

**STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S
ASSOCIATION
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POLICIES**



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Policy naming convention

Policies are named according to the date that the policy was created and how many policies were enacted in that month.

For example the policy name **March 2000-1** defines a policy that was created in March of 2000 and was the first policy on the month.

Board of Directors

March 2000-1

The Board of directors' monthly expenditure limit is \$500.00.

Building and Land

January 1980-2

Members must enter Burr Lane slowly and proceed slowly to the club.

January 1980-3

When leaving, go slow and stop at the gate before leaving.

November 1982-1

The East Bridgewater Police has permission to use our ranges if the club rules are obeyed. Bird shot only on the trap range, no automatic weapon M-16 on the rifle range, regardless of an auto or single shot. Shoot one (1) day per month with a Shooting Instructor present at all times, no access to the Club House, no weekend shooting, no shooting before 10:00 A.M. and to shoot only on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

December 1982-1

No hunting or trapping on club property.

October 1986-1

Motion made that no land ever be sold without written notification to charter members

September 1988-1

Motion to discontinue renting club to anyone for any purpose.

February 1989-2

Any one wishing to use the Club property should apply in writing or in person at a Business Meeting for a vote prior to the date of use.

February 1999-1

Discussion of members using club for private parties be charged a fee to use facilities or take trash home. Amended motion made to charge \$50. Deposit fee for members to use club house, fee to be returned after club has been inspected.

August 2006-1

Motion never to loan our fishing derby tent to any one for any reason.

Committees

December 1987-2

Motion made that we form an Orientation Committee and that all members will be required to attend.

May 1989-1

The Committee chairman of each committee is authorized to spend up to \$100.00 for club maintenance and committee expenses per month.

Contests

March 1976-4

A motion that fresh water fish be caught in Mass. only.

August 1988-1

Motion made that it takes two people to make a contest.

January 1991-2

Motion to only award a single plaque for increments of 25, 50, 75 and 100 on the skeet and trap fields.

January 1997-1

Motion to have give gift certificates instead of cash for fishing contest prizes.

February 2006-1

Motion to revert prizes back to kids fishing derby funds if they have not picked it up within 90 days of announcement.

Discipline and Suspensions

February 1976-2

Any member disrupting a meeting or club function will be suspended or fined or both at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

February 1976-3

Any member disrupting a club function will be subjected to immediate suspension by the Chairman. The period of suspension and/or imposition of a fine will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Meetings

January 1973-2

Do not read the Treasurer's report at a social meeting.

February 1976-1

The Chairman shall use their own discretion regarding non-member attendance at business meetings.

January 1980-1

The drinking of alcoholic beverages is not allowed during meetings of the Association.

January 1981-1

Motion made that there is to be no card playing on social nights unless it is part of the program.

December 1981-1

Motion made to continue raffles at general meetings and social nights.

April 1983-2

Any member may attend and join discussion at a Board of Director's meeting, but will not vote or make motions.

April 1989-1

Motion made that we adjourn business meeting at 10:00 unless extended by 2/3 vote at 10:00.

April 1994-1

Club voted not to allow smoking at business meetings.

April 2001-1

Motion to get people to pay attention at meetings.

October 2001-1

Motion to have pledge of allegiance before business and directors' meetings.

February 2010-1

Business meetings are to begin at 7:00 pm, starting with the April 2010 meeting.

January 2010-1

Directors meetings are to begin at 7:00 pm, starting with the February 2010 meeting

Membership

February 1983-1

Motion made to give a new member, upon acceptance, a club patch.

March 1983-1

Motion to allow 3rd reading members working nights to be accepted without being present if working, or if sponsor is present.

May 1985-1

Motion made not to send keys through the mail.

March 1986-1

It was decided to continue Junior Membership as is but dropping them from news magazine

July 1988-1

Charter Membership: Any permanent association member wishing to become a Charter Member must submit their name with a sponsoring Charter Member's name in writing, on a form provided by the club.

February 1989-1

Motion to purchase membership buttons for 1989 and thereafter by BOD.

December 1989-1

Motion- BOD establishes a policy that any member who has not paid their dues for a period of one year not be reinstated.

January 1990-1

If a person who is a non-family member is here more than three times in a calendar year they have to join or not come back

March 1992-1

Club initiation fee increased to \$75.00

November 1992-1

Club voted not to allow any type of birdshot shell on indoor pistol range.

May 1993-1 and January 2017

1. Junior members must be between 12 and 16 1/2 years of age.
2. Applications for Junior Membership must be submitted with a onetime application fee of five dollars and only needs to be read at one Business Meeting.
3. Junior Members must be under the supervision of an adult member at all times when using any of the club ranges. Junior members may not be given or loaned a club key by anyone in order to gain access to the club facilities without adult member supervision.
4. A Junior Member must have been a member in good standing for two years to have the initiation fee waived when the application is submitted to become a full associate member.
5. Upon reaching the age of 18 a junior member has one year after their 18th birthday to submit an application for Associate Membership, which will be read using the membership three meeting process and than be voted on by the body, with the membership having the right to deny the application.

October 1993-1

The purpose of the Family Membership list is to allow immediate family members of full Associate and Charter members that have been members in good standing for a minimum of two years to become temporary associate members of the club in a quick manner.

Immediate family members are defined as: Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Son, Daughter, Husband and Wife.

When openings occur one candidate will be taken from the family list and then one will be taken from the regular list until all openings are filled. Members will be allowed one family member per year unless the Family Membership List is depleted, then the member will be allowed more than one family member per year.

February 1995-1

Club voted to go back to old form of classroom orientation with people signing a certification sheet that they understand the club rules and will abide by them.

April 1998-1

A past member who is dropped from the club for any reason must go on the regular membership waiting list, and cannot be placed on the family membership waiting list.

December 1999-1

Motion to have special life member club buttons for life members.

February 2000-1

Motion that life members be replaced with dues paying members.

March 2007-1

There are three recommended methods to pay dues

1. Mail to PO Box 258
2. Hand it to Financial Secretary
3. Put it in safe

February 2019-1

Prospective new member's initiation fee and dues must be paid before the **FIRST** reading of the new member's application.

April 2009-1

In the event of the death of a club member and or a death in the club member's family a donation of \$50.00 will be made in the name of the deceased to the Standish Sportsman's Association Jr. Camp Fund, for the purposes of sending youngsters to the Massachusetts Jr. Conservation camp.

The Secretary shall send a card to the deceased's family informing them that a donation has been made in the deceased's person's name. The "club member's family" is defined as parents, siblings, spouse, children and grandchildren.

October 2009-1

Membership limit for dues paying members raised from 250 to 300 members

January 2010-1

All active duty military personnel are exempt from club dues

March 2013-1

A fee of \$2.00 must be paid for each guest of a member using any of the clubs ranges. This fee does not apply to immediate family members. The fee is to be placed in the slot in the front of the club safe with a note or envelope listing the date and name of the member. The fee does not apply to open public events, such as Sunday trap, or league 3-D shoots.

November 2014-1

New guest shooting policy for all ranges. A member who brings in guests to shoot on any range may only have two active shooters at any one time. This means the member and one guest or two guests only at a time may shoot. The member is always responsible for his guests obeying all club rules.

Reminder. There is a guest fee of \$2.00 per non-family member guest for each range they use. If a guest shoots rifle range and then indoor archery the fee is \$4.00.

October 2013-1

All members must have a digital photo taken at the club for identification purposes before they get their club key, beginning in 2014.

December 2014-1

Any member, including a Life member, may be suspended or expelled for actions detrimental to the good of the club.

Miscellaneous

April 1988-1

Motion made that any correspondence for this club be signed by whoever writes it.

May 1995-1

Motion made to have copies of new bylaws and policies made available to members after they are approved.

March 1989-1

BOD set policy that anyone wishing to have a raffle or other fund raiser in the clubs name must have prior approval before doing so.

March 1997-1

Slot will be cut in front of safe. Put all money in envelopes and deposit in safe. Do not leave money around clubhouse.

September 2010-1

The new tables and chairs are not to be loaned out to anyone under any circumstances. Only the old tables and chairs will be available for loan. The new table and chairs are to remain inside the building.

July 2013-1

New club policies will be posted on the club bulletin board.

January 2017-1

A cap of \$1,000.00 is placed on all individual donations.

Offices

August 1986-1

Motion made that all officers and directors that attend 9 business and 9 Board of Director's meetings will have yearly dues waved.

January 1989-1

BOD set policy on attendance by officers and directors, that attendance will be counted even though there is no quorum.

April 2009-2

The Secretary may keep in his or her possession the current year's meeting minutes and the previous year's meeting minutes. All other meeting minutes shall be considered archives and will be kept locked up in the clubhouse and not removed from said location without a vote from the Body or the Board of Directors.

Ranges Rules

December 1987-1

Shooting Range Violations are to be brought before the Board of Director

March 1989-1

Motion - Indoor range be closed during business meeting hours.

May 1990-1

Eliminated club rule that no metal targets be used at 25 and 50 yard backstops on rifle range.

January 1991 -1

New trap field policy-No action shall be closed until it is your turn to shoot.

October 1991-1

All targets must be placed at 25, 50, 75 and 100 yards, directly in front of the backstops provided.

February 1992-1

Club voted to limit trap and skeet fields to use of target loads only

July 1999-1

All firearms shooting on outdoor ranges start at 10 a.m. and end at sunset unless an exception is made by the Board of Directors.

September 2002-1

Motion to change single-shot center fire rifle range rule to allow loading 10 rounds at a time in shotguns and center fire rifles.

August 2011-1

Prior to going downrange at the indoor pistol range and the outdoor rifle range, the warning light and buzzer must be activated.

August 2013-1

Outdoor archery targets may not be moved, except the broadhead target, which must be put back in its original position when done.

September 2013-1

No rimfire rifles firing jacketed magnum rimfire ammunition, such as .22 WinMag, .17 HMR, or .17 WSM (SuperMag) are allowed in the indoor pistol range. Centerfire rifles have never been allowed in the indoor pistol range.

September 2013-2

When firing from 90 feet in the indoor archery range the bottom half of the Dutch door into the clubroom must be kept closed and the top half kept open. This is to allow people to see into the range and prevent them from walking in front of shooters at 90 feet.

Sponsored Events

April 2004-1

The type of bait that is allowed at the kids fishing derby will be worms or artificial bait. The use of shiners during the fishing derby is not allowed.

May 2005-1

Applications for Massachusetts JR. Conservation Camp must be received by the committee chairman no later than January 15th of the camping year.

The list of applicants for JR. Conservation Camp will be presented to the Board of Directors during the January board of directors meeting for recommendation to the body.

The list of applicants for JR. Conservation Camp will be finalized during the February business meeting.