

ARTICLE SIX: DUES AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Section 1: Regular Dues

A member or applicant may pay for their membership in either annual payment of twenty five dollars (\$25) or monthly payments of not less than five dollars (\$5) per month to a total of twenty five dollars (\$25).

Section 2: Dues Owed

Payment of dues shall be considered by the month of sign up of the member. Annual dues shall be considered due by the end of the month the member signed up in, one calendar year after the initial payment of dues. Monthly dues shall be due at the end of every month.

Should a member wish to cease monthly payments and pay annually, they shall notify the Treasurer of this change and pay the annual amount owed at the time prescribed for annual members. If a member has not paid a total of at least the amount owed for the year in monthly payments, they shall pay the difference at the time of the transfer. Renewal for their annual dues shall be accessed on their signup date.

Dues payments shall be given a grace period of one (1) calendar month, following which a member shall be considered delinquent on dues and administratively removed from the Organization.

Section 3: Dues Waivers

If a member or applicant is unable to pay annual dues due to financial hardship, they may apply for a dues waiver. Such a waiver shall require the affirmation of another member of the chapter whose jurisdiction they would or currently fall under. The Treasurer shall review the application and determine whether to approve or disapprove of the applications. If an applicant or member wishes to appeal this decision, they may petition one-fifth of membership of the chapter or organization, and bring it to the Central Committee to be put to a simple majority vote. The Central Committee shall set a limit on the amount of dues waivers per month that may be granted by the Treasurer in the annual budget.

Section 4: Allocation of Funds

The allocation of funds from dues shall be determined in the following manner:

1. The initial dues to be shared shall be determined by the amount of annual dues charged to a member, minus the transaction fees of the processing agent.
2. On the first business day of every month, the Treasurer shall set aside thirty percent (30%) of the monthly dues paid by Chapter members to the Chapters which those members belong to. In the case that the Chapter members have paid their dues

annually, the Treasurer will set aside thirty percent (30%) of this amount, of which eight point three percent (8.3%) of this amount shall be paid to the Chapter to which those members belong monthly.

3. In the case of Members at Large who belong to no Chapter, seventy percent (70%) of all monthly or annual dues shall be distributed to the chapters, of which eight point three percent (8.3%) of this amount will be distributed equally among all Chapters.

Section 5: Record Keeping

The Treasurer shall at all times maintain a complete account of all calculations and disbursements to chapters for not less than ten years. This account shall be backed up and archived as necessary to ensure its longevity and access to future Central Committees. The Treasurer shall additionally maintain an estimated balance of the chapters of the Organization based on what has been reported to them from the Chapters.

Chapter treasurers shall report all expenses to the Treasurer periodically, and shall remit receipts for expenses paid with dues shares within one (1) month of those expenses being made. They shall compile and submit a report of the chapter's revenue and expenses for the year, to be made available to the Treasurer, Central Committee, and Chapter membership.

Section 6: Valid Uses

Chapters may spend revenue received by dues on any activity or expense that is legal for a nonprofit organization in Canada.

Expenses that are explicitly forbidden from being made with dues shares are:

- 1) Purchase of ammunition for a firearm
- 2) Purchase of a firearm
- 3) Purchase of illegal goods or substances
- 4) Purchases that do not fall under the advancement of the mission statement of the Canadian Socialist Rifle Association.

The Central Committee may issue further interpretations, guidelines, and policies on forbidden expenses to chapter treasurers given a simple three-fifths majority vote on those interpretations, guidelines, or policies.