

**THESSALON & AREA  
ROD & GUN CLUB**

53 Ansonia Road, Thessalon, Ontario, Canada, P0R 1L0



**BYLAWS**

1) **The Club** will be affiliated with any organization that the membership may decide from time to time. Our present affiliation is with the **“National Firearms Association,” Club no. 7166CI**. With them we carry a necessary \$2 million insurance policy. The archery division shall be affiliated with the Ontario Association of Archers.

2) The **YEARLY CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES** are due January 01, and must be paid **by Feb 28 of that year**.

The annual dues are as set annually by the membership at the December Annual Meeting. They are posted on the Application for Membership completed each year. . (See also: Constitution, Article 3 b). **“Authorization to Transport Permits”** will not be issued until the said dues are paid. Permits may be revoked for failure of the member to participate in club shoots and activities. Revocation will be by a majority vote of the executive.. A **qualified** registered club member **over the age of eighteen years** must always accompany each **junior member**

3) The **ANNUAL MEETING** shall be called by the President to be held each year, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in December. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. (See also: Constitution, Article 8, 2-a).

4) The **MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS** will be called by the President for every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. If that selected day is a holiday, then the meeting will then be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of that Month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. (See also: Constitution, Article 8, 3-a).

5) **EXECUTIVE MEETINGS** shall be called by the President at least 2 times a year, or whenever it is deemed necessary. (See also: Constitution, Article 8, 4-b).

6) **BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING** shall be called by a Director whenever they deem it necessary. (See also: Constitution, Article 8, 5-a).

7) **VOTING:** Only **Members in good standing** (as defined by Constitution Article 3) may vote at a meeting.

8) **RESTRICTED FIREARMS:**

a) **Adult Members** requiring a “Club Sponsored Authorization to Transport (ATT)” must provide proof to the instructor(s) of the ownership of a Restricted Firearm and that they have a valid Restricted Firearms License. Members must also complete the Club Restricted Firearms Training, including 3 supervised probationary shoots by members in good standing that have been deemed qualified by the Thessalon & Area Rod & Gun Club in the handling of restricted firearms. Prior to signoff, the Club Restricted Firearms Checklist Form and the Club Restricted Firearms Training Form must be signed and dated by the members performing the probationary shoot (signoff has to be completed within 6 months). **Please Note:** There must be different club members for each probationary shoot and be completed on different days.

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b) **JUNIOR MEMBERS**, while using restricted firearms, shall be directly supervised by members in good standing that have been deemed qualified by the Thessalon & Area Rod & Gun Club in handling of restricted firearms and be over 18 years of age.

9) **JUNIOR MEMBERS** must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, adult, or designated range safety officer over the age of 18 at all times when on the range property.

10) **All members** must sign **Range Sign-in book** with membership number when entering range property for all activities. If not properly signed in the member could be deemed to be trespassing. A **2-PERSON** shooting rule will be maintained at this club for firearms and archery. A member who wishes to attend on their own shall be required to sign a club liability waiver and deposit same in the specified repository prior to using the ranges.

11) **EAR and EYE PROTECTION** shall be mandatory for all shooters and spectators in the reasonable proximity of the shooting line.

**12) SHOOTING HOURS:**

- i) Monday to Saturday: 08:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Archery may start shooting at sunrise and stop shooting at dusk.
- ii) Sunday and Holidays: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Archery may start shooting at sunrise and stop shooting at dusk.
- iii) Police and Conservation Officers have special requirements and these rules may be modified for them. Other groups require permission from the membership.

**13) GUESTS:**

- i) Only regular members in good standing may introduce guests to the range or the club.
- ii) All guests must remain under the supervision of the club member at all time that they are in the possession of a firearm and/or archery equipment.
- iii) No guests may attend more than 3 shoots during a calendar year without becoming a regular member. Special events, training, and meetings are not included.
- iv) Only 2 guests at a time may be introduced for shooting by a regular member. Additional guests shall **NOT** be at the firing line
- v) A guest must be made aware of all Safety Range Rules.
- vi) Guests not already a member of an approved shooting/archery club must pay the necessary fee for insurance coverage set annually as prescribed by the Insuring Agent when using the range.

**14) FAILURES:**

- i) to follow any and all range rules may result in disciplinary measures.
- ii) to handle and/or discharge a firearm and/or archery equipment in a safe manner may result in being removed from the property.
- iii) Subsequent violations may result in suspension of range privileges or termination of his/hers Club membership.

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**15) ATTENDANCE:** (as per Constitution, Article 3, f.).

- i) all members will attend the range on at least 6 occasions per year to shoot. This may be waived under certain circumstances with Executive Approval.
- ii) all adult members will attend at least 4 meetings per year. This may be waived under certain circumstances with Executive Approval.
- iii) all members will attend the range on at least 2 occasions per year to assist in general clean-up. This may be waived under certain circumstances with Executive Approval.

**16) POSTING:**

- i) The club property shall be posted with a sign indicating Shooting Range and No Trespassing.
- ii) The property lines shall be kept cleared and marked with either a red circle or Shooting Range sign.
- iii) The Shooting Range signs or red circles must be located in such a position that when an individual is standing midway between them, they both shall be visible.

**17) SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- i) Life Memberships shall be limited to 5% of the Club Membership.
- ii) Honorary Membership shall be limited to 5% of the Club Membership.