



UMT Bylaws | April 2017

ARTICLE I-STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. Utah's Mounted Thunder (UMT)
 - a. UMT was established on December 10, 2011 for the promotion of the sport of Mounted shooting in the State of Utah. All UMT Club Jackpots will adhere to and follow established rules and guidelines. Unless specifically addressed in the UMT Rules and/or supplemental ground rules published for specialty events, CMSA rules will be adhered to.
 - b. Mounted Shooting is a multifaceted timed equestrian sporting event in which mounted competitors compete using two single action revolvers, loaded with mounted shooting blanks to shoot 10 reactionary targets while negotiating a specific course of fire on horseback. There is also a growing Mounted Shooting Rifle Shooting and Mounted Shooting Shotgun Shooting, using rifle or shotgun from the appropriate era as designated for the sport.
 - c. UMT Mission is to conduct and compete in Mounted Shooting competitions, to promote safe shooting events from horseback with an appreciation for the late 1800's old west and its ideals. While having fun and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow riders with similar interest in the old west and its family values.
 - d. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics necessary to promote good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism. We will strive to increase and promote our knowledge of horses in order to increase our horsemanship skills on all levels. We will take a view toward better knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. The further intention of the organization is to provide an atmosphere and social climate conducive to riding, camping, and other similar events where members dress and conduct themselves in the fashion that promotes our western heritage. The Board of directors and club members will adhere to the guidelines set forth in the following articles and shall administer the affairs of the club.

ARTICLE II – NAME

The name of the organization shall be Utah's Mounted Thunder (UMT- herein referred to as "the club"). The UMT is recognized as an official club by our national affiliate organization, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) and we will endorse all CMSA functions as well as abide by all CMSA rules as set forth in the current rule book.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in UMT shall consist of two classes:
 - a. Active- which will consist of all persons wishing to participate in the UMT matches as competitors or support regardless of age or gender. And riders

under the age of 18 years may compete with a signed parental consent form. Emergency contact information must be on file with the club for all members.

- b. Family - same as an Active member and immediate family members in the same household. This will include spouse and any one in their custody (children-grandchildren) under the age of 18 years.
2. Eligibility in UMT shall be extended to all persons of good character who would like to become members of an organization and who pledges to promote the preservation of the cowboy way of life. Members also pledge to help at each event with setup, changes, breakdown and cleanup.
3. All UMT Active/Family members are encouraged to also become members of CMSA and are encouraged to participate in its functions.
4. Dues - UMT dues are payable yearly. Anyone may join the club at any time throughout the year. Dues for membership shall be determined by the board of directors on an annual basis.
5. RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS:
 - a. Resignation- A member in in good standing may resign to any board member at any time. A member resignation will not be cause for a refund of membership dues.
 - b. Suspension- A majority vote of the Board of Directors may immediately put any member on suspension for any of the following while attending a UMT event:
 - i. Has caused personal injury or committed an act that may cause injury to themselves, another person, property, or livestock, other than accidents.
 - ii. Has committed actions that have or are likely to bring discredit to mounted shooting, and UMT.
 - iii. Has conducted themselves in a manner unbecoming of a UMT member.
 - iv. Has been abusive or treated their horse in any otherwise inhumane fashion.
 - v. Alcohol and drug abuse will not be tolerated.
 - vi. Has acted in an unsafe manner when dealing with firearms.
 1. First offence will be a warning.
 2. Second offence will result in person taking a firearms safety course, approved by the board.
 - vii. Refuses a directive of a UMT board member, official, or designated range master acting for the safe and efficient conduct of UMT events or is unreasonably disruptive to the efficient operation and enjoyment of UMT events by its participants.
6. Expulsion- A member may be expelled from UMT with a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors for violation listed in Article III, 5.
7. Suspension/Expulsion - Any member placed on suspension or expelled by the board of directors, will not be allowed to participate in any club activity until their 90 days waiting period and requires reinstatement by the Board of Directors. If firearms safety course is required, the member must provide proof of course completion to a member of the board before returning.
8. Reinstatement - Any member suspended or expelled from the UMT may, after a period of ninety (90) days, appear before the Board of Directors to request a reversal of the Board of Directors decision concerning their membership status. The Board of Director's reply to such a request will be in writing and by mail (USPS) only.
9. Complaints - Any member witnessing violations of general safety practices of UMT or CMSA rules and/or Bylaws by another member may submit a signed complaint to the Board of Directors.
10. Disciplinary process shall be as follows:

- a. First offence: A written warning from the UMT, this step may include a probationary period.
 - b. Second offence: A suspension anywhere from one (1) month to three (3) months
 - c. Third offence: A suspension for one year.
 - d. Final Step: Lifetime banishment from the UMT, club activities, and revocation of all privileges of membership. Any membership dues collected will not be refunded.
11. If the Board of Directors of UMT vote to suspend a member from local events or club activities, UMT shall be required to mail(USPS) a letter notifying the CMSA national Board of their actions, the terms of the suspension, and the reinstatement procedures. This notification letter shall include the signatures of the officers of UMT.
 12. The UMT Board of Directors may at its sole discretion, elect to take action outside of the guidelines based on the severity of the infraction.
 13. The UMT Board of Directors has the final decision on all disciplinary issues and actions. If any board member is on more than one board and there is a conflict, that board member shall abstain from voting on said conflict due to conflict of interest.

ARTICLE IV – CLOTHING

1. Dress Code and Attire
 - a. The minimum dress requirement for both Male and Female competitors will consist of long sleeve western shirt, modern western style jeans covered by chinks or chaps, western boots, a cowboy hat and be in compliance with the current CMSA rules and regulations.
 - b. Competitors may also dress in classic attire of the 19th century. Chinks or chaps are not required with period trousers or split skirts. Female competitors wearing full-length, full skirt or dress may wear 19th century styled short-sleeved tops and are not required to wear hats.
 - c. Exceptions to the standard dress code may be made for UMT Non-Sanctioned Jackpots only at the discretion of the Match Director and with Board approval. Changes will be published prior to the event.

ARTICLE V – ARMS AND AMMUNITION

1. Firearms- All firearms shall comply with the current CMSA rules and regulations.
2. Ammunition - All ammunition shall be provided by approved CMSA providers and ONLY that ammunition may be used in competition. Ammunition used in the competition is only allowed in the loading area, staging area, and the arena. Live ammunition is prohibited at UMT events.
3. Display Ammunition - Contestants are to have no live ammunition on their person or in the cartridge belts or saddle bags. Dummy ammunition with fired primers or without primers may be used in cartridge belts. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification from the match/event.
4. If a competitor feels an exception to their firearm(s)/gun leather should be made for UMT Non-Sanctioned Jackpots only, they may submit a written request for Board approval to be kept on file for the duration of each competition year. Approval can be extended past the current competition year without a new written request at the Board's discretion

ARTICLE VI – Officers and Board of Directors

1. Number of Directors- The UMT Board of Directors shall consist of four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. As well as, no less than four elected directors.
2. Specified Duties of Officers and Directors
 - a. President - The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. They shall prepare the agenda for the meetings of the Board. They may appoint necessary committees to carry out the Board's programs. Abiding by all state and federal laws required for the ongoing business of the club, are

the responsibility of the President. Koyle Concrete is the financially responsible party whom the club has been set up under. For this reason Kevin Koyle will be President or CEO until such time that the club is removed from his financial responsibility. Taxes are filed under his business.

- b. Vice President - The Vice President shall perform duties that are authorized to them; including the powers of President, should he or she be absent or unable to fulfill his duties. In case of Vice Presidents inability to act, the Board of Directors shall declare the office vacant and said Board shall choose a successor.
 - c. Secretary- the Secretary shall record the minutes of all board meeting. They shall be responsible for supplying information for the newsletters and gathering information for and writing articles for publication. They shall keep local media up to date regarding dates of matches, meetings, practices, as well as supply them with the articles about our matches. The club media person will also help with these duties.
 - d. Treasurer- the Treasurer shall keep record of all financial transactions for UMT. It will be the responsibility of the Treasurer to collect all monies for matches, memberships, and disperse of said money to cover all payables approved by the Officers of the board. Profit and loss, financial records, and tax returns are to be completed and approved in a timely manner. Due to the importance of this position, the Treasurer shall supply the Board of Directors their qualifications to carry out this position. The Treasurer may be required to be bonded. The Board will approve of the Treasurer. Koyle Concrete is the financially responsible party whom the club has been set up under. For this reason Elaine Koyle will be Treasure until such time that the club is removed from this financial responsibility. Taxes are filed under this business.
 - e. Directors - All directors shall be assigned duties as deemed necessary by the President or The Board of Directors. All directors are required to accept and reliably execute the duties for club activities.
3. All Board Members should make every effort to be at all events, when unable to be at an event, notification should be made to the officers, arrive early and leave after all tasks are complete. They should also be match director for at least 1 event during the year, if possible. If non-rider then they do not need to be a match director.
 4. If at any time a Board Member deems it necessary to resign from their position, they must do so in writing. They will not be eligible to be elected into another position for a period of two (2) years from the date of the resignation.
 5. Board Members are volunteers; these are not paid positions.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION and TENURE

1. Elections: the election of the Board of Directors and officers shall take place during the annual General Membership Meeting, or shortly thereafter to allow for time to create and carryout the election. Members will be notified at least 30 days in advance of this meeting.
2. Voting: Each active member, over the age of 18 and a club member in good standing for a minimum of 60 days, is entitled to one vote on club issues.
3. Method of Elections: The board will accept nominations prior to the meeting for the available positions. The slate of nominees will be presented at the General Membership Meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the general membership as well. The nominees that receive the majority of the vote shall be declared the winners. These winners will take office immediately following the UMT election process.
4. Term of Office: The term of office for all Directors/Officers shall be for approximately two (2) years and shall begin immediately follow UMT elections. A Director/Officer may be re-elected to the same position or another Board position as often as the

membership re-elects them. The positions subject to re-election will be staggered as follows: President, Treasurer, and 2 directors will alternate every other year with the Vice President, Secretary, and remaining directors. (see VI, A & D for clarification)

5. Vacancies: in the event of any resignations/dismissals within the service term, a majority vote of the Board of Directors will elect the individual(s) that will serve the remainder of the term that the prior member was expected to serve.
6. Dismissal: Any officer or Director may be dismissed by majority vote of the board of Directors on the following grounds:
 - a. Unapproved absence from three board activities in a row (i.e. board meetings, events, etc.)
 - b. Repeated failure to adequately and reliably perform their assigned duties.
 - c. Any action which is subject to suspension under the terms of Article III, 5.
 - d. Conduct which is detrimental to the mission of the club.

ARTICLE VIII- Qualification of Board Members & Officers

1. President- Must be an active member of UMT in good standing, for 18 months, and must have served on the Board of Directors for at least 1 year.
2. Officers- (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)- Must be an active, adult member of UMT in good standing for at least 1 year prior to serving on the Board of Directors.
3. Board Member - must be an active adult member of UMT in good standing for at least 6 months prior to serving on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX- Emergency Clause

1. Emergency Clause- These by laws may be temporarily altered in full or in part when the Board of Directors decides an emergency exists. A majority of the board must vote in favor of declaring an emergency. This action must be deemed temporary to best serve the interests of all the members of UMT.

ARTICLE X – Meetings

1. The board of Directors will decide when and where meetings will be held and schedule them as needed. All members in good standing, new or prospective members are welcome to address the Board of Directors. Those who wish to address the Board of Directors should send their request to the President in writing, that they may add that item to the agenda. Requests to add business items to the agenda should be received by the president at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
2. The members will be notified via face book, email and or text of the meeting time, date, and location.
3. If an emergency or closed meeting has been called, no notification will be forthcoming.

ARTICLE XXII- Changing Bylaws

1. These by-laws may be changed as follows. Any member in good standing may submit a proposed change to these bylaws by submitting the recommended change in writing at a regularly scheduled meeting to the Board of Directors. The Board will consider the change and vote on including changes at the next year-end board meeting.
2. If recommended change receives at least majority vote of all present or otherwise legally represented voting members, it will be adopted. A by-law committee will be formed as needed by the President and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

These By-Laws are being put into effect for the Utah's Mounted Thunder (UMT), established in 2010. This is a fun club and has grown to include individuals and families of all walks of life. Please note that these were written to protect and govern our club. We do not have nonprofit status but our goals are to have fun and only make enough money to cover our costs and buy equipment for our club and hope to provide many more years of family fun.

President _____ date _____

Vice President _____ date _____

Secretary _____ date _____

Treasurer _____ date _____

Director #1 (1 year term) _____ date _____

Director #2 (1 year term) _____ date _____

Director #3 (2 year term) _____ date _____

Director #4 (3 year term) _____ date _____