



# Ennis Gun Club

**BYLAWS  
OF  
ENNIS GUN CLUB, INC.**

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**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be the Ennis Gun Club, Inc., and the Organization shall do business under the name of Ennis Gun Club (EGC).

**ARTICLE II – REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the corporation is located at 3101 N. Kaufman, Ennis, Texas and the name of the registered agent of the corporation at such address is David Chancellor.

**ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the shooting sports and gun and hunter safety, and provide a safe and adequate place for practice and training for club members, hunter safety courses, and law enforcement officers.

**ARTICLE IV – AFFILIATION**

This corporation will be affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America (NRA).

**ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any legal resident of the United States who is 18 years or older may become a member of this organization by meeting the membership requirements as defined on the EGC Application and in the Bylaws, and unanimous approval of the Executive Committee at regularly scheduled meetings (at least quarterly). NRA membership is required of all members. New members will be required to sign and abide by both the Bylaws and Range Rules. A range safety introduction course given by the Range Master is also required of new members before they may use the shooting range.

- a. Beginning January 1, 2013, all new applicants for membership in the Ennis Gun Club must have a Concealed Handgun License issued by the State of Texas, or submit an affidavit from an investigative agency approved by the Ennis Gun Club, attesting to the applicant having passed a background investigation (BI) as required by the Ennis Gun Club. This BI will be conducted by an investigative firm licensed by the state to perform such investigations. Those persons who are existing members of the Ennis Gun Club in the year 2012 are not subject to this BI as long as continuous membership is maintained. Those whose membership is

permitted to lapse will be required to present a current Concealed Handgun License, or submit an affidavit as required of new applicants in order to rejoin the club.

2. Each member of the corporation shall be deemed to own 1 share of stock in the Ennis Gun Club. Ownership of such stock share will be carried on the corporation's books only. A member's continued ownership of such stock share shall be dependent on membership in the Ennis Gun Club. A member's loss of membership in the Ennis Gun Club, for any reason, shall result in the immediate, automatic forfeiture to the corporation of that member's stock share. If such forfeiture of stock share should occur, the corporation shall be under no obligation to refund or pay any consideration for such stock share to the forfeiting member.

#### **ARTICLE VI – DUES**

1. Annual dues shall be \$100.00 due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, and shall be delinquent after March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. In addition to annual dues, new members (i.e., members joining the club after July 1, 1992) shall also be required to pay a onetime \$50.00 initiation fee as long as the member remains in good standing. Good standing is defined by renewing yearly dues no later than March 31 of each year. Any member not renewing by March 31 will be dropped from the EGC membership list. To rejoin the member will have to pay the \$50.00 initiation fee again. Each member must present a current NRA membership card at the time annual dues are paid. There shall be no proration of dues.

2. No member of the club who is in arrears regarding the payment of dues or other assessments shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by the Ennis Gun Club.

3. Due, fees, and assessments are nonrefundable.

#### **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

1. An annual meeting shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday night of January each year. The time and place of the annual meeting will be as determined. If the annual meeting is unable to be held on the regularly scheduled date, the officers of the corporation shall set another date within a reasonable time.

2. A regular business meeting of the membership shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of a month at regularly scheduled meetings (at least quarterly) for the transaction of ordinary business. The Executive Committee may set another date if needed.

3. A special meeting may be called any time upon the call of the President, the Executive Committee, or upon written petition of 20% of the Ennis Gun Club members. Written notice of such special meeting shall be given at least 7 days prior to the meeting by mail, email, and/or posting on the EGC web page (if appropriate) with time and place of the special meeting to be set by the Executive Committee.

4. For meeting voting purposes, a quorum shall be the total number of members present at any meeting.

5. The agenda for the annual and regular meetings will be determined by the President or Executive Committee and will be shown on the meeting notice if possible. No vote shall be taken on any agenda item unless the item was discussed at the previous meeting, with vote recommended for the next meeting; or unless notice of the item to be voted on was given in the monthly meeting notice.

### **ARTICLE VIII – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

1. The corporation shall have 3 Directors. Directors will be elected at the annual meeting for a 1 year term by a majority of those members in attendance at such meeting, or by proxy vote at such annual meeting. All Directors must be at least 21 years of age.

2. The officers of the Ennis Gun Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Range Master. Officers will be elected at the annual meeting for a 1 year term by a majority of those members in attendance at such meeting, or by proxy vote at such annual meeting. All Officers must be at least 21 years of age.

3. The Officers and Directors of the Ennis Gun Club shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the Ennis Gun Club. The Executive Committee may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out the objectives of the Club. However, without approval of a majority of the membership, the Executive Committee may incur no club obligation in excess of \$2000. Amended by vote of the Club on Jan 30, 2020.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the President or upon the call of 3 members of the Executive Committee to transact Club business. Notice of such called meetings shall be given to the Secretary in writing, email, and/or posting on the EGC web page (if appropriate).

5. 4 member of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

6. Except for specific matters which call for a vote by the members, the Executive Committee will decide whether the business agenda of a called Executive Committee meeting can be handled by the Committee or whether a full Club vote is warranted.

7. Director or Officer vacancies will be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors and Officers, and such new Director for Officer will serve until the next Club annual meeting.

### **ARTICLE IX – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Executive Committee; with the advice of the Executive Committee, set meeting agendas, and coordinate and supervise working committees.

2. Vice President: The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and perform other duties assigned by the President.

3. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for records, correspondence, membership accounting, and for keeping minutes of meetings.

4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting initial membership fee, annual dues, maintain financial records, and issue payment checks as authorized by the Officers. The Treasurer shall render a monthly accounting or report of the financial status of the Club. A copy of the EGC balance sheet will be kept up-to-date monthly with a report provided to the President and Secretary monthly. A copy of the EGC bank account statement will also be provided to the President and Secretary.

5. Range Master: The Range Master shall be responsible for setting and posting of shooting range rules; conducting safety introduction courses; and setting and distributing range event schedule. The Range Master shall contract no obligations without authorization of the Executive Committee. The Range Master will take complaints regarding range violations and safety violators. The Range Master shall have authority to immediately suspend the Club membership of any person for violation of range safety.

6. Directors: The Directors shall have duties as assigned by the President.

#### **ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

A checking account to handle the financial affairs of the Club shall be established at a bank determined by the Executive Committee. All checks from such accounts must be signed by at least 2 members for the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE XI – SUSPENSION AND EXPLUSION OF MEMBERS**

1. Any Director or Officer may be removed by a two-third vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for the purpose of such removal. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the Director or Officer stating the reasons his or her removal is sought, and stating the time and place of the special meeting at which such vote on the removal will be taken. At such special meeting the Director or Officer shall be given a full hearing if requested.

2. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least 15 days notice in writing shall have been given to the member stating the reason for requested suspension or expulsion, and stating the time and place at which such vote for suspension or expulsion will be taken. At such special meeting the member shall be given a full hearing if requested.

3. Charges or complaints against any Director, Officer, or member may be asserted by any member in good standing. Such charges or complaints shall be in writing and shall clearly state the facts relied upon, and shall be of such charges or complaints. Such charges or complaints shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will

give at least fifteen days notice for the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and to the accused. Such notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and complaints as well as the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

4. Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the Club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the Club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice in writing, email, and/or posting on the EGC web page (if appropriate) to all members of the Club in good standing. At the meeting of the full Club the Secretary will read the original charge or complaint, the supporting affidavits, will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present, and two-thirds vote of members in attendance shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

5. Any official or member of the Club who has been suspended or expelled by the NRA shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this Club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of this Club from the Secretary for the National Rifle Association.

6. The NRA shall be given a complete report whenever a member of this Club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and action taken.

7. Disciplinary action may be in the form of a reprimand, fine, suspension, expulsion, or combination of the above.

8. Those members who do not pay dues by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year are automatically suspended from the Club without a vote and without the due process set forth above. They may be reinstated upon payment of dues and vote of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS**

Any amendments to the Bylaws shall be made at the annual meeting or properly called special meeting upon a vote of two-thirds of members present for passage or rejection. Such amendments must be discussed at the previous meeting or posted in the annual meeting notice.

## **ARTICLE XIII – SHOOTING RANGE AND SHOOTING RANGE RULES**

1. Range rules shall be separate from Bylaws, but shall be a part of Ennis Gun Club rules.

2. Range rules must be approved at a regular monthly meeting.

3. The Club must carry liability insurance insuring the Club premises.

4. The Range Master will be responsible for range safety introduction courses for any new members and range maintenance after initial range construction.

5. The Range Master may close the range at any time due to weather or for safety reasons.

6. The Range Master may immediately suspend a member from use of the range for reasons of safety or violation of range rules; and, a member may be suspended from range use upon motion made by the Range Master at a special or regular business meeting for violation of range rules. Expulsion or other discipline must follow rules in Article XI.

7. The Range Master or substitute Range Master appointed by the Executive Committee may immediately suspend a member for wanton safety or range rules violation. Such temporary suspension may include immediate removal of the offending member from the gun Club premises and temporary forfeiture of such member's premises access key and Club identification card.

#### **ARTICLE XIV – PROXY VOTING**

Every Director, Officer, or member entitled to vote or execute documents may do so either in person or by written proxy executed in writing by such non-attending individual.

#### **ARTICLE XV – PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF SHARES**

A member's 1 share of stock in the corporation which represents ownership in the corporation and membership rights attendant thereto may not be transferred to any third party, whether by assignment, devise, descent, or court order. In the event an occasion occurs which would normally result in the transfer of such stock share by assignment, devise, descent, or court order, such share of stock share and membership rights attendant thereto shall be automatically transferred back to the corporation in consideration for the corporation paying \$1.00 to the member or to the party who would normally have the benefit of such assignment, devise, descent or court ordered transfer.

#### **ARTICLE XVI – RECORDS AND REPORTS**

All books and records provided for by statute shall be open to inspection of the shareholders from time to time and to the extent expressly provided by statute, and not otherwise. The Directors and Officers may examine such books and records at all reasonable times.

#### **ARTICLE XVII – FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of the first bylaws of the corporation, as adopted by the Directors in accordance with the requirements of the Business Corporation Act.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII – CLUB PROPERTY**

The real property of the EGC is to be used for gun range purposes only. The EGC property is not to be used for the storage of personal property by any member(s), or the personal property of any other person or entity. Any property left at the EGC range for a period of 15 days or longer, without

express permission of either the President or Vice President, shall become the property of the EGC, and shall be used or disposed of by vote approval of the Executive Committee.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent use of the EGC property for any lawful activity pursuant to ordinary use of the range by members and their guests as overseen by the Executive Committee.

DATED: June 23, 1992

  
SECRETARY

## RECORD OF CHANGES

**Revision A: 5/15/12**

Page Number	Article Number	From	TO
1	I	The name of the corporation shall be the Ennis Gun Club, Inc., and the Organization shall do business under the name of Ennis Gun Club.	The name of the corporation shall be the Ennis Gun Club, Inc., and the Organization shall do business under the name of Ennis Gun Club <u>(EGC)</u> .
1	V, 1	1. Any citizen of the United States who is 18 years or older may become a member of this organization by invitation, sponsorship by 2 members, and unanimous approval of the Executive Committee at monthly meeting.	1. Any <u>citizen</u> <u>legal resident</u> of the United States who is 18 years or older may become a member of this organization by invitation, sponsorship by 2 members, and unanimous approval of the Executive Committee at <u>regularly scheduled meetings (at least quarterly) a monthly meeting.</u>
2	VI, 1	1. Annual dues shall be \$50.00 due January 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year, and shall be delinquent after March 31 <sup>st</sup> of each year.	1. Annual dues shall be <u>\$75.00</u> <del>\$50.00</del> due January 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year, and shall be delinquent after March 31 <sup>st</sup> of each year.
2	VII, 2	2. A regular business meeting of the membership shall be held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month for the transaction of ordinary business.	2. A regular business meeting of the membership shall be held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of <u>a each</u> month <u>at regularly scheduled meetings (at least quarterly)</u> for the transaction of ordinary business.
2	VII, 3	Written notice of such special meeting shall be given at least 7 days prior to the meeting by mail with time and place of the special meeting to be set by the Executive Committee.	Written notice of such special meeting shall be given at least 7 days prior to the meeting by mail, <u>email, and/or posting on the EGC web page (if appropriate)</u> with time and place of the special meeting to be set by the Executive Committee.
3	VIII, 2	2. The officers of the Ennis Gun Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Range Master.	2. The officers of the Ennis Gun Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, <del>Treasurer,</del> <u>and</u> Range Master.
3	VIII, 4	Notice of such called meetings shall be given to the Secretary in writing.	Notice of such called meetings shall be given to the Secretary in writing,



			<a href="#">email, and/or posting on the EGC web page (if appropriate).</a>
<b>3</b>	<b>IX, 3</b>	3. Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for records, correspondence, financial and membership accounting, and for keeping minutes of meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall render a monthly accounting or report of the financial status of the Club.	3. Secretary/ <del>Treasurer</del> : The Secretary/ <del>Treasurer</del> shall be responsible for records, correspondence, <del>financial and</del> membership accounting, and for keeping minutes of meetings. <del>The Secretary/Treasurer shall render a monthly accounting or report of the financial status of the Club.</del>
<b>3</b>	<b>IX</b>	None	<u>New addition.</u> 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting initial membership fee, annual dues, maintain financial records, and issue payment checks as authorized by the Officers. The Treasurer shall render a monthly accounting or report of the financial status of the Club. A copy of the EGC balance sheet will be kept up-to-date monthly with a report provided to the President and Secretary monthly. A copy of the EGC bank account statement will also be provided to the President and Secretary.
<b>4</b>	<b>IX</b>	4. Range Master:	<del>54.</del> Range Master:
<b>4</b>	<b>IX</b>	5. Directors:	<del>65.</del> Directors:
<b>5</b>	<b>XI, 4</b>	4. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice in writing to all members of the Club in good standing.	4. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice in writing, <a href="#">email, and/or posting on the EGC web page (if appropriate)</a> to all members of the Club in good standing.

**Revision B: 9/18/12**

Page Number	Article Number	From	TO
1	V, 1	Any legal resident of the United States who is 18 years or older may become a member of this organization by invitation, sponsorship by 2 members, and unanimous approval of the Executive Committee at regularly scheduled meetings (at least quarterly).	Any legal resident of the United States who is 18 years or older may become a member of this organization by <del>invitation, sponsorship by 2 members,</del> <u>meeting the membership requirements as defined on the EGC Application and in the Bylaws,</u> and unanimous approval of the Executive Committee at regularly scheduled meetings (at least quarterly).
2	VI, 1	In addition to annual dues, new members (i.e., members joining the club after July 1, 1992) shall also be required to pay a \$50.00 initiation fee	In addition to annual dues, new members (i.e., members joining the club after July 1, 1992) shall also be required to pay a <u>onetime</u> \$50.00 initiation fee- <u>as long as the member remains in good standing. Good standing is defined by renewing yearly dues no later than March 31 of each year. Any member not renewing by March 31 will be dropped from the EGC membership list. To rejoin the member will have to pay the \$50.00 initiation fee again.</u>
6	XVIII	<u>New</u> article added.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARTICLE XVIII – CLUB PROPERTY</u></p> <p><u>The real property of the EGC is to be used for gun range purposes only. The EGC property is not to be used for the storage of personal property by any member(s), or the personal property of any other person or entity. Any property left at the EGC range for a period of 15 days or longer, without express permission of either the President or Vice President, shall become the property of the EGC, and shall be used or disposed of by vote</u></p>

				<p><u>approval of the Executive Committee.</u></p> <p><u>Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent use of the EGC property for any lawful activity pursuant to ordinary use of the range by members and their guests as overseen by the Executive Committee.</u></p>
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**Revision C: 12/12/12**

Page Number	Article Number	From	TO
1 - 2	V, 1		<p>New addition.</p> <p>a. Beginning January 1, 2013, all new applicants for membership in the Ennis Gun Club must have a Concealed Handgun License issued by the State of Texas, or submit an affidavit from an investigative agency approved by the Ennis Gun Club, attesting to the applicant having passed a background investigation (BI) as required by the Ennis Gun Club. This BI will be conducted by an investigative firm licensed by the state to perform such investigations. Those persons who are existing members of the Ennis Gun Club in the year 2012 are not subject to this BI as long as continuous membership is maintained. Those whose membership is permitted to lapse will be required to present a current Concealed Handgun License, or submit an affidavit as required of new applicants in order to rejoin the club.</p>
2	VI, 1	Annual dues shall be \$75.00 due January 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year, and shall be delinquent after March 31 <sup>st</sup> of each year.	Annual dues shall be <del>\$75.00</del> \$100.00 due January 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year, and shall be delinquent after March 31 <sup>st</sup> of each year.