delegates.
41

42 **B. Class B, "Junior Member Clubs"** are those organized groups of persons, local in
43 character, consisting primarily of boys and/or girls eighteen years of age and under,
44 twenty-five (25) or more-in number, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Local
45 Units".
46

47 **C. Class C, "State Member Associations"** are those groups of sportsmen and

1 wildlife conservationists organized on a state-wide basis hereinafter referred to as
2 "State Units".
3

4 **D. Class D, "Sustaining Members"** are those persons who shall annually contribute
5 a minimum amount as determined by the Board of Directors to the Corporation; they
6 LKS Bylaws---Page 4 may or may not be members of Local or State Unit.
7

8 **E. Class E, "Non-Voting Clubs"** are those clubs with fewer than fifteen (15)
9 League dues-paying members who may not send voting delegates to the annual
10 meeting.
11

12 **F. Class F, "Associate Members"** are those persons who are members of a
13 household of any regular member of a Class A member club.
14

15 **G. Class G, "Life Members"** are those people who contribute a one-time fee as
16 Determined by the Board of Directors. Those people shall be entitled to a voice in
17 any of the annual meetings but shall not have the right to vote unless otherwise
18 qualified. Those persons shall receive at no charge for the remainder of their natural
19 lives the publication, *Kentucky Afield, The Magazine*, providing it is available. Those
20 persons shall also be entitled to other privileges as may be prescribed by the Board of
21 Directors. A life member may qualify as a Class A League dues-paying member for
22 only one Local Unit. To qualify, the Life Member must inform the League Office, in
23 writing, which Local Unit is his/her primary affiliation and has been authorized to
24 list him/her on its roster as a League dues-paying member, and should so notify all
25 other Local Units with which he/she may be affiliated. Except for the Local Unit indicated
26 by the Life Member as his/her primary affiliation, no other Local Unit may list him/her as
27 a member unless the prescribed annual League membership fee shall have been paid
28 on his/her behalf through the secondary Local Unit(s).
29

30 **H. Class H, "Family Members"** are all the members of a family, lining at one
31 address, who annually contribute an amount and receive benefits as determined by the
32 Board of Directors.
33

34 **Section 3. Representation**

35 All members may attend and, with the Chairman's consent, have privilege on the floor
36 at any meetings of the Corporation. Only Local and State Units, as hereinbefore
37 described, through their regularly appointed delegates, shall be entitled to vote. No
38 person may act as a voting delegate for more than one Local or State Unit. Members
39 of Classes A and C shall be entitled to two (2) votes each. Members of Classes B, D,
40 E, F, G, and H shall not be entitled to vote unless otherwise qualified. Such
41 representation and number of votes shall apply to all meetings of this Corporation.
42

43 **Section 4. Past Presidents**

44 All Past Presidents of the League shall be honorary members thereof, without being
45 required to pay dues, and entitled to a voice in any of the annual conventions, but
46 such honorary members shall not have the right to vote unless they are otherwise
47 qualified. Each President as he retires from office shall receive a Past President's
48 plaque, and such other benefits as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
49 The membership of Past League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. Presidents in

1 Local Units, for the purpose of tabulating Local Unit membership totals, shall be
 2 controlled by the same regulations that apply to Life Members. (Article II, Section 2,A
 3 and G).
 4

5 **Section 5. Honorary Members**

6 The Board of Directors may elect to honorary life membership any person being
 7 worthy of the honor, who shall be entitled to a voice in any of the annual conventions
 8 but who shall not have the right to vote unless otherwise qualified, and who shall not
 9 be required to pay dues. Honorary Members shall receive such other benefits as the
 10 Board of Directors may prescribe. No more than two persons shall be elected to such
 11 honorary membership in any one year.

12 The membership of Honorary League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. Members in Local
 13 Units, for the purpose of tabulating Local Unit membership totals, shall be controlled
 14 by the same regulations that apply to Life Members. (Article II, Section 2, A and G).
 15 The Board of Directors may elect to honorary membership any corporation being
 16 worthy of the honor. Said corporation may elect to send one (1) representative to
 17 the annual convention. That representative shall be entitled to a voice in any of the
 18 annual conventions, but shall not have the right to vote unless otherwise qualified,
 19 and who shall not be required to pay dues. There shall be no limit to the number of
 20 such corporations elected to such honorary membership in any one year.
 21

22 **Article III --- Officers**

23 **Section 1. Officers**

24 The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary
 25 and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors may appoint any additional Officers and
 26 agents it deems necessary, prescribing their duties and authority and providing for
 27 their compensation. No person shall hold more than one office at any one time except
 28 that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined by order of the Board of
 29 Directors.
 30

31 **Section 2. Election of Officers**

32 **A.** The President, National Wildlife Representative and the National Rifle Association
 33 Representative shall be elected at the annual meeting by secret ballot. No member
 34 shall hold more than one office. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by
 35 the President, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors. The Board of
 36 Directors shall, at the annual meeting, elect from their membership a Vice-President.
 37 Neither the National Wildlife Representative, the National Rifle Association
 38 Representative, the Secretary nor the Treasurer shall be a District Director.

39 **B.** Nominating Committee: Nominations for President, National Wildlife
 40 Representative and National Rifle Association Representative shall be made by a
 41 Nominating Committee consisting of five (5) members, two (2) of whom may be Past
 42 Presidents, and three (3) appointed by the President, no two (2) of whom shall be
 43 from the same District..

44 The President shall designate the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Said
 45 Committee shall be named not later than the last day of December of each year.
 46 Nominations for these offices may be made from the floor of the Convention.

47 **C.** Election Procedure: During the election of President, National Wildlife
 48 Representative and National Rifle Association Representative, the Chairman shall
 49 direct the Credentials Committee to require all persons not entitled to vote to go to a
 50 place in the room separate from those entitled to vote.

1
2 **Section 3. Qualifications**

3 Any member in good standing of a Member Club shall be eligible for office in this
4 Corporation.
5

6 **Section 4. Terms of Office**

7 Terms of elected Officers shall commence immediately upon adjournment of the
8 annual meeting of the Corporation and shall continue for the term of one (1) year or
9 until their successors are elected and shall have qualified, **PROVIDED**, the Secretary
10 and Treasurer shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The
11 President shall be restricted to three (3) consecutive one-year terms. The District
12 Directors shall be restricted to three (3) consecutive two-year terms.
13

14 **Section 5. Duties of Officers**

15 **A.** The President shall be chief executive officer of the Corporation and, subject to
16 the control of the Board of Directors, shall have general charge of its affairs. He
17 shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, and
18 shall have such other powers and duties as are incident to his office and not
19 inconsistent with these Bylaws, or as at any time shall be assigned to him by the
20 Board of Directors. He may attend the National Wildlife Federation and National Rifle
21 Association annual meeting, at the expense of the Corporation, and serve as alternate
22 delegate.
23

24 **B.** It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to assist the President in the performance
25 of his duties when called upon to do so by the President or the Board of Directors.
26 In the event of the disability of the President or his absence from any place in which
27 business on hand is to be done, the Vice-president shall have all the powers and
28 perform all the duties of the President. The Vice-president shall have such other
29 powers and duties as may at any time by assigned him by the Board of Directors.
30

31 **C.** The Secretary shall perform the duties assigned by the President and those duties
32 that usually pertain to said office or as defined by and under direction of the Board of
33 Directors.
34

35 **D.** The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate account of all receipts and
36 disbursements and deposit all money, checks and other obligations to the credit of The
37 League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. in such depository or depositories as may be
38 designated by the Board of Directors; he shall disburse the funds of the Corporation
39 only in accordance with due authorization of the Board of Directors; and shall
40 furnish security satisfactory to the Board of Directors in an amount fixed by
41 them, and shall make a complete annual statement for the past fiscal year at each
42 annual meeting of the Corporation, which annual statement shall, on determination of
43 the Board of Directors, be verified by a Certified Public Accountant, to be selected
44 by the Board of Directors, and in addition, perform all other duties incident to the
45 office of Treasurer subject to the control of the Board of Directors. He/she shall make
46 such other reports and at such time as the Board of Directors may determine, one of
47 which shall be a complete annual report of the membership of the organization. This
48 report shall list all clubs by district and show the total number of members in each club.
49 It shall also list Life Member totals, State Association totals, and any other special group
50 totals.

1
2 **Section 6. Vacancies**

3 In the event of a vacancy in an elected office, the Board of Directors shall, at its next
4 meeting, elect a qualified member to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.
5 If and when the office of the Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant, the President
6 shall immediately cause his books and accounts to be audited and transfer all funds
7 and properties to his successor upon approval of the Board of Directors.
8

9 **ARTICLE IV --- Board of Directors**

10
11 **Section 1. Composition and Tenure**

12 The Board of Directors shall be composed of: (a) the President, (b) a Director from
13 each District provided for in Article V. The Board may also include a Director
14 representing any State Member Association (State Unit) as defined in Article II, Sec. 2, C
15 if the Association has a minimum of 1,500 dues-paying League members as defined by
16 the Board of Directors.
17

18 **Section 2. Authority**

19 The Board of Directors shall manage the property and transact the business of the
20 Corporation and shall possess such powers and authority, in addition to the powers
21 and authority herein specifically prescribed, as may be necessary to the complete
22 execution of the purposes of the Corporation, limited only by the Articles of
23 Incorporation and these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have authority to
24 affiliate this Corporation with any other organization having like interests, aims or
25 purposes.
26

27 **Section 3. Meetings**

28 A. The Board of Directors shall hold at least four (4) meetings each year at such times
29 and places as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, **PROVIDED**, one of
30 such meetings shall be held during, and at the place of the annual convention, and
31 shall be the Board's annual meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may
32 be called by the president upon ten (10) days notice. Special meetings may also be
33 called on written request to the Secretary by any five (5) members of the Board of
34 Directors, upon due notice of at least ten (10) days to each member of the Board of
35 Directors. The purpose of said special meetings shall be contained in the notice of
36 the meeting.
37

38 **B. Electronic Meetings**

39 At any time that the President of five (5) members of the Board of Directors determines
40 that an issue has arisen that needs immediate action by the Board, a special
41 ELECTRONIC MEETING may be called. Notice of said meeting shall be emailed to all
42 members and shall include the specific issue to be addressed. The caller of said
43 meeting shall be specifically identified. A quorum for said meeting shall be a majority of
44 the Board of Directors. Once the notice of the meeting has been sent, the chair of the
45 meeting shall call the meeting to order by sending a message containing a subject line
46 stating: "The email meeting will come to order." The call to order message shall again
47 state the specific issue or issues to address. The floor will then be opened for a
48 discussion. The discussion period shall be for seventy-two (72) hours or closed by a

1 motion, and a vote, whichever occurs first. All discussions are not required to be
2 electronic in nature, i.e., phone discussions or face to face discussions are allowed.
3 However, all email discussion messages shall be made part of the minutes of the
4 meeting. Upon closure of the meeting, a motion for action shall be made. After the
5 motion for action has been made, voting will begin. For a vote to be valid at said
6 meeting, a quorum of votes must be returned A vote shall state specifically that, "Yes, I
7 (Name of Board Member) vote for said action" or "No, I (Name of Board Member) vote
8 against said action "Voting shall remain open for twelve (12) hours or until a majority
9 vote has been received, whichever occurs first. If there is an equipment malfunction
10 among the Board of Directors that significantly interferes with the reading, writing or
11 delivering of emails, the Chair shall recess or adjourn the meeting without a vote. Email
12 meetings shall not be held when equipment malfunction is a significant hindrance.

13 **Section 4. Quorum**

14 At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Board shall constitute a
15 quorum for the transaction of business, and the actions of the majority of the
16 Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the
17 Board of Directors; **PROVIDED**, that if a majority of the whole Board of Directors
18 shall severally and/or collectively consent in writing to any action to be taken by the
19 Corporation, such action shall be as valid a corporate action as though it had been
20 authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Any vote not unanimous will be
21 recorded by District.
22

23 **Section 5. Executive Committees**

24 The Board of Directors may by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board
25 of Directors designate three (3) or more of their number to constitute an Executive or
26 any other Committee, who to the extent provided in such resolution, shall possess
27 and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the
28 Corporation between meetings of the Board of Directors.
29

30 **Section 6. Removal of Members**

31 Any member of the Board of Directors who shall absent himself from two (2)
32 Consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors, unless permission to do so has been
33 granted by the President, or unless at the next meeting he shall present an excuse
34 satisfactory to the Board of Directors, shall cease to be a member of the Board of
35 Directors, and the Board of Directors shall declare the office vacant and a successor
36 Shall be elected as herein provided.
37

38 **Section 7. Report to Convention**

39 The Board of Directors shall, through the President or other Officer designated by
40 the Board of Directors, make a complete but concise report of its activities and
41 actions during the immediate past year, including any recommendations for future
42 action, at the annual meeting of the Corporation.
43

44 **Section 8. Vacancy**

45 In the event of a vacancy of a District Federation Director, such District shall within
46 sixty (60) days, call a special meeting to elect a Director for the unexpired term.
47

Article V --- Districts

Section 1. Number of Districts

The Corporation shall be divided into the same number of Districts as that of the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commission (Kentucky Revised Statutes Sec. 150.022), said Districts to be coterminous in boundary with the Districts of said Commission, and each District Federation shall be known as the "_____ District Federation, of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc."

Section 2. District Federation Bylaw

Each District Federation shall, upon affiliation with the Corporation, adopt Bylaws which shall not (except as to class of members) be inconsistent in any regard with the Articles and Bylaws of the Corporation and shall contain, as a minimum, the following provisions:

A. Annual Meetings

Provide for an annual election meeting of the District Federation at which Officers of the Federation will be elected. Also, a Director will be elected to serve as Director of this Corporation as provided by the following:
District Directors in even-numbered Districts shall be elected in even-numbered years, and odd-numbered Districts in odd-numbered years. Each such Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may be re-elected. The District Directors shall be restricted to three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms.

B. Delegates

At each meeting of any District Federation, each member club shall have the same number of voting delegates, the number thereof to be set forth in the Bylaws of each District Federation.

C. Alternate District Director

If any District Director finds he is unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Corporation, he shall appoint an alternate to attend such meeting. That appointment shall be a League member in good standing and a member of a club of that Director's District.

D. Conflicting Positions

If any Officer of a District Federation, or its League Director, is appointed to the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commission, he shall forthwith resign as such Federation Officer or Director.

E. Membership Requirements

No club or other member may be accepted as a member of a District Federation unless such member is, or becomes, a member of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc., and no Club or Class A Member will be accepted as a member of the League, unless such Club or Class A member belongs to the District Federation in which it is located. Clubs and Class A Members in violation of these provisions will not have Voting and Resolution privileges at the annual convention.

ARTICLE VI --- Meetings

1
2 **Section 1. Annual Meeting or Convention**
3

4 **A. Date and Place**

5 The Corporation shall convene in annual regular meeting or convention each year.
6 The definite date and place of said annual meeting shall be determined by the Board
7 of Directors with due notice given to all members at least forty-five (45) days in
8 advance thereof.

9 The annual election of Officers and such other activity as may be determined by the
10 Board of Directors shall take place at the annual meeting. In the event⁵ of emergency
11 so that the annual meeting cannot be legally held, the Board of Directors may direct
12 that the election of Officers shall be held by mail. The minutes of the annual meeting
13 shall be properly edited and published, subject to approval by the Board of Directors
14 at its meeting next following the annual meeting.
15

16 **B. Agenda**

17 The agenda of the annual meeting shall be prepared by the President with the
18 cooperation and approval of the Board of Directors. All members shall be notified of
19 said agenda at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, and no matter
20 excluded from said agenda shall be considered at the annual meeting except by an
21 Affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the convention.
22

23 **C. National Rifle Association Delegate**

24 The delegate to the National Rifle Association shall be elected immediately before the
25 election of the President.
26

27 **Section 2. Special Meetings**

28 Special meetings of the Corporation may be called by the Board of Directors,
29 provided that three (3) days notice shall be given to all members as to time, place,
30 and purpose of meeting. Nothing shall take place at any special meeting that is
31 not consistent with these Bylaws, or that has not had prior approval of the Board of
32 Directors.
33

34 **Section 3. Voting**

35 Only qualified delegates or alternates, may vote at a meeting of the Corporation. An
36 alternate delegate, if registered with the Credentials Committee, may vote in the
37 absence of the delegate he is representing. Voting shall be *viva voce*, unless a roll
38 call or secret ballot is prescribed by these Bylaws, or called for by the Convention or
39 Chairman.

40 A majority vote shall be sufficient for the adoption of any motion that is in order
41 except as these Bylaws and parliamentary law as contained in *Robert's Rules of*
42 *Order* shall otherwise prescribe, and except that a three-fourth (3/4) majority vote
43 shall be necessary on any proposal for a change in State or Federal laws.
44

45 **Section 4. Quorum**

46 Any meeting of this Corporation a majority of delegates re⁴gistered with the
47 Credentials Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
48

49 **Section 5. Parliamentarian**

50 The Corporation's legal advisor, and in his absence the Secretary, shall serve as

1 changes in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and shall review and put in
 2 proper form any amendment submitted to it by any member and shall submit same to
 3 the Board of Directors.
 4

5 **B. Budget and Finance Committee**

6 This Committee shall periodically review the financial status of the Corporation and
 7 submit its recommendations to the Board of Directors pertaining to sources of
 8 revenue and dues structure of the Corporation.
 9

10 **C. Membership Committee**

11 This Committee shall work with District Federation Committees on increasing
 12 Membership and shall bring to the attention of the Board of Directors problems
 13 Presented and recommendation made by members.
 14

15 **D. Convention Committee**

16 This Committee shall make all necessary arrangements for the holding of the annual
 17 meeting or convention of the Corporation.
 18

19 **E. Public Information/Public Relations Committee**

20 This Committee shall cooperate with all news media in seeing that the activities of
 21 The League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. are brought to the attention of the public.
 22

23 **F. Credentials Committee** (See Article VI, Sec. 6.)
 24

25 **G. Resolutions Committee**

26 **1. Standard resolutions:** This Committee shall review all resolutions to be
 27 submitted to the annual meeting. The Committee shall assist in drafting
 28 resolutions submitted to it but shall have no power to change the intent or
 29 meaning of a resolution submitted by any District or member club, and adhering
 30 to the requirements of Article V, Sec. 2 e.
 31

32 **2. Emergency resolutions** will be accepted providing:

- 33 **a.** The Emergency Resolution meets all other requirements of The
 League of Kentucky Sportsmen's Bylaws for resolutions, and,
- 34 **b.** There are 100 copies or the number of copies determined by the
 Board of Directors listed in the Convention packet at the registration
 35 desk of the Annual Convention prior to 8:00 AM on the first day of the
 36 Convention.
 37
- 38 **c.** The Convention body will vote to allow or disallow the Emergency
 Resolution. This will take place during the regular business session.
 39 Vote will be by simple majority. The only motion from the floor on an
 40 Emergency Resolution that will be accepted by the chair will be a
 41 motion to pass the Emergency Resolution.
 42

43
 44 **H. National Wildlife Week Committee**

45 **I. Conservation Education Committee**

46 **J. Farmer/Sportsman Relations Committee**

47 **K. Natural Resources Committee**

48 **L. National Hunting and Fishing Day Committee**

49 **M. Ways and Means Committee**

50 **N. Legislative Committee**

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50

Section 6. Audit

The financial accounts of this Corporation shall be audited as herein provided and Whenever the Board of Directors shall so determine.

Section 7. LKS License Plate Fund Distribution

The LKS License Plate funds shall be distributed as follows:

All checks received in the future shall be divided 10 equal ways with the LKS receiving 1 portion and the Federations each eligible to receive 1 equal portion.

However if the LKS balance drops below \$15,000.00, the LKS portion shall be 10% or the amount necessary to bring the balance to \$15,000.00, whichever is the greater amount.

All funds will be divided and maintained by the League of Kentucky Sportsmen.

The League shall create an application form to be used by the federations in requesting funds for appropriate projects. In addition to the application form, the League will provide each Federation with a list of guidelines consistent with the Kentucky Revised Statute and Transportation Department regulations.

Request for funds by the Federation will be presented to the Board of Directors for review.

The Board will determine if the project is within guidelines.

A simple majority by the Board at a business session shall be required before the funds can be released to the Federation.

Invoices for each project and proof that they have been paid shall be presented within 6 months of the Federation reception of the funds.

Federations must have an approval vote of yes from current LKS members in good standing at a Federation meeting before the Federation can request funds for a project that meets criteria.

Along with the proposal form, the President of the Federation must submit a statement certifying the date of the Federation meeting and the fact that the Federation approved of the project.

Federations may combine funds for a joint project with other Federations. However, there must be an approval by each individual Federation in the joint venture.

Each Federation's funds shall roll over from year to year for a period not to exceed 10 years. At that time the money reverts to LKS to be added to next disbursement.

In the event a project needs funding before a League regular scheduled business session meeting, a conference call at the convenience of the Board for approval can be held.

Approved permanent signage recognizing the LKS and the district Federation(s) shall be installed or erected at each approved project in an area conspicuous to the public if permitted. Funding for the appropriate signage shall be included in the total for project proposal.

Article IX --- Amendments and General Provisions

Section 1. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended as provided in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, as amended. No amendment may be acted upon unless the Secretary or Chairman of the Bylaws Committee has mailed notice of the proposed amendment to each member of the Board of Directors not later than thirty (20) days prior to the

1 date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
2

3 **Section 2 Interpretation of Bylaws**

4 If any question shall arise relative to the interpretation of these Bylaws, the Board of
5 Directors shall decide after having been referred to the Bylaws Committee for study
6 and recommendation. Any member aggrieved by such decision of the Board of
7 Directors may appeal at the next annual meeting of the Corporation.
8

9 **Section 3. Parliamentary Guide**

10 The *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the Corporation in all cases to which they
11 are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Corporation's Articles
12 and these Bylaws.
13

14
15
16 The foregoing Bylaws update, incorporating amendments approved by the Board of
17 Directors was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of The League of Kentucky
18 Sportsmen, Inc. at Cave City, Kentucky on June 09, 2019 and became the official Bylaws
19 document on approval.

20 
21
22 Edwin Nighbert
23 President