



COMPTON COUNTY FISH & GAME CLUB (CCFGC)

GENERAL BY-LAWS

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CHAPTER I – DEFINITIONS & GENERAL CLAUSES

ARTICLE 1.1 – TITLE

These by-laws may be referred to as the General By-laws or simply By-laws.

ARTICLE 1.2 – OFFICIAL NAME

The organization's official names is "**Club de chasse et pêche du comté de Compton / Compton County Fish & Game Club**", hereafter referred to as the **Club**.

ARTICLE 1.3 – HEAD OFFICE

The Club's head office shall be at the location deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors as designated by resolution.

ARTICLE 1.4 – FISCAL YEAR

The Club's financial year shall end on December 31 each year.

ARTICLE 1.5 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Board of Directors" refers to the Board of Directors of the Club de chasse et pêche du comté de Compton / Compton County Fish & Game Club.

ARTICLE 1.6 – MEMBERS

The Club's membership consists of active members (A), recreational members (P), complementary members (C), honorary members (H), and life members (L).

ARTICLE 1.7 – GUESTS

Guests are non-members invited by a member in good standing. A specific guest is the spouse, child or grand-child of a member in good standing.

ARTICLE 1.8 – SPONSORS

A sponsor is a member in good standing who is responsible for the integration of a new member.

ARTICLE 1.9 – TERRITORY

The Club's territory consists of land that it owns, land that it leases, and adjacent lands made available to it by complementary members.

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CHAPTER II – PURPOSE

ARTICLE 2.1 – PURPOSE

1. The goal of the Club is to ensure healthy management of activities related to hunting, fishing, and trapping on its territory for the long-term protection of resources.
2. Its purpose is also to organize activities that raise funds or not, to achieve the corporation's goals, and to maintain all types of services and commerce related to this purpose.
3. The Club also represents its members in relations with other organizations, such as government departments and associations, in order to influence policy, decrees, and practices related to hunting, fishing, and trapping in Quebec.

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CHAPTER III – MEMBERS

ARTICLE 3.1 – APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

To become a member, individuals shall meet the requirements established by the Board of Directors, such as the completion of the prescribed forms.

The Board of Directors shall determine annually the Club's new members according to needs.

ARTICLE 3.2 – ACTIVE MEMBERS (A)

Active members are categorized as A members and can benefit from all of the Club's privileges by paying a one-time amount referred to as the initiation fee, upon their admission as a Club member, as well as their annual dues.

ARTICLE 3.3 – RECREATIONAL MEMBERS (P)

Recreational members are categorized as P members and can benefit from all of the Club's privileges, except for hunting and trapping activities, by paying a one-time amount referred to as the initiation fee, upon their admission as a Club member, as well as their annual dues.

Note: Between the start of the small game hunting period (3rd Saturday of September) and the end of the large game hunting period (last Sunday of November), P members shall not exercise any OVR activities on the Club's territory.

ARTICLE 3.4 – COMPLEMENTARY MEMBERS (C)

Complementary members are categorized as C members and can benefit from all of the Club's privileges by paying a one-time amount referred to as the initiation fee, upon their admission as a Club member, as well as their annual dues and making available to Club members their land of at least 200 acres adjacent to the Club's territory. One membership card per 200 acres up to a maximum of three membership cards may be granted. When only one card is issued, it shall be in the name of the landowner. If more cards are issued, they shall be made out to specific names of the landowner's immediate family. All roads and gates leading to his or her land shall be accessible to Club members. The land shall be made available for the exclusive use of the landowner, his or her immediate family, and Club members without restrictions unless there is a special arrangement with the owner.

ARTICLE 3.5 – HONORARY MEMBERS (H)

Honorary members are categorized as H members and can benefit from all of the Club's privileges by paying their annual dues set at 70% of the annual dues of an A member. To become an honorary member, an individual must have been a member of the Club for many years and have contributed significantly to the growth of the Club through many hours of work or on various committees, devoting time and money to the Club, or for any other reason deemed valid.

ARTICLE 3.6 – LIFE MEMBERS (L)

Life members are categorized as L members and can benefit from all of the Club's privileges without paying annual dues starting the year after their nomination. The Board of Directors may, as recognition for services rendered or for other reasons deemed valid, recommend for approval by the majority of members at the Annual General Meeting life members. To be eligible, a member shall have rendered exceptional service to the Club,

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be at least 65 years old, and have been a member of the Club for at least 20 consecutive years.

ARTICLE 3.7 – SPONSORS

A sponsor is a member in good standing who is responsible for the integration of a new member. Sponsors inform new members of Club values, how the Club operates, and its by-laws. A new member cannot sponsor a person wanting to join the club in his first year as a member. A member cannot sponsor more than one new member per year.

ARTICLE 3.8 – INITIATION FEE

The Board of Directors shall determine by resolution the amount and terms of payment of the initiation fee charged to a member.

ARTICLE 3.9 – MEMBERSHIP FEE

The Board of Directors shall determine, by resolution, the amount and terms of payment of the annual membership fees (annual dues) charged to a member.

ARTICLE 3.10 – LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

3.10.1 Non-payment:

Members shall lose their membership status if at the deadline described in articles 3.8 and 3.9 they have not paid all their amounts due, unless a special agreement with the Board of Directors stipulates otherwise.

3.10.2 Expulsion:

All members shall conduct themselves respectfully on Club territory; they shall show good sportsmanship and act as gentlemen, respecting the rights, goods, and tranquility of other members. Any serious offence in this regard, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, may lead to the removal of the offending member's privileges and card. The Board of Directors' decisions are final.

Neither a member's dues nor initiation fee are reimbursed upon loss of membership status. An individual who loses membership status must therefore immediately return to the treasurer by mail his or her keys to the gate and clubhouse as well as any other items relating to the Club (card, badge, etc.).

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CHAPTER IV – MEMBER MEETINGS

ARTICLE 4.1 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club’s Annual General Meeting of members shall be held each year no later than May 31, on the date determined by the Board of Directors by resolution. It shall be held at the location chosen by the Board of Directors and indicated in the notice of meeting.

ARTICLE 4.2 – SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings shall be held at the location determined by the Board of Directors.

The notice of special meeting shall be issued by the secretary upon request of the Board of Directors or upon receipt by the secretary of a written request signed by at least 20 of the Club’s members in good standing. Such a request shall specify the goal and subject of the special meeting.

ARTICLE 4.3 – NOTICE OF MEETING

All meetings of members shall be announced by written notice sent to each member in good standing at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall include the notice of election for director seats on the Board when existing mandates expire, if applicable.

The notice of meeting shall describe the date, time, location, and agenda of the meeting. During a special meeting, discussions shall be limited to the agenda items described in the notice.

ARTICLE 4.4 – FAILURE TO NOTIFY

The accidental failure to send a notice of meeting to one or several members shall not have the effect of nullifying the decisions made at the meeting for which notice was given.

ARTICLE 4.5 – QUORUM

A meeting of members shall have quorum when 50 members in good standing are present.

ARTICLE 4.6 – MEETING CHAIR AND SECRETARY

The Club president, or in his or her absence the Club vice-president, shall ex officio chair the Club’s meetings of members. If the individuals who occupy the positions of president and vice-president are absent or refuse to act, the members may choose a meeting chair from among themselves.

The Club secretary shall ex officio serve as secretary of all meetings of members. In the secretary’s absence, refusal, or inability to act, any individual in attendance mandated by the meeting chair shall serve in this function.

ARTICLE 4.7 – RULES OF ORDER

The meeting chair shall be master of procedures for all meetings of members. He or she may make any decision deemed appropriate under the circumstances for the good conduct of the meeting. He or she may, for example, adjourn, suspend, or close the meeting, or expel any member. His or her decisions are final.

ARTICLE 4.8 – VOTING

Votes shall be expressed by a raise of hands, unless a secret ballot is demanded by 25% of the members in attendance.

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The meeting chair shall have the right to vote in his or her quality as a member. Each member in good standing has a right to vote. All questions put to a vote shall be decided by simple majority of the votes expressed. In the case of a tie, the meeting chair shall be entitled to a second, or deciding, vote.

At all meetings of members, if a vote is not taken, the chair's decision to the effect that a resolution has passed or been unanimously adopted shall be sufficient for all legal purposes.

ARTICLE 4.9 – PROXY

A member's vote shall be made in person only and in no case by proxy.

ARTICLE 4.10 – RIGHT TO VOTE

Only category A, C, H, P and L members in good standing shall have the right to vote at annual general meetings and special meetings.

ARTICLE 4.11 – ADJOURNMENT

With the consent of the majority of members present, the Annual General Meeting or a special meeting may be adjourned without notice of such adjournment to absent members.

ARTICLE 4.12 – AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In addition to any other item added by request of the Board of Directors, the Annual General Meeting's agenda shall include the following items:

1. Opening;
2. Presentation of directors and officers;
3. Review and adoption of the agenda;
4. Review and adoption of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and of any other special meeting held thereafter;
5. President and directors' report;
6. Presentation of the financial statements and budget;
7. Nomination of members of the internal audit committee;
8. Ratification of decisions made by directors since the last Annual General Meeting;
9. Presentation of new members, if applicable;
10. Changes proposed to by-laws, if applicable;
11. Resolutions for adoption by members, if applicable;
12. Election of directors;
13. Hunting report and statistics;
14. Decisions reserved for the Annual General Meeting according to these by-laws.

ARTICLE 4.13 – BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

All requests to amend the Club's by-laws shall be submitted and received thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Directors shall then consider the request and decide whether or not to submit it to a vote of the members at the General Meeting.

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ARTICLE 4.14 – MINUTES

The Club secretary shall send a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting within sixty (60) calendar days of the Meeting to category A, C, H, L and P members in good standing. Members in good standing who wish to object to or propose changes to the text of the minutes shall send the secretary a written notice to this effect, specifying their objection or proposed change, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date the secretary sent the minutes.

All such notices thus received shall be submitted to the next Annual General Meeting for approval.

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CHAPTER V – ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS

ARTICLE 5.1 – NUMBER OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

As stipulated in Chapter VI, the Club’s Board of Directors has eleven (11) directors. Only two of these directors can be P members at any one time.

Each year prior to the Annual General Meeting, the secretary shall send all members a notice of election according to the notice-of-meeting procedure in article 4.3, for the positions up for election, according to the terms and conditions of these by-laws.

Directors shall be elected for a period of two (2) years. During even years, six (6) director positions shall be up for election, and during odd years the other five (5) director positions shall be up for election.

ARTICLE 5.2 – NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The nomination of a member in good standing to the position of director shall be made by submitting the prescribed nomination form.

The form shall be signed by two (2) members in good standing who are eligible to vote, and the form shall contain the written acceptance of the candidate.

For the nomination form to be eligible, it shall be received by the Board of Directors no later than March 1 prior to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 5.3 – ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR DIRECTORS

Directors shall be elected from the list of candidates presented to the meeting of members by the Board of Directors. If the same number of or fewer candidates are presented than the number of director positions up for election, the candidates shall thus be elected by acclamation.

If more candidates are presented than positions up for election, the vote shall take place according to the following procedure:

1. The Board of Directors shall name a president of election and two (2) scrutineers, who may be but are not necessarily Club members;
2. The vote shall take place by secret ballot, carried by a simple majority of votes cast for the candidates listed.

ARTICLE 5.4 – LACK OF NOMINATIONS

If no valid candidate is nominated for a given position, the secretary shall immediately inform the Board of Directors. The Board shall then designate by resolution a director for the vacant seat.

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CHAPTER VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE 6.1 – NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Club affairs shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of eleven (11) directors, elected from category A, C, H, P or L members in good standing according to the terms and conditions of these by-laws.

Director positions shall be numbered by seat from 1 to 11 inclusively.

ARTICLE 6.2 – ELIGIBILITY

All members in good standing who are eligible to vote are eligible to serve as director on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6.3 – DURATION

Subject to article 6.8, all directors on the Board of Directors shall take office upon closing of the Annual General Meeting and shall hold their position for a period of two (2) years until their successor has been elected or named according to the procedures described in these by-laws.

ARTICLE 6.4 – REMUNERATION

No remuneration may be granted for Club directors or officers.

ARTICLE 6.5 – RENEWED ELIGIBILITY

Directors who have completed their mandate in a given position shall be re-eligible if they meet the criteria in force, as described in article 6.2.

ARTICLE 6.6 – RESIGNATIONS

A director's resignation shall be submitted by letter addressed to the Club president or vice-president.

ARTICLE 6.7 – DISMISSAL

Directors may be dismissed from their position by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6.8 – VACANCIES

The Board of Directors may or shall, as the case may be, declare vacant a director's seat when the director:

- 6.8.1 Resigns in writing;
- 6.8.2 Has been dismissed, as per article 6.7;
- 6.8.3 is no longer eligible;
- 6.8.4 suffers from a legal incapacity;
- 6.8.5 for any other reason is incapable of exercising his or her functions;
- 6.8.6 Fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE 6.9 – NOMINATIONS FOR VACANT SEATS

A vacancy on the Board of Directors that occurs in the year before the end of the director's mandate may be filled within ninety (90) days for the rest of the mandate by nominating a member by resolution of the Board of Directors, if it deems appropriate.

If the vacancy occurs more than one (1) year before the end of the director's mandate, the position shall be filled within ninety (90) days for the rest of the mandate by applying the election procedure described in Chapter V, making the necessary changes to the procedure.

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CHAPTER VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETINGS

ARTICLE 7.1 – FREQUENCY

The Board of Directors shall meet as often as necessary to manage the affairs of the Club.

A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) if officers were not named at the AGM.

ARTICLE 7.2 – CONVENING

The Club secretary shall convene directors to a Board of Directors meeting, either upon request of the president or upon written request of three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7.3 – NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of a Board of Directors’ meeting shall be given, orally or in writing, to each director at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting date.

A director may renounce in writing the convening of a Board of Directors meeting. His or her absence shall be equivalent to a renunciation, unless he or she attends for the express purpose of opposing its convening citing the irregularity of the convening.

ARTICLE 7.4 – TELEPHONE CONFERENCES

Meetings of the Board of Directors may exceptionally be held through means that enable all participants to communicate orally with one another, such as by telephone, video-conference, or another means, if all members of the Board of Directors agree to proceed in such manner. Participants shall thus be considered to have attended the meeting.

ARTICLE 7.5 – RESOLUTIONS

Written resolutions, accepted and confirmed by all members of the Board of Directors eligible to vote on such resolutions, shall have the same value as those adopted in a meeting.

A copy of such resolutions shall be kept with Board meeting minutes and shall be considered a part of the Board’s deliberations.

ARTICLE 7.6 – QUORUM

A Board of Directors meeting shall have quorum when at least six (6) directors attend.

ARTICLE 7.7 – VOTING AND CHAIRING

Decisions shall be made by majority of votes cast, with each director having a single vote. In the case of a tie, the president shall have the deciding vote.

Votes shall be cast by raising a hand, unless a secret ballot is requested by at least three (3) directors.

If the president is absent, the vice-president shall chair the meeting with the same powers as president.

In the case of urgent decisions, directors’ votes may be obtained by the appropriate communication method.

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ARTICLE 7.8 – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting chair may, with the consent of Board members, adjourn the meeting. He or she shall inform absent Board members.

ARTICLE 7.9 – EMERGENCIES

If vacancies on the Board of Directors create an insufficient number of directors to achieve quorum, those still in position may and shall make all decisions deemed urgent in the interest of the Club.

Such decisions and actions shall be submitted to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors for ratification.

ARTICLE 7.10 – FEES

The Board of Directors shall determine by resolution the various fees for reservations, meals, guests, sanctions, and all nature of activity.

Fees for guests shall be charged to the member responsible.

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CHAPTER VIII – COMMITTEES & OTHER FUNCTIONS

ARTICLE 8.1 – FORMING A COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors may, by resolution, form or abolish any committee, name the chair or person responsible, and delegate to that person all the powers not already assigned to the role under these by-laws. The committee chair or person responsible shall submit to the Board of Directors for approval the list of members invited to serve on the committee.

In the resolution to form a committee, the Board of Directors shall define the committee's mandate as well as all the terms and conditions governing the execution of that mandate. The Board may also provide funding for committees.

Any sums of money thus granted shall be administered by the committees according to the terms and conditions set out in the Board of Directors' resolution.

Only members in good standing who have the right to vote may serve on a Club committee. However, a committee may in some cases invite resource people who are not members of the Club, subject to the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may at any time change the composition of a committee, suspend or dismiss one or more members, and name their replacements, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 8.2 – CHAIR & SECRETARY

The Board of Directors shall name the chair or person responsible for each committee, and at its first meeting the committee shall name a secretary, if applicable.

ARTICLE 8.3 – MANDATORY NOTICE

The Club president shall be a member ex officio of every committee and shall therefore be notified of every committee meeting. He or she may attend the meetings, participate in discussions, and vote.

If deemed appropriate, the Club president may delegate the vice-president or any other member of the Board of Directors to replace him or her with the same rights in participating in committee deliberations and voting.

In particular, when a member of the Board of Directors is designated to serve on a committee, he or she shall have the right to participate in deliberations and vote.

ARTICLE 8.4 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committees shall meet as often as is necessary to meet the objectives assigned to them.

ARTICLE 8.5 – QUORUM

Quorum at committee meetings consists of the majority of committee members.

ARTICLE 8.6 – DECISIONS

Committee decisions shall be made by majority of the votes cast by its members attending the meeting. Special note shall be made of decisions or resolutions that do not receive the unanimous approval of the members present.

ARTICLE 8.7 – MINUTES

The committee secretary shall prepare the committee meeting's minutes and shall

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send them to the Club secretary after each committee meeting, if applicable.

The minutes shall record the activities of the committee.

The committee shall also prepare an annual report of the committee's activities and submit it to the Club president with sufficient time for the report to be reviewed and submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 8.8 – WARDENS

The Board of Directors may, if it deems appropriate, retain the services of game wardens or auxiliary game wardens according to the terms and conditions it chooses in order to prevent and stop all illegal fishing and hunting on, and access to, the Club's territory. Such wardens or auxiliaries shall, as much as possible, stop all individuals who cannot show a membership or guest card from hunting, fishing, trapping, or circulating on foot, motorcycle, ATV, or by any other means, on the Club's territory, or from making use of its lands. Wardens or auxiliaries shall be paid from Club funds and according to the decisions of the Board of Directors.

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CHAPTER IX – OFFICERS

ARTICLE 9.1 – CLUB OFFICERS

The Club’s officers shall be:

President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

ARTICLE 9.2 – ELECTIONS

The Board of Directors shall elect the Club’s officers for the year in progress at the latest at its first meeting after the election at the Annual General Meeting of members, and thereafter when the circumstances require it.

The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall be chosen from among the directors on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9.3 – NOMINATIONS

Candidates for the position of officer shall be nominated by simple oral proposal by a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9.4 – ELECTION PROCEDURE

If more than one candidate is nominated for the same position, the Board of Directors shall decide by secret ballot.

In the case of a tie, the final decision shall be made by random draw.

ARTICLE 9.5 – DISMISSAL

Any Club officer may at any time be suspended or dismissed by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Board shall then fill the vacancy by resolution without delay.

ARTICLE 9.6 – DELEGATION OF POWERS

In the case of absence or incapacity by an officer for any other reason deemed satisfactory by the Board of Directors, it may delegate by resolution the officer’s powers to any other officer or member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9.7 – DURATION OF FUNCTIONS

The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer take office upon their election and remain in office until the election and start of their replacement, subject to the terms and conditions of these by-laws regarding resignations and dismissals.

ARTICLE 9.8 – PRESIDENT

The president is the Club’s chief executive officer. He or she chairs all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors, subject to the application of the provisions in article 4.6.

He or she ensures that decisions of the Board of Directors are carried out, signs all documents requiring the president’s signature, and fulfills all the duties inherent in the office of president; he or she also exercises the powers that may from time to time be assigned to the president by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9.9 – VICE-PRESIDENT

The vice-president assists the president in the execution of the president’s functions.

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If the president is absent or incapable of acting, the vice-president replaces him or her, exercises the powers of president, and assumes the president's functions.

ARTICLE 9.10 – SECRETARY

The secretary prepares the minutes of meetings of members and of the Board of Directors. He or she fulfills all other duties assigned to the secretary by these by-laws or by the Board of Directors. He or she manages and maintains the book of minutes and all other corporate registers.

ARTICLE 9.11 – TREASURER

The treasurer manages and protects the Club's funds and keeps its accounts. He or she deposits the Club's money in a financial institution determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9.12 – RESIGNATIONS

Officers may resign from their position by writing a letter to this effect to the president. All resignations take effect on the date of their acceptance by the Board of Directors, which shall fill the vacancy as quickly as possible.

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CHAPTER X – FINANCIAL & OTHER PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 10.1 – BOOKS & ACCOUNTING

The Club treasurer shall be responsible for keeping the organization's financial accounts and statements up to date, including the recording of all income, expenses, assets, and liabilities, as well as the Club's cash flow in and out.

These accounts and statements shall always be available to the Club president for review.

ARTICLE 10.2 – INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Club's financial statements shall be audited each year, as soon as possible after the Club's fiscal year end, by the members of the internal audit committee, who shall be named for this purpose at each Annual General Meeting of members. Following their audit work, members of the internal audit committee shall submit their report to the president.

ARTICLE 10.3 – COMMERCIAL BILLS

All cheques, money orders, bills, and other negotiable instruments shall be signed, drawn, accepted, or endorsed by the individual(s) designated by the Board of Directors and in the manner it determines.

ARTICLE 10.4 – CONTRACTS

Contracts and other documents requiring the signature of a Club representative shall be signed by the president or any other individual designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10.5 – DIRECTOR INDEMNIFICATION

Club directors shall be indemnified and saved harmless of:

- a) all fees, charges, and expenses they bear related to the affairs of the Club in the exercise of their functions, according to the expense reimbursement policy in effect;
- b) any law suit of claim made against them due to or because of actions accomplished or decisions made regarding the affairs of the Club in the exercise of their functions;

Except those that result from their gross negligence or voluntary omission.

Each year, the Club shall subscribe to an errors and omissions insurance policy covering the civil liability of directors and managers. In addition, in the case of non-renewal of this insurance policy or a termination of Club activities, the Club shall subscribe to an insurance policy covering the subsequent security of the said insurance, for a period of three (3) years, if it is available.

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CHAPTER XI – HUNTING, FISHING, & TRAPPING RULES

Members' spouses, as well as children and grandchildren under the age of 25 who are still studying full time and accompanied by the parent or grandparent, may hunt, except for those related to category P members, and fish on the Club's territory without paying a guest fee. For large-game hunting (moose, deer, bear and turkey) and the pheasant hunt, they shall, however, pay the fees set by the Board of Directors, if applicable. Written documentation may be requested by the Club treasurer to prove full-time studies.

Members' children and grandchildren who have completed their studies and are over the age of 18 may apply to become a regular member.

It shall be mandatory for members to register their guests at the main camp or at the gates, when they access the Club's territory. In addition, they shall register at the main camp when staying there. The children and grand-children cannot be on Club grounds unless accompanied by the parent or grand-parent.

ARTICLE 11.1 – DEFINITIONS / SPECIAL CLARIFICATIONS

11.1.1 Bag limits set by provincial or federal law or regulation shall apply as stipulated. However, in the case of a sudden and unforeseen decline in wildlife populations or part of them, Club management may, in the first instance, request that members voluntarily restrict their bag limits in terms of the age or sex of certain species, and in more severe situations, after consultation and approval from members, set more restrictive bag limits than those dictated by provincial or federal law or regulation.

11.1.2 Guests shall be accompanied by the member inviting them and the member present on Club grounds at all times.

11.1.3 Category P members who wish to hunt may do so only as the guest of a category A, C, H, or L member who is eligible to hunt and the member must accompany his guest.

ARTICLE 11.2 – FIREARMS

11.2.1 No loaded firearm shall be permitted in the main camp.

11.2.2 For safety reasons, firing a gun or rifle during or outside hunting seasons shall not be permitted near buildings, including the field between the main gate and the North River Bridge.

11.2.3 If necessary, members shall be permitted to sight their rifles in the gravel pit on road number 96, according to the rules and orders in effect.

ARTICLE 11.3 – STANDS / BLINDS

11.3.1 The Club's territory shall be and shall remain accessible to all members in good standing and to their guests and members of their family, all according to the by-laws in effect. No part of the Club's territory shall be reserved for exclusive use and no one shall interfere with the free movement of another member on roads and trails.

11.3.2 Appendix A describes the rules pertaining to hunting stands.

ARTICLE 11.4 – LARGE GAME

11.4.1 When a moose is hunted, the transportation tags shall all be in the name of members in good standing or "specific guests", as described below.

11.4.2 After a moose or deer is hunted, the hunter who shot the animal as well as the permit holder(s) of the transportation tags that have been affixed to the moose shall

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not participate in a hunt for the same species of animal during the fall season in which the animal in question was taken, while in possession of a hunting weapon.

11.4.3 For moose hunting, no guest shall be admitted except "specific guests", defined as the spouse, child, or grandchild of category A, C, H, and L members in good standing.

11.4.4 For deer and bear hunting, guests shall be permitted according to the prescribed fees and conditions.

11.4.5 - NO CALLING OF MOOSE. It is prohibited to call moose by voice or any type of device prior to the moose hunt during the period between September 15th and the morning of the opening of the hunt and the morning of the opening of the archery moose hunt and the closing of moose archery hunt until the morning of the opening of the rifle season.

11.4.5 - CALLING A BLOODHOUND HANDLER

Any hunter who injures a big game animal while hunting on the club **must**, if he is not able to find the wounded game himself, call for a bloodhound on the same day. injured game, to call upon a bloodhound handler on the same day of the event to find it.

The search is said to be completed either when the game is found or when the bloodhound handler concludes that it is impossible to find it.

ARTICLE 11.5 – SMALL GAME

11.5.1 For small game hunting, guests shall be admissible according to the prescribed terms, conditions, and fees.

ARTICLE 11.6 – FISHING

While abiding by provincial regulations, the fishing bag limit shall be 10 speckled trout, 10 rainbow trout and 5 brown trout per member in good standing or per paying guest per day. This daily limit shall include that of the member and of members of his or her family.

ARTICLE 11.7 – TRAPPING

11.7.1 Any member in good standing wishing to trap shall make an explicit request to this effect to the Board of Directors.

11.7.2 If authorization is granted, the member shall then contact the group of trappers to be assigned a trapping territory.

ARTICLE 11.8 – REGISTERING YOUR FISH OR GAME

11.8.1 All animals or fish hunted, fished, or trapped shall be registered on one of the various forms available at different locations throughout the Club's territory, for statistical purposes. In addition, in the case of large game (moose, deer, black bear and wild turkey), the animal shall be registered on the special large game form at the main camp no later than the day after the kill. Wild turkey will now be classified same as large game, due to the requirement to be registered. This obligation applies to all members, guests, and specific guests.

11.8.2 To be eligible for the Rouville Bacon Trophy (deer), the Vic Newton Trophy (moose), or the Former Presidents' Trophy (bear), members shall have hunted their animal on the Club territory and have weighed and registered it at the main camp before a witness.

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ARTICLE 11.9 – DOGS

11.9.1 Hunting dogs (pointers, flushers, and retrievers) shall be permitted on the Club territory. Every dog shall wear a collar and bell. When hunting on Club lands, the dog shall also wear an identification tag giving the dog's name and the name of its owner. In accordance with the rules of good conduct and proper dog training, hunters shall be in control of their dog at all times, and at no time shall it be tolerated that a dog chase a large animal. Also in accordance with the ethics of hunting, hunters shall respect the areas they know are occupied by members during large game hunting seasons.

11.9.2 It shall be clearly understood that at no time may a dog, regardless of its race or size, be permitted in the main camp.

11.9.3 Notwithstanding the preceding, during the period from December 1 to April 24, members who have reserved the main camp for their exclusive use for one or more days may have their dog with them in the main camp. The dog owner shall be responsible for all disturbance or damage caused by the dog.

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CHAPTER XII – RULES OF ACCOMMODATION

ARTICLE 12.1 – MAIN CAMP

Accommodation at the main camp shall either be by reservation of a room or exclusive reservation of the camp. Members shall use the means made available to them to make their reservations.

ARTICLE 12.2 – CAMPING

Camping (tent trailers and recreational vehicles) shall be permitted at authorized sites on lands owned by the Club. No fire shall be permitted unless at specifically identified sites.

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CHAPTER XIII – DISCIPLINARY ACTION

ARTICLE 13.1 – RESPECT FOR THE BY-LAWS & RULES

Any offence against these by-laws shall lead to disciplinary action against the offending member imposed by the Board of Directors, ranging from a letter of reprimand to expulsion from the Club.

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CHAPTER XIV - OFF-ROAD VEHICLES (ORV)

The CCPCC recognizes the use of off-road vehicles (ATV, Side-by-Side, snowmobile) as an important activity not only for its members but also as an essential tool in the protection of the territory. It goes without saying that an increased presence of members on the territory reduces the impact of unauthorized people on the territory.

All members, spouses as well as children and grandchildren under the age of 25 who are still in school full-time, may drive an off-road vehicle on the CCPCC territory without paying the guest fee. In all cases, the driver MUST possess the minimum legal age (and required training if applicable) required by law.

Members must register themselves and their guests at the main lodge or at the gates when accessing the territory.

ARTICLE 14.1 - DEFINITIONS / SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

14.1.1 Compliance with Applicable Laws: The Member shall ensure that the driver and any passengers, if any, wear the equipment prescribed by law, namely a helmet, and that the use of the vehicle is in compliance with all applicable provincial laws. – [Off-road vehicles: What the law says \(gouv.qc.ca\)](http://gouv.qc.ca)

14.1.2 Proof of Registration and Liability Insurance: The Member shall provide before January 1 of each year proof of liability insurance in the amount of 1M \$ to the Secretary (name of insurance company, policy number, period of coverage, and license plate number of vehicle). For vehicles that have subscribed to the FQCQ and/or FCMQ, a copy of the right of access to federated trails is accepted as confirmation of liability insurance.

14.1.3 Vehicle Compliance: The vehicle must be identified with a CCFGC sticker. In addition, the member must ensure that the vehicle is in good working order, specifically that the muffler is functional, including its spark arrester which is properly in place and that there is no oil leaks.

14.1.4 The Club may mandate certain members to patrol in ORVs. These patrollers may intercept any person circulating with an ORV to ensure compliance with this article. These patrollers are identified with an orange flag. Other ORV users no longer require the use of an orange flag.

ARTICLE 14.2 – ENVIRONNEMENT

14.2.1 All members operating an ORV must comply with the restrictions in effect issued by the SOPFEU, specifically regarding circulation restrictions off gravel roads when the condition is extreme.

14.2.2 The lighting of fires is always prohibited. All members operating an ORVs must be vigilant with respect to forest fires, by immediately reporting any source of forest fire to 1-800-463-FEUX (3389), as well as to the Club (territory warden, director or ORV patrollers). The member must take the necessary (safe) measures to extinguish any source of fire. In addition, the member must notify the Club (Territory Warden, Director or ORV patrollers) of the discovery of any place where an improvised fire has been lit.

14.2.3 All members operating an ORVs must respect the environment, including the waterways and their banks. It is forbidden to cross or travel in the streams and rivers on the territory of the Domtar.

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14.2.4 It is the responsibility of all members to leave the areas as clean as they were before they arrived. It is forbidden to throw or bury garbage.

ARTICLE 14.3 – CIRCULATION

14.3.1 Any person operating an ORV must identify himself when stopped by a Domtar officer, territory warden, ORV patroller, or any other member.

14.3.2 All members operating an ORVs shall challenge other persons on ORV that they may come across to confirm their identity as a member/guest. Security remains paramount and must be limited to seeing the sticker or membership card. In case of refusal, please notify the Club (Territory Warden, Director or ORV patrollers) with all available information (location, description, photos if safe); avoid all confrontation. Exception – this does not apply to snowmobilers riding on a FCMQ trail.

14.3.3 Circumvention of a closed gate is prohibited. This practice encourages unauthorized people (trespassers) to circulate on the territory, which increases the risks at the Club.

14.3.4 ORV racing is strictly prohibited. In addition, moderation is required in curves to avoid drifting and causing damage to the roads.

14.3.5 The speed limit on the road between the main gate and the Coderre Bridge is always 20 km/h for the safety of the campsites and the enjoyment of campers (dust).

14.3.6 Traffic on roads is prohibited during the thaw period; a notice will be issued by the Club in the run-up to the relevant period to inform of specific dates.

14.3.7 Traffic is prohibited on Domtar roads under construction (without gravel).

14.3.8 No person shall park an ORV at the edge of or on a road where logging is taking place.

14.3.9 ORVs must be operated safely at all times. Domtar vehicles always have the right of way and members must take the necessary precautions not to interfere with their movements. When meeting a forestry vehicle, the ORV driver must pull over to the shoulder, come to a stop, and wait for the forestry vehicle to pass before continuing on their way.

14.3.10 It is forbidden to operate an ORV on roads in the vicinity of active logging areas during the week. When approaching a logging operation on a road during the weekend, the driver must reduce speed and, if there are workers on site, come to a complete stop, make visual contact with the operator, and wait for the operator to signal them to pass. Traffic in the forest through forestry operations remains prohibited at all times.

14.3.11 Between the start of the small game hunting period (3rd Saturday of September) and the end of the large game hunting period (last Sunday of November), "P" members shall not exercise any OVR activities on the Club's territory; for "A", "C", "H" and "L" members, ORV operation is limited to roads that can be accessed by passenger vehicles, to get from the road to their hunting site to bait and/or work (hunting prohibited) by the most direct route possible, as well as to retrieve big game.

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14.3.12 ORV operation remains an activity at the user's own risk; it is strongly encouraged to always ride with the necessary equipment to make the trails as safe as possible and/or clearly identify hazards with caution tape (yellow/red/fluorescent).

14.3.13 Existing trails may be cleared to ensure safety, including cutting dead trees/branches that are cluttering trails; it is strictly forbidden to cut down live trees or open new trails. Operating ORVs off existing trails remains limited for members to get to their hunting site for baiting and/or work. In hybrid plantations, the use of the paths that the machinery occupies to make the holes/mounds are encouraged.

ARTICLE 14.4 – GUESTS

It is important to note that the primary purpose of our club remains hunting and fishing, and not that of an ORV club. Notwithstanding, ORV activities are recognized as an essential tool in the surveillance and protection of the territory, and that guests are an important source in the recruitment as well as the evaluation of potential members.

14.2.1 Any member in good standing may bring guests with him/her to practice this activity. A daily fee is applicable for each ORV belonging to the guests only, regardless of the number of guests (passengers/sharing the same vehicle). The number of ORVs belonging to guests is limited to two (2) per day; this restriction does not apply in the case of an exclusive booking of the main camp.

14.2.2 The member remains responsible for ensuring that his guests and their vehicles comply with the particulars of Art. 14.1 (except the sticker).

14.4.3 To ensure positive control of the quantity of guest ORVs on the Club, ORVs must be registered in the Club's logbook prior to accessing the territory.

Note: FQCQ (Fédération Québécoise des Clubs Quads), FCMQ (Fédération des Clubs de Motoneigistes du Québec)

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APPENDIX A – RULES GOVERNING HUNTING STANDS (BLINDS)

The Club's territory shall remain accessible to all members in good standing and to members of their families as well as guests, all subject to the by-laws in effect. No part of the Club territory shall be reserved for exclusive use.

1. Definitions

Stand: A stand is a temporary structure installed by a member to hunt out of sight or to observe animals on the Club's territory. Stands are also referred to as tree-stands, ladder tree-stands, blinds, caches, and tents, etc.

Club's territory: The Club's territory consists of all the lands the Club owns as well as those it leases and those added by complementary members.

Director: The Club's Board of Directors assigns responsibility for the management of stands and management of the stand committee to one of its directors. He or she is referred to in these by-laws as the stand director.

2. Construction standards

A stand is a temporary structure without heating and sleeping facilities; it may be an installation of any type of material, made manually or by machine, whose parts are connected either by nail, screw, rope, or any other type of fixture; it may be a closed structure or partially or completely open, built on land or posts or fixed to a tree (without nails, screws, or any other metal) or built at the top of a ladder supported by vertical members.

3. Authorization

Prior to the installation of a stand: Members shall make a written request to the person in charge of stands using the prescribed form. If authorization is subsequently granted, the member may then install his or her stand, and he or she shall agree to abide by each and every rule regarding stands.

4. Distances

Distances between stands: Every stand shall be installed outside a 300-metre or 1000-foot perimeter around other existing stands and buildings that can be occupied, unless a written agreement has been approved by each and every stand and building owner making the exception and this agreement is submitted to Club management. This is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Such exceptional stands are considered to be in dispute (see article 11 on disputes).

Distance from roads: Stands shall not be installed less than 100 metres or 300 feet from a passable road and shall be placed so that the hunter is never shooting across a road.

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5. Number of stands

Members shall not have more than two (2) stands each within the Club's territory and will also include the lands owned by C members as described in article 3.4 of the by-laws.

Any extra stand beyond this number may be transferred to another member with prior authorization of Club management or turned over to Club management or destroyed.

6. Identification of stands

Every stand shall be clearly identified according to the procedure for setting up and using a stand.

7. Off-limit sectors

Stands shall not be permitted on lands owned by the Club due to food-supply fields established within the Club's Quality Deer Management (QDM) program.

The Club may install one or more stands on Club lands in order to protect its territory. Criteria for the use of these stands shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

8. Geo-location of stands

Each member shall provide the GPS coordinates of his or her stand(s) to the stand manager. Such coordinates shall be provided in the format indicated in the procedure for setting up a stand.

9. Stand use

As stipulated in the Club's agreement with Domtar and as stipulated by the Club, it is strictly prohibited to cut trees around a stand, to cut gun-sight corridors, or to clear around a feeding site or salt block.

The area around a stand shall be kept clean and tidy. Garbage or debris shall be removed from the site.

10. Provisions regarding illegal stands

Stands whose location has not been officially registered shall be considered illegal. Club management shall be informed of their existence and the necessary steps shall be taken to destroy such stands as soon as possible.

Members whose stands contravene any article of these by-laws shall be considered illegal. The following are just a few examples of such offences: too close to a logging road, across a road, construction standards not respected, clearing around the stand or salt block, etc.

A notice of infraction affixed to or below an unidentified stand shall consist of proper notification to the stand owner, without further formality.

11. Disputes

Disputes regarding stands shall be submitted to the stand committee. The committee shall be responsible for gathering the views of all parties to the dispute, and shall submit a report to the Board of Directors, which shall settle the dispute. The Board of Director's decision shall be final and without appeal.

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A member whose stand is in dispute shall not give, sell, or bequeath the stand to anyone.

12. Contravention of stand rules

In addition to the penalties stipulated in the Club's by-laws, a contravention of stand rules or failure to comply with the procedures for setting up and using a stand may lead to punitive action against the offending member, including possible expulsion from the Club.

Members who own a stand deemed non-compliant by the Club's Board of Directors shall be issued a notice of infraction and shall correct the non-compliance within the time period allowed by the Board of Directors in addition to paying the penalties the Board may charge them.

Members who withdraw or are expelled from the Club shall remove their stand(s) from the Club's territory within three (3) months of their withdrawal or expulsion. If the stand(s) is (are) not removed within that time period, the stand(s) then become(s) the property of the Club, which shall do with them as it sees fit.

The installation of a stand is considered a privilege granted by the Club to its members, not a right.