

## ARTICLE FIVE: CHAPTERS

### Section 1: Purpose

It is understood that the purpose of this organization is partially to support and encourage the growth of local chapters that fulfill the role of this organization in a particular locality. Local chapters for the basis of the membership, and the creation of chapters is to be heavily encouraged and promoted.

### Section 2: Qualifications

Any member may begin the process of chapter recognition if they do not currently belong to a chapter or are seeking recognition of a portion of an existing chapter as a new chapter. Chapters shall not exceed the boundaries of their home province, with the exception of metropolitan areas that cross provincial lines if granted approval by the Central Committee. A member may create the relevant social media accounts for this prospective chapter, subject to review by the Central Committee. If a member is seeking to split an existing chapter, the Central Committee shall review the situation and make a decision after investigation by simple majority approval vote of that chapter's members.

If three or more dues paying members wish to become a recognized chapter of the organization, they shall hold a ratifying convention and submit the results of the ratification and chapter bylaws to the Central Committee. A simple majority approval vote of the Central Committee is sufficient to provide recognition for this ratification. This shall entitle the chapter to all rights entitled to chapters, with the exception of those exempted in this Article. If a chapter has more than ten dues paying members, a simple majority of its membership may petition the whole of the organization's membership to have a delegate representing the chapter sit on the Central Committee. Upon simple majority approval of the whole of the membership, the chapter shall be granted the seat and all applicable bylaws in Article three shall apply.

### Section 3: Chapter Rights

Rights of chapters will be as follows:

- 1) The right to determine democratically how the chapter wishes to organize itself.
- 2) The right to organize events within the scope and jurisdiction of the organization and chapter.
- 3) To cooperate and coordinate with other chapters without the express approval of the Central Committee
- 4) To petition the Central Committee to distribute funds to the chapter for legitimate organizational purposes, pursuant to any applicable laws.

### Section 4: Chapter Discipline

In the event that a chapter violates the purpose or rules of conduct of the Canadian Socialist Rifle Association, any member in good standing may petition the Central Committee to investigate the matter. The Central Committee shall first attempt to discipline any members responsible as outlined in Article One. If the Central Committee rules by simple majority that the

chapter has systematically violated the purpose or rules of the organization, then it will submit a referendum requiring three-fifths approval of the full membership to revoke recognition of that chapter. If the chapter's recognition is revoked, this Article shall apply to members seeking recognition.

If a chapter sees its recognition revoked and has a delegate in the Central Committee, its delegate shall continue to serve on the Central Committee until the end of their term. At the end of their term, that position will be revoked unless the full membership votes by simple majority vote to maintain the position.

#### Section 5: Chapter Petition

Ratified chapters who have submitted their bylaws in accordance with Section Two of this Article, and have been recognized by vote of the Central Committee, shall have the right to determine a mechanism within their chapter bylaws to submit a petition to the membership of the organization as a chapter. Should one fourth of all chapters ratified at the time of achieving said fraction submit the same petition, this petition shall be put to referendum of the full membership of the organization to be voted upon.