

ARTICLE I – NAME

The official name of this organization shall be the **Michigan Rifle Team**, a student organization affiliated with the University of Michigan.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE and OBJECTIVES

This team will strive to provide a safe and friendly environment at the University of Michigan for those students interested in competitive smallbore rifle shooting. The team will conduct itself according to the competitive principles of USA Shooting, the National Rifle Association, and the University of Michigan.

The objectives of this team include, but are not limited to:

- a) Participation in collegiate rifle leagues and individual matches as time, funds, and location allow.
- b) The promotion of organized competitive smallbore rifle shooting among the graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Michigan.
- c) Promoting the highest degree of sportsmanship and good fellowship among the membership of the team and preventing the occurrence or tolerance of unsportsmanlike conduct.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Team Membership

Qualifications and Limitations

Membership shall be limited to twenty-two firing members and three alternates for a total of twenty-five students, not including the coaching staff. The team is to be composed of both graduate and undergraduate students chosen regardless of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, educational programs, or academic admissions.

Qualification and Limitations of the Travelling Team

The travelling team shall consist of ten firing members and five alternates for a total of fifteen students not including the coaching staff. The travelling team shall be selected based upon score and attendance, any special requirements will be announced by the coaching staff a minimum of two weeks before the match.

New Membership

New members will be allowed to join at the beginning of the fall and winter semesters. If a student wishes to join at any other time or if there are no positions available; the student will be placed on a waiting list and notified by phone or electronic mail when there is an open position.

Section 2. Rights and Privileges

Any member in good standing shall have the right to attend the weekly practices and have full access to team equipment. Members in good standing are also entitled to the right to compete both individually and in teams during our competitive season. All members are allowed to have a voice at the weekly practices and year end meetings, however, only those members in good standing shall have the right to vote on new officers and any other matters of substance.

Section 3. Responsibilities

All members shall be required to attend the weekly practices and the year-end meeting, two absences per semester are allowed without any penalty. Members will also be required to attend all of the fund raising activities throughout the year with one absence per semester allowed without any penalty. Any absences in excess of these need to be brought to the attention of the coaching staff and will be dealt with on an individual basis.

All members need to be aware of these bylaws and the team safety guidelines.

Section 4. Voting

All voting shall take place at the end of the year meeting, with all members being notified at least two weeks in advance. The only exception occurs upon the event of the resignation of an officer; in this case new elections will occur at a special meeting to be determined by the team officers within two weeks of the resignation.

Section 5. Expiration, Suspension, and Expulsion

Any member may fall out of good standing upon violation of any part of the bylaws or safety guidelines. Repeated violations will result in suspension for a period of time to be determined by the coaching staff and if the severity of the offense is great enough the offender may be expelled from the team.

Section 6. Resignation

Any member may resign from the team at any point during the year without any penalties. If the member holds an officer position they are required to provide the coaching staff four weeks notice.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. Weekly Practices

The team will meet each week of the fall and winter semesters on Wednesday night from approximately 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Unless previously approved by the coaching staff, any member arriving at practice later than 7:15 p.m. may be asked to leave without practicing, repeated tardiness will result in loss of good standing with the team.

Section 2. Year-End Meetings

Topics of Discussion

The year-end meeting shall occur at the end of the winter semester and shall include but not be limited to the following topics:

- a) Nomination and election of next years officers.
- b) Discussion and possible amending of the bylaws.
- c) Discussion of the general state of the team and any changes for next year.

Quorum

A quorum for the year-end meeting shall consist of the number of members in good standing present at the meeting assuming that the meeting was announced two weeks prior. If the meeting was not announced before hand then no changes to the bylaws may be made at that time and officer selection shall occur at another time as deemed by the coaching staff and the current officers.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Any coach or officer may call a special meeting and the attendance at the meeting shall be determined by all of the coaching staff as well as the officers. There shall be no limitation on the topics to be discussed, however any changes in the bylaws must be brought forth at a special open meeting where every member in good standing can vote on the proposed changes.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. Positions and Responsibilities

Captain

In order to be nominated for the position of captain the team member must have been part of the team for at least two years, with the last year in good standing. The nominee must also be able to make a commitment for both fall and winter semesters, only under extreme circumstances will a captain be allowed to step down in the middle of the year. The powers and responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to:

- a) Interacting with the Michigan Student Assembly.
- b) Primary signer on the Student Organization Account Service account.
- c) Primary electronic mail contact with outside organizations.
- d) Maintain the current and official bylaws and safety information.
- e) Webmaster for the team web site.
- f) Ability to create additional staff positions as required.

Assistant Captain

In order to be nominated for the position of assistant captain the team member must have been part of the team for one year, with the last semester in good standing. On the event that the newly elected captain is graduating upon the completion of the winter semester, the assistant captain must not be in a position to graduate after the following year. The nominee must also be able to make a commitment for both fall and winter semesters, only under extreme circumstances will an assistant captain be allowed to step down in the middle of the year. The powers and responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to:

- a) Interacting with the Michigan Student Assembly.
- b) Signer on the Student Organization Account Service Account.
- c) Primary electronic mail contact for the inter-team communication.

Section 2. Elections

Elections shall be held at the year-end meeting unless a staff vacancy occurs during the course of the year or a new staff position is created. All elections shall be announced two weeks prior and voting shall be restricted to members in good standing. Those nominees receiving the most votes shall take the office.

ARTICLE V – RULES OF COMPETITION

Section 1. Rules and Regulations

All matches and practices shall be run in accordance with the competitive regulations defined by USA Shooting and the National Rifle Association. The range officer shall have the authority to change these rules as he/she sees fit, but any changes must be announced before the start of firing. Competitors will be held responsible for knowing and understanding these rules; any violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action that shall be decided by the range officer and the coaching staff.

Section 2. Safety

All matches and practices shall be run in accordance to the safety guidelines provided by the National Rifle Association and the Michigan Rifle Team. The range officer shall have the authority to change these rules as he/she sees fit, but any changes must be announced before the start of firing. The range officer also has the right to ask any person present at the range to leave if he/she poses a threat to the safety of themselves or the rest of the team. Any violations to the safety guidelines will be met with swift disciplinary action.

ARTICLE VI – AMMENDMENTS

Once adopted these bylaws may be amended only at the year-end meeting or by a special meeting deemed necessary by the unanimous decision of the staff. Any changes must meet with the approval of two thirds of the members in good standing present at the meeting which shall be announced two weeks in advance. Failure to provide adequate advanced notification will result in a lack of quorum and any amendments will be considered invalid.

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