

ARTICLE ONE: PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: About and Purpose:

The Canadian Socialist Rifle Association is an organization dedicated to providing the working class with the education they need to be effectively and legally armed and able to act in service of their community. This includes but is not limited to skills and practice in the safe and legal usage of firearms, emergency medicine, logistics, agriculture, survival and mutual aid. We seek to provide a safe, inclusive, leftist platform for discussion of gun rights, self defence, and all the skills needed to protect and help the working class that is free from racist and reactionary prejudices.

Section 2: Membership

Any individual eighteen (18) years or older who resides in Canada and who believes in the Canadian Socialist Rifle Association's purpose may apply for membership by submitting their application and paying applicable dues. The elected Central Committee may, from time to time, add additional requirements to membership in the form of updated or ongoing policy changes. The power to provide definitions for the terms used will be vested in the Central Committee, subject to majority approval by its members.

An applicant can be denied admittance into the organization, and a current member may be brought up on charges of misconduct on the following grounds:

- 1) A history of expressing sympathy or support for fascism or other reactionary political ideologies
- 2) Actively participating in exclusionary social ideologies including but not limited to: racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and religious discrimination
- 3) Current employment, volunteer or paid, as any manner of law enforcement officer including but not limited to police offices, correctional officers, probation officers, or any other titles by which a law enforcement officer may be described

If an applicant is not denied membership within thirty calendar days, and the receipt of their dues (if any) is successful, they shall be understood to be a full member with all rights and privileges entitled to them.

Section 3: Member Conduct

All members of the Canadian Socialist Rifle Association are expected to adhere to the rules of good conduct when participating in activities sponsored or hosted by the organization, or when representing the organization in any official capacity. The elected Central Committee may also consider violations of the rules of conduct outside of the organization as grounds for member discipline. The Central Committee may, from time to time, create additional rules in the form of ongoing policy resolutions, so long as these rules do not violate membership rights. The following rules are considered the basics of good conduct, and must always be upheld:

- 1) Participating in harassment campaigns, threats of violence, or discriminatory behaviour is forbidden.
- 2) Advocating for illegal actions of any kind is forbidden.
- 3) Working actively and intentionally to undermine the organization is forbidden
- 4) Participating in any organization that advocates or promotes fascism, Nazi ideologies, or colonial ideals is forbidden.
- 5) Any nature of sexual offences, including the intentional use of inappropriate sexual language, inappropriate sexual behaviour, sexual harassment, or sexual assault are forbidden.
- 6) Any nature of domestic abuse, assault, violence, or any other domestic offence is forbidden.

Section 4: Membership Rights

Rights of the membership include the following:

- 1) The right to know the outcomes of any formal votes the Central Committee takes, which must include a brief summary of the issue as well as the number of yays, nays, and abstains. The Central Committee may reserve the right to redact certain information from summaries only in the interest of protections of member privacy.
- 2) The right to participate in any general election or referendum via several methods as determined by the Central Committee
- 3) The right to interact and participate in a harassment free inclusive environment.
- 4) The right to participate in any political party or organization that a member chooses, so long as they do not violate in word, action, or spirit, any of the rules listed within Section 3
- 5) The right to petition the Central Committee on any matter concerning the Canadian Socialist Rifle Association, anonymously or named, and to receive response to the petition to be published in a manner that any member of the organization may view the response

Section 5: Membership Discipline

Members of the Canadian Socialist Rifle Association may be sanctioned for misconduct if they violate the rules of member conduct as defined in Section 2 and Section 3 of this document, and in applicable policy resolutions. The Central Committee may choose to enact sanctions against a member for misconduct, requiring a simple majority vote. The Central Committee may also choose to delegate limited or total disciplinary authority to a subcommittee created for the purpose or Officer. The Central Committee may not delegate the authority to remove a member of the Central Committee.

Sanctions shall be applied in proportion to the severity of the offence, and a specific sanction may be specified for a specific offence by policy resolution. The following sanctions may be applied against members for misconduct;

- 1) Verbal warning
- 2) Formal written warning
- 3) Removal from committee or working group
- 4) Removal from online communication platforms

- 5) Temporary suspension from the organization for a period of no more than 180 days
- 6) Permanent removal from the Canadian Socialist Rifle Association, with total nullification of membership and all rights and privileges granted by membership.
- 7) Other disciplinary action may be pursued with the consent of the Central Committee

A sanction levied by a subcommittee may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the Central Committee, or by petition approved by three fifths of the membership in a general referendum. A member may only be expelled with a two-thirds affirmative vote by the Central Committee.

Section 6: Resignation or Readmission

Any member may voluntarily resign their membership by informing the Secretary of their resignation via written or electronic communication, the method of which will be determined by written policy of the Central Committee. This member will be given thirty calendar days to reconsider their resignation; if the member informs the Secretary they wish to be readmitted as a member before the expiration of this period via written or electronic communication, the Secretary will restore their status as a member in good standing. The member will only be allowed to exercise this period once; any future resignation will be effective immediately, and readmission will follow Section 2 of this document.

The Secretary will, together with the Central Committee, the Officers, and applicable policy that has been established, remove all applicable information from the roster of members who have resigned their membership or not renewed dues. The Secretary shall remove this information after thirty days in the case of resignation, and after ninety days in the case of lapsed dues. The Secretary shall remove this information sooner if requested by the member in question. The Secretary shall retain any information deemed necessary by the Central Committee or mandated by local, provincial, or federal law, but such information retained shall be as minimal as possible to fulfil its function.