

**Proposed Bylaws of
Connecticut Game Club**

Article 1

**Section 1.1 The name of this organization shall be Connecticut Game Club
Nonprofit Organization**

Section 1.1 This is a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut. The bylaws of Connecticut Game Club and any rules and regulations pursuant to, not inconsistent with federal, state or local laws, shall take precedence over those of Connecticut Game Club, and all provisions there of affecting the conduct of the affairs of this club shall prevail.

Human Rights Laws

Section 1.3 This club and its members shall at all times observe all federal, state, and local human rights laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to any club activity, procedure or practice. No person may be refused membership, denied office, or be prevented from participating in any activity because of any fact or circumstance which would identify that person as one of a protected class of individuals under human rights laws, regulations or ordinances of any governmental jurisdiction where the person resides or in which the club conducts business.

Article 2

Club Objectives

Section 2.1 The objectives of this club shall be:

2.1.1 To be dedicated to the Education, History, and Hobby of Tabletop Miniature and Board Gaming.

2.1.2 To have our members share their love of the hobby by helping each other in furtherance of that goal, sharing their skills and experiences with terrain building, painting, and other aspects of the hobby.

2.1.3 To promote miniature wargaming and board gaming of all kinds, including but not limited to historical and fantasy.

2.1.4 To encourage and promote a high amateur standard of skill in miniature wargaming and board gaming . To encourage and promote the study of history and military science. To stimulate its members to increase their knowledge of, and skill in miniature wargaming and board gaming through self-education and participation in club activities and competitions.

2.1.5 To render, and encourage its members to render, such altruistic, patriotic, charitable or other civic services as the club may see fit to render from time to time.

Definitions

Section 2.2 As used herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

2.2.1 CGC means Connecticut Game Club.

2.2.2 Club means this club.

2.2.3 Members, Officers and subjects treated generally refer to and mean those of this

club.

2.2.4 CGC policy refers to and means the bylaws of CGC.; the policies adopted by the CGC Officers.

2.2.5 Office means any position of responsibility, whether elected, appointed, or voluntarily accepted.

2.2.6 Any word in these bylaws connoting gender is to be construed as embracing both male and female.

Article 3

Membership

Section 3.1 Membership in CGC and in this club is a privilege, not a right, and contingent upon meeting eligibility requirements as set forth by these bylaws. Admission to membership in CGC is a function of the Officers and subject to CGC policy. No membership shall be valid unless the member meets and continues to meet the factual requirements for membership in CGC according to the policies of CGC and of this club. Any prospective member shall be expected to be able and willing to contribute energy and skill to the objectives of this club and CGC.

Section 3.2 The active members of this club shall consist of persons who meet membership qualifications set forth by CGC policy and who are admitted to membership as herein provided.

Section 3.3 Membership qualifications are defined as a person who as a paying attendee is present at 60% of club meetings over the prior two year period based on the election cycles. Any member meeting the above requirement is considered a member of the CGC and granted all rights and privileges that accompany their membership. Attendance at conventions sponsored or promoted by HMGS, WBA, or other national or regional organizations that shall relate to activities similar to those promoted by CGC, and if the member is by his attendance representing the club will constitute attendance if they are held on the same day as a scheduled club meeting.

Article 4

Offices

Section 4.1 Officers and members, whether elected or appointed, shall be subject to the following general provisions.

4.1.1 All elected Officers shall be active members of this club as defined in Section 3.3.

4.1.2 Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all Officers shall be elected to four year terms with half of the officers being elected every two years on a 3 - 2 cycle.

4.1.3 No active member shall be nominated for, or hold more than one office, as defined by CGC bylaws in this club simultaneously, except as provided in section 4.2.

4.1.4 In the event that any officer, by self-declaration or by two-thirds vote of the serving officers to be incapable of performing the duties of an Officer because of illness or otherwise, the serving officers may assign these duties and powers of such office to a past office holder, or member of the CGC agreeable to serve. Such assumption of duties shall last only until the end of the original officers term of office.

Elected Offices

Section 4.2 The Officers of the club shall be the Chairman, who shall be the ranking Officer, the

Secretary, and the Treasurer, and 2 other officers. Which Officers shall be elected by the active membership at the election meeting with half the officers coming up for election every other year. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

Section 4.3. The Secretary shall have responsibility for all club property which is not procured for resale to members and who shall maintain a current listing of such property showing location, date procured, and condition. A copy of the listing shall be supplied to the Treasurer upon request.

Article 5

Duties and Powers of Officers

Section 5.1 The Chairman shall:

5.1.1 Preside at all meetings of this club and its Officers committee.

5.1.2 Execute all written instruments in the name of this club when directed by the Officers committee, or by the membership.

Section 5.3 The Secretary shall:

5.3.1 Have custody of all club records and bylaws.

5.3.2 Keep a record of all proceedings of this club and of the Officers committee, of the attendance of Officers committee meetings and of all matters of which a record may be deemed advisable, in books belonging to the club which records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any active club member. NO detailed records shall be kept relating to votes on applications for membership.

5.3.3 Keep an up to date record of all members of this club, including for each member: name, address, telephone number, rank, and other pertinent information.

5.3.4 Keep and preserve all documents, records, reports and other official correspondence connected with the business of this club.

5.3.5 Send the required notices of all club and Officer committee meetings and all lists of candidates for office to be voted upon at any election. In accordance with the notice requirements in Article 7.3.

5.3.6 Make a report at the meetings and at such other times as the President or the Officers committee may request.

5.3.7 Perform such other appropriate duties as may be assigned by the President or the Officers committee or as may be required by CGC policy.

Section 5.4 The Treasurer shall:

5.4.1 Collect and hold, in the name of the club, all monies belonging to this club.

5.4.2 Pay all bills contracted by this club which have been approved by the Officers committee.

5.4.3 (a) Make interim reports, including statements of receipts, disbursements, and financial condition, at such times as the Chairman or the Officers committee may direct;

(b) Prepare an annual report as of the last day of the clubs fiscal year.

5.4.4 Keep and preserve an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed and of

all club property.

5.4.5 Cause to be prepared, and filed in a timely manner all required federal, state, and local tax and information returns.

5.4.6 Perform such other appropriate duties incident to the office as are required by CGC policy, or as the Chairman or officers committee may direct.

Officers Committee

Section 5.5 The Officers committee shall:

5.5.1 Meet as convened by the Chairman or as needed in regards to general charge of policy, management, and finances of this club, and appropriate such sums as may be deemed advisable, within the limits of club resources, for the normal and usual operation of this club, including all club functions.

5.5.2 Carry on the normal business of this club between meeting of the membership.

5.5.4 With the advice of the Treasurer, designate depositories insured by an agency of the U.S. government in which club funds shall be kept and approve the budget for submission to the officers, approval upon majority vote of all club officers present at a general meeting.

5.5.5 Enforce the authority given it under these bylaws and take any necessary action consistent with CGC policy to advance the best interests of this club.

Article 6

Meetings and Notices

Section 6.1 Regular club meetings shall be held on every the second saturday of the month at the regular meeting place. The Officers committee may designate other times and places for such regular business meetings upon proper notice and upon a majority vote of the officer committee. The Officers committee shall meet as required by 5.5.1 herein.

Section 6.2 If a Holiday or other such circumstance makes it impractical to hold any meeting as provided herein, The Officers committee may waive such meeting or set another meeting date. The membership shall be notified according to Section 6.3.

Section 6.3 The annual meeting shall be held in the month of February at such time and place as the Officers committee may designate, at which time an election of Officers shall be held every other year in accordance with club policy. Notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the membership for election to positions within this club shall be posted on the Club website or Club in such manner as determined by the Officers committee at least 15 days prior to such meeting.

Section 6.4 The Secretary shall provide a list of all nominees by petition as provided in 8.1 herein and shall give notice thereof to all active members in such manner that it will reach them at least 7 days prior to the date of the election.

Section 6.5 Electronic communication may be used for notices as long as they appear on the club website before the applicable deadline for dispatching such notice.

Section 6.6 Voting at officer meetings shall be as follows:

6.6.1 Each active officer present shall have one vote.

6.6.2 Voting shall be by voice unless a motion is made and seconded for a poll demanded by any active officer duly qualified to vote, in which event votes shall be cast by a show of hands. The presiding Officer may require that voting be done by secret ballot if circumstances warrant and a motion is made and seconded and approved by a majority vote.

Article 9

Nominations, Elections, and Voting

Section 7.1 Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the bi-annual meeting may be nominated by the membership as herein provided.

Section 7.2 If vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of election, they shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by active members.

Section 7.3 No active member shall be eligible for nomination without first signifying his willingness and ability to serve if elected.

Section 7.4 At any election, each active member present and in good standing in this club shall have one vote for each office to be filled. Voting shall be done in the following manner:

7.4.1 Cumulative voting is prohibited.

7.4.2 Election to an uncontested office may be effected by a supported motion and a ballot cast and recorded by the Secretary.

7.4.3 Election to a contested office shall be effected by secret ballot, unsigned and cast in person. Such elections shall be determined by a judge of election and a teller. All of whom shall be appointed by the Chairman. The secret ballots shall be delivered to the judge of the election and opened and inspected by the tellers, and the final results shall be tabulated and announced to the members before the close of the meeting.

7.4.3 Polls shall remain open according to the guidelines laid down by the presiding officer.

Article 8

Miscellaneous

Section 8.1 Any person collecting monies for any activity of this club shall be prepared at all times to make a full and complete accounting of the same to the President and to the Officers committee.

Section 8.2 No member shall contract any bills in the name of this club unless previously authorized by the Officers committee or the approved budget.

Section 8.3 When any account is authorized by the Officers committee or by the adopted budget is closed, any excess funds therein and a complete accounting shall promptly be turned over to the Treasurer.

Section 8.4 No person shall take advantage of CGC membership status in order to achieve personal gain or remuneration.

Section 8.5 The Clubs fiscal year shall be for twelve consecutive months beginning on the first day of --- each year.

Section 8.6 All publications or notices of any nature issued by this club shall have the prior approval of the Chairman or the Officers committee before being sent to members or to the public.

Article 9

Discipline

Section 11.1 Matters of discipline shall be considered and handled in accordance with CGC policy.

Article 10

Amendments

Section 12.1 These bylaws may be amended, subject to the approval of a 2/3rds vote by the CGC officers committee at any regular or special club meeting.

Current Serving officers

John Manning

Tom Cusa

John Demeter

Byron Bond

John Troise