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ARTICLE ONE: PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Purpose

The Canadian Socialist Rifle Association (CSRA) is an Organization dedicated to providing marginalized community members and the working class with the education and knowledge they need to be effectively and legally armed, and able to act in service of their community. This includes but is not limited to skills and practice in the safe and legal usage of firearms, emergency medicine, logistics, agriculture, survival, and mutual aid. We seek to provide a safe, inclusive platform for leftists, free from racist and reactionary prejudices, to discuss firearms, law-abiding community-based self protection, and all the skills needed to defend our own safety, and the safety of our families and communities.

Section 2: Membership

Any individual eighteen (18) years or older who resides in Canada and who believes in the CSRA's purpose may apply for membership by submitting their application and paying applicable dues. The elected Central Committee may add additional requirements to membership in the form of updated or ongoing policy changes. The power to provide definitions for the terms used will be vested in the Central Committee, subject to majority approval by its members.

An applicant can be denied admittance into the Organization, and a current member may be brought up on charges of misconduct, on the following grounds:

1. A history of expressing sympathy or support for fascism or other reactionary political ideologies.
2. Actively participating in exclusionary social ideologies including but not limited to: racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and religious discrimination.
3. Current employment, volunteer or paid, as any manner of law enforcement officer including but not limited to police officers, correctional officers, probation officers, or any other titles by which a law enforcement officer may be described.

If an applicant is not denied membership within thirty calendar days, and the receipt of their dues (if any) is successful, they shall be understood to be a full member with all rights and privileges entitled to them.

Section 3: Member Conduct

All members of the CSRA are expected to adhere to the rules of good conduct when participating in activities sponsored or hosted by the Organization, or when representing the Organization in any official capacity. The elected Central Committee may also consider violations of the rules of conduct outside of the Organization as grounds for member discipline. The Central Committee may create additional rules in the form of ongoing policy resolutions, so long as these rules do not violate membership rights. The following rules are considered the basics of good conduct, and must always be upheld:

1. Participating in harassment campaigns, threats of violence, or discriminatory behaviour is forbidden.
2. Advocating for illegal actions of any kind is forbidden.
3. Working actively and intentionally to undermine the organization is forbidden.
4. Participating in any organization that advocates or promotes fascism, Nazi ideologies, or colonial ideals is forbidden.
5. Any nature of sexual offences, including the intentional use of inappropriate sexual language, inappropriate sexual behaviour, sexual harassment, or sexual assault are forbidden.
6. Any nature of domestic abuse, assault, violence, or any other domestic offence is forbidden.

Section 4: Membership Rights

Rights of the membership include the following:

1. The right to know the outcomes of any formal votes the Central Committee takes, which must include a brief summary of the issue as well as the vote tally. The Central Committee may reserve the right to redact certain information from summaries only in the interest of protections of member privacy.



2. The right to participate in any general election or referendum via several methods as determined by the Central Committee.
3. The right to interact and participate in a harassment-free inclusive environment.
4. The right to participate in any political party or Organization that a member chooses, so long as they do not violate any of the rules listed within Section 3, and they do not conflict with the purpose outlined in Section 1.
5. The right to petition the Central Committee on any matter concerning the CSRA, anonymously or named, and to receive response to the petition to be published in a manner that any member of the Organization may view the response.

Section 5: Membership Discipline

Members of the CSRA may be sanctioned for misconduct if they violate the rules of member conduct as defined in Section 2 and Section 3 of this Article, and in applicable policy resolutions. The Central Committee may choose to enact sanctions against a member for misconduct, requiring a simple majority vote. The Central Committee may also choose to delegate limited or total disciplinary authority to a subcommittee created for the purpose, or an Officer. The Central Committee may not delegate the authority to remove a member of the Central Committee.

Sanctions shall be applied in proportion to the severity of the offence, and a specific sanction may be specified for a specific offence by policy resolution. The following sanctions may be applied against members for misconduct:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Formal written warning.
3. Removal from committee or working group.
4. Removal from online communication platforms.
5. Temporary suspension from the Organization for a period of no more than 180 days.
6. Permanent removal from the CSRA, with total nullification of membership and all rights and privileges granted by membership.
7. Other disciplinary action may be pursued with the consent of the Central Committee.

A sanction levied by a subcommittee may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the Central Committee, or by petition approved by three-fifths of the membership in a general referendum. A member may only be expelled with a two-thirds affirmative vote by the Central Committee.

Section 6: Resignation or Readmission

Any member may voluntarily resign their membership by informing the Secretary of their resignation via written communication to the CSRA official office address, or electronic communication by email to Membership@CanadianSRA.ca. This member will be given thirty calendar days to reconsider their resignation; if the member informs the Secretary they wish to be readmitted as a member before the expiration of this period via written or electronic communication, the Secretary will restore their status as a member in good standing. The member will only be allowed to exercise this period once; any future resignation will be effective immediately, and readmission will follow Section 2 of this Article.

The Secretary will, together with the Central Committee, the Officers, and applicable policy that has been established, remove all applicable information from the roster of members who have resigned their membership or not renewed dues. The Secretary shall remove this information after thirty days in the case of resignation, and after ninety days in the case of lapsed dues. The Secretary shall remove this information sooner if requested by the member in question. The Secretary shall retain any information deemed necessary by the Central Committee or mandated by local, provincial, or federal law, but such information retained shall be as minimal as possible to fulfil its function. Upon member resignation and according to this section, dues that are automatically renewed will be halted, and payment terminated. The resigned member acknowledges that they will not receive any refund for any amount of time unless approved by majority vote through the central committee.



ARTICLE TWO: CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Central Committee

The Central Committee shall be the collective leadership and highest decision-making body of the Organization. The Central Committee shall serve in a voluntary capacity and will not receive any compensation for fulfilling duties related to their position on the Central Committee. The Central Committee shall be the ultimate authority of this Organization and be responsible for the affairs of the CSRA. It shall meet formally no less than once per quarter via any method the Central Committee deems acceptable to form a quorum.

Section 2: Composition

The Central Committee shall be composed of the elected Officers and any Chapter delegates that have been recognized by the Central Committee, approved by a simple majority vote of the at-large membership, and be subject to the standards outlined in Section Five.

All officers, following their election, shall take the seats entitled to them on the Central Committee, and shall have all rights, privileges, and obligations of a Central Committee member.

Section 3: Functions

The Central Committee will be ultimately responsible for the business of the Organization, to include, but not limited to: supervision of officers and staff, financial matters, publication of materials, and supervision of educational activities.

Section 4: Quorum and Term

A quorum of the Central Committee must be a majority of its members. When quorum is considered for votes that require a majority or larger of the Central Committee, the quotient which such a vote would need to pass shall be as follows:

For all regular matters not included in this Article, to include but not limited to resolutions, waiver of dues, all disciplinary action except expulsion, amendment of by-laws, and appointments of Officers, the divisor used to determine the necessary number of members will be all current seats of the Central Committee minus all vacancies and all absences.

For irregular matters, to be limited to the expulsion of a member, the amendment of by-laws, the modification of dues, and the modification of the number of at-large members of the Central Committee, the divisor used to determine the necessary quorum shall be all current seats of the Central Committee minus all vacancies. Absences shall not be taken into account.

Elections will be held annually, all positions will be vacated at that time and any eligible incumbent must stand for re-election. Members of the Central Committee shall be limited to serve four consecutive years in their capacity as members of the Central Committee. No member of the Central Committee shall be permitted to stand for election that would extend their commission beyond four consecutive years. A former member of the Central Committee may stand for the election again after a one-year lapse in their commission.

Section 5: Elections

A member may self-nominate for any seat on the Central Committee or be nominated by another member, provided the nominee is a member in good standing. Members who are serving on the Electoral Committee for the current election are ineligible for nomination, no standing member of the Central Committee may serve on the Electoral Committee.

Elections shall be conducted by approval voting, wherein the full membership shall be given a ballot to mark which candidates they approve of for the position. Members may approve of as many candidates as they wish, or none at all. The approval votes for all candidates will be summed up, and the candidate(s) with the most approvals will be selected for the position.

Elected Officers and Central Committee members must be paying members at the time of election, or become a paying member within 2 calendar weeks of the finalization of the vote. Failure to become a member will result in a termination of that vote, and the



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immediate commencement of a new election for that role. Any official position that is able to interact and view Members personal customer information including the Secretaries list, bank account, payment processor or any other platform determined by the Central Committee to have sensitive data must be a Member in good standing for a minimum of 2 years prior to the nomination.

If applicable, any Chapter delegates will be chosen solely by votes of the members within that Chapter's jurisdiction. The Chapter delegate shall be chosen in the same process as the Central Committee.

Section 6: Removal of Central Committee members

Any member of the Central Committee may be removed for gross negligence, lack of confidence, or violation of the membership conditions contained within Article One. Removal shall require at least two-thirds approval of the Central Committee or a petition of one-fifth of the full membership, followed by a simple majority approval of the membership. Removal will be effective upon certification of both the Central Committee and membership votes.

Members of the Central Committee who are Chapter Delegates may additionally be removed by either the petition of their Chapter leadership via a mechanism enumerated within their Chapter bylaws, or by a petition of one-fifth of the registered members of the Chapter. Both petition of the Chapter leadership and petition of the registered members of the Chapter must be followed by a vote of the Chapter membership, requiring simple majority approval. Removal is effective immediately upon verification of the Chapter membership vote.

Section 7: Central Committee Vacancies

Any vacancy of the Central Committee shall be filled by either appointment by two-thirds majority approval of the Central Committee, or the hosting of a special election of the general membership within four weeks of the vacancy occurring.

ARTICLE THREE: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1: Purpose of Officers

Officers serve to facilitate the day-to-day affairs of the Organization, as well as satisfy legal requirements. Officers may serve in either a volunteer or paid capacity, subject to all applicable laws. As specified in Article Two, Officers shall serve simultaneously as members of the Central Committee. If deemed necessary by a simple majority vote of the Central Committee two members may be elected to serve for any one Officer role.

Section 2: President

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Officers and have the following duties:

1. They shall provide active management of the business of the Officers, including active supervision and direction of the Officers' respective duties.
2. They shall see all orders and resolutions of the Officers and Central Committee are complied with.
3. They shall regularly update the Central Committee on the activities of the Officers.
4. In absence of the Secretary, they shall record all votes and minutes of the proceedings in a medium meant for that purpose.
5. They shall perform other duties as prescribed by the Central Committee.

Section 3: Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and responsibilities of the President, and take over the role temporarily, should the President be absent. The Vice-President may have other duties as prescribed by the Central Committee or the President.



Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Officers and of the Central Committee, and all meetings of members, and will act as the clerk thereof. The Secretary shall also have the following duties:

1. They shall record all votes and minutes of all proceedings in a medium meant for that purpose. They, in concert with the President, shall make the arrangements for all meetings of the Officers, including any at-large meetings of the CSRA.
2. They shall send notices of all meetings to the officers and shall make reservations for the meetings when applicable.
3. They shall perform all the official correspondence from the officers as may be prescribed by the officers or the President.
4. They shall record and maintain a roster of the membership, to be populated with all necessary information to be preserved for the purposes of regular correspondence and administrative tasks within the Organization. The President and Treasurer may request to inspect this record at any time to ensure the integrity of the Roster. The security of information on this Roster will be considered of utmost importance, along with the privacy of the information therein.
5. They shall perform other such duties as prescribed by the Central Committee or the President.

Section 5: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be vested with the power to attend to all finances of the Organization and maintain all necessary records for the financial health of the Organization, as well as to maintain compliance with all applicable laws. The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

1. They shall submit for the Officers a record of all expenditures of funds since the last meeting of the Officers, shall submit to the Central Committee for the approval of all proposed expenses and expenditures, and shall make available all relevant financial documents upon request. A financial overview shall be made available for review and shared at least 1 calendar week prior to the Annual General Meeting.
2. They shall present a complete and accurate report of the finances raised by this Organization at any time a member of the Central Committee requests such a report.
3. They shall have the right of inspection of the funds resting in any accounts of the Organization, to include budgets and subsequent audit reports.
4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to assist in direct audits of the funds of the program according to funding source guidelines and generally accepted accounting principles.
5. They shall perform other such duties as may be prescribed by the Central Committee or President.

Section 6: Delegate At-Large

The Delegate(s) at-large shall serve to be representatives of the general membership on the Central Committee and to guarantee that at no time the Central Committee will be composed of less than 5 total members. The Central Committee may decide to increase or decrease the number of at-large delegates to be elected prior to the annual elections.

Section 7: Committees

The Central Committee may decide, by a simple majority vote, to create committees and delegate portions of its power to these committees. The Central Committee and its delegates retain ultimate authority and may countermand any decision of these committees. These committees shall not contradict the bylaws of the CSRA. The purpose and powers of committees shall be publicized to the membership at the time of their creation, and a record of the composition of these committees retained for review by the membership. Committee members shall be selected by the Central Committee or by a Committee Chair, selected by the Central Committee. Any committee concerning the CSRA as a whole should, if possible, have members selected from Chapters in each province. These committees shall be responsible for overseeing any manner of business the Central Committee sees fit.



ARTICLE FOUR: 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, approval must first be gained by a simple majority 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. The three official first roles of the Chapter must be President, Secretary and Treasurer. The chapter Secretary is required to register the Chapter as a Society, or equivalent, in the province in which they reside. Once the filing documents are accepted, the Chapter Treasurer must acquire a corporate bank account bearing the name of the Chapter. Private or personal bank accounts will not be sufficient in the event that the chapter receives any funds from the Central Committee.

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. The right to cooperate and coordinate with other Chapters without the express approval of the Central Committee
4. The right to petition the Central Committee to distribute funds to the Chapter for legitimate organizational purposes, pursuant to any applicable laws.
5. The Right to, as a Chapter, petition the full membership of the Organization. The mechanism of such a petition is to be determined in the Chapters bylaws.

Section 4: Chapter Discipline

In the event that a Chapter violates the purpose or rules of conduct of the CSRA, 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.



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ARTICLE FIVE: DUES AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Section 1: Regular Dues

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

Section 2: Dues Owed

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

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

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

Section 3: Dues Waivers

If a member or applicant is unable to pay annual dues due to financial hardship, they may apply for a dues waiver. Such a waiver shall require the affirmation of another member of the Chapter whose jurisdiction they would or currently fall under. The Treasurer shall review the application and determine whether to approve or disapprove of the applications. If an applicant or member wishes to appeal this decision, they may petition one-fifth of membership of the Chapter or Organization, and bring it to the Central Committee to be put to a simple majority vote. The Central Committee may set a limit on the amount of dues waivers per month that may be granted by the Treasurer in the annual budget. This process shall take place by written letter to the Treasurer delivered to the Official Office address on file, or by email to Membership@CanadianSRA.ca.

Section 4: Allocation of Funds

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

1. The initial dues to be shared shall be determined by the amount of annual dues charged to a member, minus the transaction fees of the processing agent.
2. After amounts are determined, funds that are allocated and were acquired by way of grants, dues, or donations, shall be allocated at the permission of the Central Committee after the President holds a vote or poll that allows paying members to vote on that allocation of funds. The vote can take place in any manner deemed appropriate by the Central Committee.

Section 5: Record Keeping

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

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



Section 6: Valid Uses

The Central Committee or Chapters may spend revenue received by dues on any activity or expense that is legal for a non-profit organization in Canada.

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

1. Purchase of ammunition for a firearm
2. Purchase of a firearm
3. Purchase of illegal goods or substances
4. Purchases that do not fall under the advancement of the purpose of the CSRA.

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