

MERRIMACK VALLEY PISTOL LEAGUE

LEAGUE ARTICLES

Amended April 26th, 2010

PREAMBLE:

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

To educate and train citizens in the usage and efficient handling of small arms and in general to encourage the lawful ownership and use of small arms by citizens of good repute. It constantly directs its efforts at blending the natural appeal for guns into activities which promote firearms safety as a public service, marksmanship training as a contribution to national defense, and competitive shooting as a wholesome form of recreation. It stands squarely behind the premise that the lawful ownership of firearms must not be denied to American Citizens of good repute so long as they use them for lawful purposes.

ARTICLE ONE:

The name of the organization shall be: The Merrimack Valley Pistol League, Incorporated.

ARTICLE TWO:

Membership in the league shall be open to clubs and organizations which are involved in the shooting sports.

ARTICLE THREE:

Application for new membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, and shall include such information and fee as the Board of Directors shall require. The Secretary-Treasurer shall lay such applications before the council at their next regular or special meeting for acceptance or rejection by ballot. Two-Thirds (2/3) affirmation by teams of the league present shall be required for the acceptance of an application.

ARTICLE FOUR:

Nomination of officers will be accomplished by nominations from the floor at the Year-End meeting or in writing to the Secretary prior to the start of the Year-End meeting. If no one has announced for an office, nomination of officers will be accomplished by a lottery system. The lottery will be accomplished in the following manner:

A "card" with the Team's name on it will be placed in the "hat" for EACH team that the club fields (one team = one card, two teams = two cards). Teams who already have a member serving on the Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Officer, or Assistant Executive Officer) shall not be required to have that Team's name in the hat (providing that that person is not up for re-election or has agreed to an additional term).

Then cards will be drawn, one at a time, to fill the positions needing to be filled.

The team that has its name drawn may fill that position from ANY of its club's teams and present the names at the Spring Election Meeting. Failure of that team to provide a name will result in the team captain accepting the position by default. If the captain fails to serve, he will be removed as captain for the current year and a new drawing will take place from the teams of the chosen club.

The office of the President and the office of the Treasurer are to be voted on in odd years.
(Example: 1993, 1995, 1997 etc.)

The office of the Vice-President and the office of Secretary are to be voted on in even years.
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The office of the Executive Officer will be voted in even years for a two (2) year term.

The office of the Assistant Executive Officer, which is not a voting position, is to be voted on or appointed in odd years for a two (2) year term.

Elections and/or Lottery drawings will be conducted when it is deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to fill a vacate position..

ARTICLE FIVE:

The Council shall consist of the team captains or their alternates. It shall be the duty of each and every delegate and affiliated club to co-operate in the successful conduct of such league schedule as shall be approved by the Executive Committee. Each delegate shall represent one (1) team only at meetings of the league and shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

ARTICLE SIX:

The management of the league shall be vested in the Executive Committee and the Directors. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Executive Officer. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Council plus the Executive Committee. The Council shall elect by majority vote the Executive Committee whose two (2) year term shall run until their lawful successors are elected at the annual spring meeting of the league.

ARTICLE SEVEN:

It shall be the duties of the Executive Committee to formulate and lay before the Council the entry fee and prize awards, etc., and to undertake such other duties as may further the operation of the league.

ARTICLE EIGHT:

It shall be the duty of the Executive Officer to draw up the league schedule of competition subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Scheduling shall be 'round robin' and consist of a minimum number of 16 matches. This may require double and/or triple matches based on overall scheduling difficulties. Every effort should be made to avoid double and/or triple matches. Every effort should be made by the Executive Officer to avoid scheduling all matches fired between two teams to be shot at the same range; try to alternate home and away more evenly.

Regardless of what divisional system is used to divide the league and/or calculate scores, each team will play its opponents an equal number of times within their division. The length of the schedule for each division would depend on the number of teams assigned to the division, the required "round robin" schedule, the minimum number of 16 matches and still allow time to prepare for the year-end banquet.

It will be left to the discretion of the Executive Officer to devise an alternate round robin schedule and point system that is fair and balanced in order to accommodate the uneven number of teams and/or large team average margins within a division.

ARTICLE NINE:

The President may appoint such special committees as from time to time appear necessary to further the activities of the league.

ARTICLE TEN:

The President shall be chairman of the Board of Directors and ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE ELEVEN:

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his (her) duties and, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of that office.

ARTICLE TWELVE:

The Secretary-Treasurer shall see that all bills due shall be paid promptly and shall, when it is required, certify that the execution of any document is the free act and deed of the league; shall keep and have charge of the money, books, and valuable papers of the league to its credit in its corporate name with a bank chosen by the Secretary-Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. He (she) shall semiannually and at any other time when requested by the league, render a full statement thereof. He (she) shall keep a record of all the meetings of the league and perform all duties pertaining to his (her) office.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN:

The Board of Directors will act as a protest committee on all disputed scores and rules of the league and their decision shall be final. They shall meet as required and shall at this time handle all league business.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN:

The annual meeting of the league for the purpose of team formation, will be held on the second (2nd) Wednesday of September at 8:00 P.M. at the club of the President, or a club designated by him (her).

The annual midseason meeting of the league will be held on the last Thursday of January at 8:00 P.M. at the club of the President, or a club designated by him (her).

The annual meeting of the league for the purpose of electing officers for their two (2) year term and any Rule or By-Law changes, shall be held on the fourth (4th) Monday of April at 8:00 P.M. at the club of the President, or a club designated by him or (her).

ARTICLE FIFTEEN:

All meetings of the league will be run by "Robert's Rule of Order".

ARTICLE SIXTEEN:

A special meeting of the league may be called by the President, or on the written request of any two (2) Delegates, to the Secretary-Treasurer stating the reason for such a meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer, upon receiving such a request, shall inform the President, who in turn will have the Secretary-Treasurer notify the Board of Directors of such a meeting which shall be called within ten (10) days of receipt of such request by the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN:

A quorum of the Council shall consist of one third (1/3) of the delegates present from the affiliated clubs.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN:

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members present from any such Board at any meeting.

ARTICLE NINETEEN:

All proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for approval, and then a final vote by majority of the Council shall amend these By-Laws. By-Laws can only be amended once a year, at the annual spring meeting (held on the fourth (4th) Monday of April).

ARTICLE TWENTY:

SHOOTING RULES: All league competition shall be governed by rules and regulations of the NRA in effect at the time the league schedule was approved by the Board of Directors for the current season and any amendments thereto. NRA regulations shall also apply, except as otherwise noted in the League Rules.

ARTICLE TWENTY ONE:

Team Rosters and the team fee of \$100.00, may be turned in at the September meeting (second Wednesday of September) or may be mailed to the Executive Officer, as long as it is in his (her) possession no later than the third (3rd) Wednesday of September.

ARTICLE TWENTY TWO:

The annual banquet will normally be self-supporting (unless action to the contrary is taken by the Council).