

THE BY-LAWS
of
THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

1.01 Title

These by-laws shall be called the By-laws of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, and may be cited as the DCRA By-laws.

1.02 Definitions and Abbreviations

In these By-laws issued under the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. "Act" means the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Act;
- b. "AGM" means the Annual General Meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association;
- c. "Association" means the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA);
- d. "Canadian" means a Canadian citizen, or landed immigrant of not less than one year's standing;
- e. "Canadian Forces" means the armed forces of Canada as defined in the National Defence Act, Part 2;
- f. "Competitor" means a person for whom the appropriate entry fee has been paid for a competition and who has completed the prescribed entry form;
- g. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association;
- h. "Life Governor" means a person who has been so named by the Council;
- j. "Life Member" means a member or other person on whose behalf the prescribed fee has been paid or who has been so named by the Council;
- k. "materiel" means all movable assets, other than money or securities, belonging to the DCRA, and includes any trophy, arms, ammunition, clothing, stores, provisions or equipment so belonging;
- m. "member" means a person who has been accepted as a member of the DCRA, and in respect of whom the prescribed annual membership fee has been paid, or a Life Governor, Life Member or Under 25 Term Member, and includes a Full Member, Under 25 Member, a Service Member as defined in Chapter 5, an Associate Member, a Limited Member, and a Winter Program Member;
- n. "PRA" means a Provincial Rifle Association of Canada as defined in 5.15(1);

- o. "property" means all monies, securities, buildings, and real estate belonging to the DCRA;
- p. "Under 25 Member" means a person who has not yet reached his 25th birthday, and in respect of whom the prescribed annual fee has been paid;
- q. "Under 25 Term Member" means a person who has not yet reached his 25th birthday, and in respect of whom the prescribed fee for the term up until his 25th birthday, has been paid or who has been so named by the Council; and
- r. "Junior" means a person who has not yet reached his 19th birthday, and in respect of whom the prescribed Under 25 annual fee has been paid.

1.03 Singular and Plural Words

In DCRA By-laws, unless the contrary intention appears, words used in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular.

1.04 "May and Shall"

In DCRA By-laws, "may" shall be construed as being permissive and "shall" as being imperative.

1.05 Masculine and Feminine

In DCRA By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires, or the Council otherwise directs, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine.

1.06 Table of Contents, Appendices, and References

The table of contents, the index, and all references within parentheses to appendices, to statutes, or to other articles of DCRA By-laws, shall not form part of DCRA By-laws, and may be altered on the authority of the President of the Association.

1.07 Effective Date

The effective date of every DCRA By-law shall:

- a. shall be prescribed by the approving authority; and
- b. where a By-law imposing obligations or duties, shall not be retroactive.

1.08 Amendment and Repeal

- a. Except as provided in Section 9 of the Act, DCRA By-laws shall not be amended or repealed unless notice in writing signed by two members (other than Winter Program Members, Associate Members, Limited Members, Service Members as defined in Chapter 5, or non-Canadian annual members) of the Association as proposer and seconder, is given to the Executive Director at least eighty (80) days previous to the AGM at which it is to be proposed.
- b. The Executive Director shall notify all members (other than Winter Program Members, Associate Members, Limited Members, Service Members as defined in Chapter 5, or non-Canadian annual members) of the Association by first class mail of any such proposed amendment or repeal at least sixty (60) days previous to the AGM at which the amendment or repeal is to be proposed.

- c. Members who are eligible to vote but are unable to be present at the Meeting may have their wishes expressed through another eligible member by a proxy vote.
- d. For the purpose of any vote on an amendment or repeal of a By-law, proxy votes shall be allowed provided that any such proxy be in a form approved by the Executive Committee and such proxy shall be valid only for purposes of amendment and repeal of By-laws.
- e. Publication of specific proposed amendments shall constitute notice of intent to amend, and shall not preclude germane amendments being made from the floor at an AGM.
- f. Any amendment or repeal of a By-law must be accepted by at least two-thirds of the vote cast. This applies to by-law changes made by the Council or by the Executive Committee under the provisions of the DCRA Act, as well as to the confirmation of such changes by a General Meeting, and to the adoption of by-law changes by a General Meeting.