

CONSTITUTIONAL

BY-LAWS

OF THE

**EAST END
REGULATORS**

Amended July 7, 2009

Constitutional By – Laws of the East End Regulators

Article I

Name :

The name of the club is The East End Regulators. The club shall be referred to in the by-laws as “the Club”.

Article II

Object :

The object of the Club shall be to encourage the sport of cowboy action shooting and to promote the safe handling and proper use of firearms. It shall also be our object and purpose to advocate and encourage our members high personal integrity, self discipline, team spirit, good fellowship and loyalty, these being essential qualities of good sportsmanship, the Spirit of the Game, and the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS). The Club should provide a service to cowboy action shooters. The Club’s members shall actively participate in the organization, contribute their efforts and individual skills towards the continued growth of the Club.

Article III

Location of Meetings and Activities:

1. The primary location at which shooting matches will be held will be determined.
2. The principal location at which meetings will be held will be determined.
3. All communications directed at the Club shall be addressed to either the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor.

Article IV

Membership :

1. Members shall consist of persons who are willing and able to participate in the activities of the Club and demonstrate safe firearms handling and proper costuming. Members must attain membership in the Single Action Shooting Society within ninety days after acceptance, and maintain said membership, and are also strongly encouraged to belong to the National Rifle Association.
2. Any citizen or legal resident of the United States of America, regardless of race, sex, or creed, may make a written application and must be sponsored by a member in good standing. The applicant is subject to interview by, and a majority vote of the Town Council.
3. Club members in good standing who have resigned, may be reinstated without resubmitting a new membership application upon payment of prorated dues of the current year. Such readmission is subject to the membership cap and a majority vote of the Town Council.
4. Benefits of Club membership :
 - a. Members will not pay a fee to shoot at monthly shoots.
 - b. Members are entitled to discounts from supporting merchants. The Town Clerk will maintain the list of participating merchants.
 - c. Members are entitled to attend the annual barbeque/picnic, and the annual Christmas Party (at a discounted fee).
5. Membership cap :

The Club membership may be capped at a number as agreed to by the Town Council.

5A. Associate Members :

- a. Associate membership is a non-dues paying membership that is in recognition for providing exceptional and continual aide and assistance to the East End Regulators in conducting our shooting events.
- b. Associate membership is annual and must be voted upon and accepted by a quorum of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- c. An associate member may not vote or hold any elected Club office.
- d. An associate member may display a Club badge.

6. Junior Membership :

- a. Junior Members are those members between the ages of 12 and 20.
- b. Junior Members may not vote in any Club election, or vote on any Club issue.
- c. Junior Members may not hold any Club office.
- d. Junior Members must be in accordance with all local, federal and state laws pertaining to firearms.
- e. Junior Members must follow all S.A.S.S. regulations pertaining to firearms.
- f. Junior Members must follow S.A.S.S. dress regulations.
- g. Junior Members will be entitled to all Club social functions.
- h. Junior Members must pass a safety course given by a certified R.O.2, and must qualify with their firearms.
- i. Junior Members must conform with all Club by-laws.

Article V

Dues and Fees :

1. The initiation fee is suspended, but may be reinstated with proper approval.

2. The amount of the yearly dues will be determined on an annual basis.
 - a. Dues are payable in full in January each year. Any member who is not in good standing after 3 months, shall be dropped from the Club for non-payment of dues, and may be reinstated only with the approval of the Town Council. In cases of financial hardship, the Board shall have the authority to establish a dues payment schedule acceptable to both the Club and the individual member.
 - b. Junior member's yearly dues will be determined on an annual basis.

3. The amount of the match fees will be as follows :
 - a. No Charge for Club members
 - b. Amount to be determined for non-Club members on an annual basis.
 - c. \$15 for non-member Junior shooters.

4. The amount of the annual dues and fees may be amended by the majority vote of the Town Council. Any increase of greater than 10% shall require ratification by a majority vote of the membership at a general meeting.

5. Fees and assessments :
 - a. Any "returned check" fees shall be payable by the member who wrote the check.
 - b. The Town Council, by a majority vote, has the right to assess any member for damages and expenses caused by that member and/or their guest.

Article VI

Meetings :

1. Business meetings are limited to Club members.
 - a. Guests are permitted with the prior consent of a Town Council or Board member.
2. Regular Meetings:
 - a. The regular monthly meeting shall be held on a Sunday of each month. In case of a change, the members may be notified by mail, telephone, e-mail, or in person.
3. Annual Meetings:

The annual meeting of the Club shall be the last monthly meeting each year for the election of the Town Council and the submission of the annual reports of the Banker and the Editor. If the annual meeting cannot take place on the time fixed, it shall be within a reasonable time thereafter and the Town Council and officers shall continue their respective duties until their successors have been elected.
4. Town Council Meetings :

The Town Council meetings shall be at a date and time to be determined.
5. Regular meetings and Town Council meetings may be cancelled by a majority vote of the full Town Council. No two consecutive meetings shall be cancelled without a unanimous vote of the Town Council. If any meeting is cancelled, the Town Clerk shall make a written notification to the general membership not less than fourteen days prior to the scheduled date.
6. Special Meetings :

A special meeting of the Club may be held at any time at the call of any member of the Town Council. A special meeting may also be called by any member in good standing upon a written submission to petition the Town Council stating the purpose of the meeting. Such written demand to petition, signed by not less than

twenty percent of the Club members, shall be mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk who shall notify all members. The Town Clerk shall give at least ten days notice in writing to all members in good standing, stating the time, place, and reason for the special meeting.

7. Quorum :

- a. A quorum shall be required for conducting any official business.
- b. The quorum at a monthly meeting and annual meeting shall consist of at least twenty-five percent of the Club members in good standing.
- c. The quorum at Town Council meetings shall consist of a majority of the Town Council.
- d. The quorum at a special meeting shall consist of the number of members in good standing equal to at least twenty-five percent of the Club's total membership.

8. Shooting Matches :

- a. The monthly shooting matches shall be held at a time and place and on dates to be determined. All members shall be notified of monthly matches as soon as possible.
- b. Additional shooting matches may be scheduled by the Town Council.
- c. Any shooting match may be cancelled by the Deputy Mayor due to unsafe weather conditions.

Article VII

Town Council :

1. The Town Council shall consist of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk, Banker, and four Council Members elected at large.
2. The duties of the Town Council shall be as follows :
 - a. The Town Council shall manage all business affairs of the Club and shall have general supervision of all activities.

- b. Appoint a marshal (from the list of Deputy Marshals) to assist the Deputy Mayor and duties shall be defined in the Range Compendium.
3. A Council member is expected to attend all regular, annual, and Town Council meetings.
 - a. A Council member shall be excused from attending a meeting by contacting the Mayor or Town Clerk at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.
4. Sergeant-At-Arms : In addition to the four elected Council Members, the Mayor shall appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms from the membership, with the duties of maintaining order within the Club. The term of office shall run concurrent with the Mayor's term of office.

Article VIII

Club Officers :

1. The Club officers shall consist of four positions, which must be maintained. All Club officers shall serve on the Town Council and must maintain good standing. The term of office for the Town Council is two years. The officer positions shall be : Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk, and Banker.
2. Duties of the Club officers :
 - a. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Town Council, and shall perform all duties as usually pertain to this executive position. The Mayor shall also serve as the Club representative to the Single Action Shooting Society.
 - b. The Deputy Mayor shall perform all duties of the Mayor in the absence of the Mayor, or at the request of the Mayor. The Deputy Mayor shall assist the officers and the Town Council in coordinating events, scheduling, and obtaining membership assistance. The Deputy Mayor shall have charge of all activities of the Club in their respective branches, the supervision and responsibility of all Club matches, as well as arranging same.

- c. The Town Clerk shall keep minutes of the Club and Town Council meetings, which shall be available upon request. The Town Clerk shall be responsible for originating any and all correspondence or communications pertaining to the Club or its activities, and maintaining all Club records, including the by-laws.
- d. The Banker shall have charge of all funds of the Club and shall place same in such banks as may be approved by the Town Council. The Banker shall disperse funds for the normal and customary payment of Club expenses, but may not, without the approval of the Town Council, make disbursements, except in the course of normal business, or incur indebtedness for any other purpose. The Banker shall keep an accurate account of all transactions, and render a detailed report at each business meeting, and an annual report and budget for the forthcoming year, as soon as practical after the close of the calendar year. The Banker shall obtain, with the approval of the Town Council, liability and property insurance for the Club, and shall be responsible for filing of all appropriate tax forms, and for the collection of all moneys. The Banker may use deadly force at his/hers discretion, and within the bounds of legality, to collect and protect aforementioned moneys.
- e. The Mayor shall have discretionary spending privileges up to \$200.00. From \$201.00 to \$300.00 the Mayor will need approval of 2 other Town Council members. Any expenditure exceeding \$300.00 must be approved by the general membership.

Article IX

Election Procedures :

1. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for seeking out members in good standing who wish to be nominated for election as a Club officer. The Nominating Committee shall post these names on a written ballot.
 - a. Candidates may request to be a nominee for a specific position.
 - b. Voting for each position shall be handled on an individual basis: election of Mayor, then election of Deputy Mayor, then election of Town Clerk, then election of Banker. In case of only one person running for a position, an additional name may be placed on the ballot with a voice nomination and a second at the annual meeting.
 - c. Club officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Club, provided that a quorum of the membership is present. If a quorum is not present, the election shall be held at the next meeting at which a quorum is available, and the existing Club officers shall continue to serve in their present capacity until such meeting.
 - d. If no nominee for an officer position attains a majority vote, then those nominees who have the highest votes shall be involved in a runoff election.
 - e. In order to be eligible for the position of Mayor, a candidate must have first served on the Town Council.
 - f. All candidates for Club officer who fail to be elected shall be placed on the ballot for Town Council, unless they request otherwise.

2. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for seeking out members in good standing who wish to be nominated for election for Council member. The Nominating Committee shall post these names on a written ballot.
 - a. The election of Council Members at large shall be immediately after the election of Club officers.
 - b. The Council Members at large shall be the four nominees attaining the highest vote total.
 - c. In the event the four nominees do not gain the necessary votes, there shall be a runoff election for those nominees with the highest number of votes for the fourth position.
3. All nominations and ballots shall contain both names and aliases of the nominee, (i.e.: Matthew Quigley / Tom Selleck)
4. Voting shall be conducted by secret written ballot with the candidate's names and position that they are running for.
5. Any member unable to attend the annual meeting shall be able to vote by proxy.
 - a. The member who is giving the proxy vote shall do so in writing to the Town Clerk, and will include his/her name, alias, dated signature, the name, alias, and dated signature of the member receiving the proxy, and the name, alias, and dated signature of a witness Club member.
 - b. No member shall cast more than one proxy vote.
6. The term of all elected positions shall commence immediately following the close of elections.

Article X

Replacement of Officers or Council Members :

1. The Mayor shall appoint a Club member to fill the vacancy of any elected official for the remainder of that term, with the approval of the majority vote of the Town Council.
2. An elected position shall be considered vacant if :
 - a. The Officer / Council Member resigns from their position, or from the Club, during the term.
 - b. The Officer / Council Member has been disciplined under Article XI.
 - c. The Officer / Council Member is unable to, or fails to perform their duties due to illness, death, or any other cause.

Article XI

Disciplinary Action :

1. Any Officer or Council Member may be removed from office, with cause, by a majority vote of the full Town Council. No vote on removal may be taken unless the accused has been notified in writing with at least fourteen days notice. Such notice shall state the reason for their intended removal, and the time and place of the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken. At such meeting, the accused shall be given a full hearing, and may question their accusers and witnesses.
2. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Club by a majority vote of the full Town Council for any cause deemed sufficient. No action on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless the accused has been notified in writing with at least fourteen days notice. Such notice shall state the reason for their intended suspension or expulsion, and the time and place of the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken. At such meeting, the accused shall be given a full hearing, and may question their accusers and witnesses.

3. Charges against any Officer or Council Member may be preferred by any member in good standing. The charges shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts, and be accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits, which are to be used in their support. Such charges must be filed with the Town Clerk who will immediately notify the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, who will call a Town Council meeting to hear the charges. The Town Clerk will give at least fourteen days notice to each member of the Town Council, the accuser, and the accused. This notice shall be in writing and include a copy of the charges, the supporting affidavits and exhibits.
4. Any member expelled or suspended by the Town Council may appeal to the full membership of the Club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Town Clerk, who will notify the Mayor. The Town Clerk shall give at least fourteen days written notice to all members in good standing, stating the time, place, and reason for the hearing. At the hearing, the Town Clerk will read aloud the original charges, the supporting affidavits, read or display the accompanying exhibits, and read aloud the minutes of the Town Council hearing. The accused will then make their appeal to the membership. A vote will be taken, by ballot, of the regular membership in good standing present and a two-thirds affirmative vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Town Council.
5. Any member expelled or suspended from the Club pursuant to the above article shall forfeit all rights, privileges, dues and fees paid.

Article XII

Committees :

1. Nominating Committee
 - a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Town Council members, and shall select a chairperson within itself.
 - b. The Nominating Committee shall review all candidates for the position and determine that a minimum of one-year active membership has been completed, and all dues are paid in full at the time of nomination.
 - c. Nominations shall be opened at the October meeting and be read off at the November and December meetings. A listing of all nominees shall be posted by the sign-in sheet for review at all subsequent meetings and shoot, prior to the elections.
 - d. Nominations shall remain open until the time of elections, and names may be submitted by written letter at either the October, November, or December meetings.
2. The Town Council may appoint committees as necessary.

Article XIII

Amendments :

1. Any member in good standing may propose an amendment to these by-laws. The proposed amendment shall be presented, in writing, to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk will notify the Mayor who shall bring the proposed amendment up for discussion at the next meeting of the Town Council, or a special meeting of the Town Council called for that purpose. If the Town Council feels that the proposed amendment has merit, the Town Council shall take the necessary steps to have the proposed amendment put into proper form for

consideration by the membership. A copy of the proposal will be sent to each member at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. An affirmative vote of the majority of a quorum shall be necessary to adopt the amendment.

2. If the Town Council does not act upon the amendment as proposed by a member, the member has the right to bring the matter up at a regular, or special, meeting for consideration by the membership. A two-thirds majority vote of a quorum shall be necessary to require the Town Council to prepare the amendment by the process above.

Article XIV

Liquidation of Assets :

1. Liquidation of Assets shall be accordance with the current statutes of the State of New York.

Article XV

Range Rules During a Match :

1. All East End Regulator matches shall follow the Single Action Shooting Society rules and regulations.
2. **Every shooter is a safety officer**, responsible for their own conduct and the conduct of others in the immediate area.
3. **Assume all guns are loaded** and treat them as such.
4. **Never point a gun at anything you do not intend to shoot.**
Every shooter is responsible for keeping the muzzle of their gun pointed in a safe direction (if the gun discharges, no one will be injured).
5. No shooter will have their finger on the trigger unless the gun is safely pointed downrange, and had a conscious decision to shoot.
6. Shoot designated targets only. Any instance of intentionally shooting props, or any other range equipment, will result in expulsion from the range.

7. Every shooter is expected to have, and demonstrate, at least basic familiarity with their firearms, and shall practice safe gun handling.
8. Proper eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and spectators.
9. Firearms are only loaded and unloaded at the designated areas for each stage at the direction of the Deputy Marshal or his designee. No handgun shall be loaded with more than five rounds, with the hammer resting on an empty chamber. Rifles are to be magazine loaded only, with an empty chamber. Shotguns are to be loaded (no more than two shells) on the firing line, unless otherwise specified.
10. All rounds are to be lead projectiles only, and shall conform to S.A.S.S. rules. **No Magnum loads are allowed.**
11. All reloading shall be from loops, belts, or pocket, unless directed otherwise.
12. All guns must conform to S.A.S.S. rules.
13. Handguns will remain holstered except when engaged in the stage of fire, or otherwise directed.
14. Rifles and shotguns must remain with the actions open except in the stage of fire. Long guns carried in scabbards, gun rugs, or gun carts, will have the actions open and the muzzles pointed in a safe direction **immediately** upon removal from same. Long guns must always be carried with the action open, preferably with the muzzle pointed straight up.
15. Dropped ammunition or firearms will be considered “lost” and will be picked up and cleared by the Deputy Marshal or the designee. A second incident of a dropped firearm may result in ejection from the match.
16. Alcoholic beverages and intoxicants are banned from the range area for all persons.
17. Any non-shooting gun handling (show and tell) shall be restricted to the “stable” or “corral”.

18. Test firing shall be limited to the “corral” with the permission, and under the observation of the Deputy Marshal, or designee.
19. Any action or behavior, which is considered unsafe by the Marshal, or designee, may result in expulsion from the range.
20. The East End Regulator covenants for scenarios are as follows : Unless otherwise specified in a stage scenario, the following rules will apply as standard shooting practices :
 - Handguns will be loaded with 5 rounds, hammer down on an empty chamber, holstered.
 - Rifle will be loaded with 10 rounds, hammer down on an empty chamber.
 - Shotgun will be staged with the action open and empty.
 - Shotgun knock-down target misses may be made up at any time during the *shotgun* shooting sequence.
 - Any knock-down target must go down in order to be considered a hit.

Article XVI

Non-Match Range Rules :

1. **Every shooter is a safety officer**, responsible for their own conduct and the conduct of others in the immediate area.
2. **Assume all guns are loaded**, and treat them as such.
3. **Never point a gun at anything you do not intend to shoot.** Every shooter is responsible for keeping the muzzle of their gun pointed in a safe direction (if the gun discharges, no one will be injured).
4. No shooter will have their finger on the trigger unless the gun is safely pointed downrange, and had a conscious decision to shoot.
5. Shoot designated targets only. Any instance of intentionally shooting props, or any other range equipment, will result in expulsion from the range.

6. Every shooter is expected to have, and demonstrate, at least basic familiarity with their firearms, and shall practice safe gun handling.
7. Proper eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and spectators.
8. Shooting at steel targets shall be restricted to non-magnum lead loads, only.

Article XV

Club Nomenclature :

The following nomenclature shall be used by the Club :

E.E.R. nomenclature	standard nomenclature
Mayor	President
Deputy Mayor	Vice President
Town Clerk	Secretary
Banker	Treasurer
Town Council	Board of Directors
Council Member	Board Member
Marshal	Head Range Officer
Deputy Marshal	Range Officer
Special Marshal	Timer
Special Deputy	Loading Officer
Wrangler	Target Setter
Posse	Shooting Group
Stable	Safe Gun Handling Area
Editor	Newsletter Editor
East End Regulator Gazette	Newsletter

Amendments to the by-laws of the East End Regulators.

As of 2006 there will be no memberships in any range paid for by the Club.

As of 2006 the meeting place of the Club will be announced one week prior to the monthly meeting.

These By-Laws represent the amendments approved as of July, 7th 2009.