



## **Constitution**

Amended November 30, 2021

### **Mission Statement:**

To develop young Republican leaders who will energetically support Republican candidates, Republican issues, and pursue leadership positions in government and the community.

### **Article I – Name:**

The name of the organization shall be “The Collin County Young Republicans Club”, hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.

### **Article II – Purpose:**

The purpose of the Club shall be to support the principles and objectives of the Republican Party at all levels: National, State, and Local, and to work towards the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates. To promote, develop, and maintain a strong and vital Young Republican organization in Collin County.

### **Article III – Federation:**

The club is and shall remain a member of the Texas Young Republican, and shall be subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of said Federation.

#### **Article IV – Meetings:**

- i. Regular Meeting: The Club shall hold its regular meetings once a month at a time, date, and location to be determined by the Club Officers.
- ii. Special Meeting: Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chair or a majority of the Club Officers.
- iii. Quorum: Twenty-five percent (25%) of the active membership of the Club shall constitute a quorum.
- iv. Robert’s Rules of Order: Except where inconsistent with this Constitution, the rules of the newest revised edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall apply.

#### **Article V – Membership:**

- i. Active Members:
  - a. Dues for singles: \$15 – couples \$25
  - b. Dues shall be paid on a yearly basis from join date and shall constitute a renewal of membership
  - c. Between the ages of eighteen (18) but no more than forty (40) of age inclusive.
  - d. Any citizen of the United States or non-citizen who has a currently pending legal application for citizenship
  - e. Maintain primary residence within or around Collin County
  - f. Dues must be paid within three (3) months after renewal date to maintain Active status
  - g. Must attend at least two (2) meetings of previous five (5) before any given meeting, and must not currently be serving as an officer of another club affiliated with the Texas Young Republican Federation, to cast a vote on any issue before the Active Membership.
- ii. Associate Members:
  - a. Dues for singles: \$15 – couples \$25
  - b. Dues shall be paid on a yearly basis from join date and shall constitute a renewal of membership

- c. Any citizen, who meets eligibility requirements as defined above, but who does not meet the Active Member requirements
    - d. Shall have all rights and powers of Active Members
    - e. Cannot vote in the club elections or hold office
  - iii. Contributing and Honorary Members:
    - a. There shall be Three (3) classes of Contributing or Honorary Membership
      - i. Supporting Member: \$100
      - ii. Sustaining Member: \$250
      - iii. Patron Member: \$500
    - b. These members are awarded with an Associate Membership pending a vote of seventy-five (75%) of the Club Officers
    - c. Active Members can be awarded one (1) of these classes, if they meet the proper criteria of Active Membership
  - iv. Expulsion of Members:
    - a. Active members on affirmative vote of no less than seventy-five percent (75%)
    - b. Present and voting at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Club
    - c. After presentation of evidence with the criteria
      - 1. Specific charges against the Member in question must be presented to the Club Officers
      - 2. Club Officers must notify the Member of said charges and must give the Member a fair and reasonable opportunity to respond to the same
      - 3. The Club Officers shall thereafter pass a resolution on the question of expulsion to be voted on by Active Members
    - d. The Club Officers maintain the right to expel Members without a vote of Active Members, but with an affirmative vote of sixty-six (66%) of Club Officers, due to extraordinary circumstances
    - e. The Club Officers shall inform the Active Members as the next Regular meeting of their actions and the extraordinary circumstances

## Article VI – Officers:

- i. General Provisions
  - a. Officer elections shall be held during a Regular Meeting in July
  - b. All Officers shall hold office from time of election until their duly elected successors take office or until the office is declared forfeited, as set forth below
  - c. Officers shall serve without compensation
  - d. Officers must demonstrate they voted in at least one (1) of three (3) last Republican Primaries or take the Party Oath of Affiliation
  - e. Officers may fill more than (1) position if no nominee is presented and upon appointment of the Club Chair
  - f. Officers may serve as many terms as wanted provided they are elected through a fair election system
    - 1. Chair shall not serve more than two consecutive terms or until another Chair is elected in a fair election
  - g. Vacancies in office shall be declared upon an approved resolution by affirmative vote of sixty-six (66%) of present Club Officers at any Regular or Special meeting
  - h. Club Officers are to submit an expenditure form to Treasurer to be approved by the Chair or the Vice Chair
    - 1. If Treasurer position is vacant, form shall be submitted to Chair and approved by both Chair and Vice Chair
- ii. Titles and Duties
  - a. Chair:
    - 1. Shall preside over all meetings of the Club and the Club Officers.
    - 2. Shall have the power to:
      - A. Appoint committees
      - B. Modify existing job descriptions

- C. Create or terminate non-voting Board positions, subject to confirmation by a majority of the voting members of the Board.
    - D. Supervise activities of the club
    - E. Set agendas for meetings
    - F. Bestow honors
  - 3. Perform all duties inherent to said office
- b. Chair Emeritus:
  - 1. Shall be held by the immediate past Chair, upon the conclusion of their term.
  - 2. In the event the immediate past Chair ages out of eligibility as an Active Member, they will immediately become an Associate Member, and may still hold the office of Chair Emeritus.
- c. Vice Chair:
  - 1. Shall assume all responsibilities of the Chair in that officer's absence.
  - 2. Shall perform any and all other responsibilities as requested by the Chair.
- d. Treasurer:
  - 1. Shall be responsible for collecting and distributing Club funds pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors.
  - 2. Shall maintain primary Club bank account.
  - 3. Shall ensure bank account signers include the current Chair, Treasurer, and Vice Chair.
  - 4. At the end of a term, shall ensure the incoming Chair, Treasurer, and Vice Chair are signers on the bank account.
  - 5. Shall at all times coordinate closely with the Chair to ensure both efficiency and integrity with respect to the financial affairs of the Club.
- e. Secretary:

1. Shall be responsible for taking appropriate minutes of the Club and of the Board of Directors and shall assist the Chair and the Board of Directors in coordinating Club activities.
2. Shall coordinate with selection and reserving of meeting facilities.
3. Shall coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure club roster is up to date.
4. Shall keep the external contact list up to date.

#### **Article VII – Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) shall consist of the Club Officers and non-voting positions appointed by the Chair. The Board shall manage the affairs of the Club, subject to the approval of the Membership, and confirm the Chair’s creations and appointments of non-voting Board positions. The Board shall meet quarterly outside of regularly scheduled meetings of the Club or when called by the standards outlined for a “Special Meeting”.

#### **Article VIII – Elections**

- i. Nominations: At the regular meeting of the Club in July, elections of Club Officers shall take place. The Chair shall appoint an Executive Secretary for the proceedings. Nominations for each Club Officer position shall be taken from the floor and a second shall be required. Thereafter, the Executive Secretary shall compile a list of all nominees and each office shall be voted upon.
- ii. Voting: Only those persons who are demonstrated Active Members of the Club shall be eligible to vote. Voting in all contested races shall be by secret ballot. If no candidate obtains a majority of the first ballot, a run-off election will immediately be held between the two receiving the most votes. In the event of a tie, a second vote will be taken immediately; if the second vote fails to break the tie, the outgoing Club Officers will determine the winner.

- iii. Special Elections
  - a. Upon the Board’s passing of a resolution declaring a vacancy in office as required in Article VI, the club shall hold a special election to select a new officer to fill the vacant Club officer position.
  - b. The special election shall be held at the first regular meeting of the Club following the declaration of a vacancy in office, or in a special meeting called by the Board before the regular meeting.
  - c. The special election shall be conducted in the same manner as prescribed by Article VIII for the regular elections held in July.
- iv. Requirements for Club Officer Candidacy
  - a. A candidate for Club Officer must be an active member of the Club, as defined in Article V Membership. Active membership must be obtained at least one month prior to the Regular or Special Meeting in which the Club Officer election is held,
  - b. A candidate for Club Officer must have attended at least two of the five Regular Club Meetings preceding the Regular or Special Meeting in which the Club Officer election is held.
  - c. All requirements by the Club Constitution for Club Officer Candidacy are applicable to both current Club Office holders seeking re-election or an additional, non-consecutive term and active members who have not previously held a particular office being sought.

**Article IX – Endorsements:**

i. Neutrality<sup>1</sup>: The Club shall in no way endorse or oppose the candidacy of any Republican prior to the final results of the Republican primary election with the following exception: the current officers of the Club, by unanimous vote, may choose to have the Club publicly endorse in a Republican primary if the Republican candidate is

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<sup>1</sup> December 7, 2021: Pursuant to Article X - Miscellaneous iv. Interpretation, the Board determined that the rule prohibiting the club from endorsing or opposing candidates in Republican primary elections also prohibits the club from submitting resolutions requesting the Texas Young Republican Federation Board to endorse in primaries.

currently serving or has previously served as an elected board member of the Club, and where the candidate's sought-after office's jurisdiction includes Collin County in full or in part. Should multiple candidates within the same Republican primary race meet these requirements, the current officers may choose to endorse one or more candidates within the same race and not be limited to a single endorsement.

**Article X – Miscellaneous:**

- i. State Convention: A majority of the Club Officers shall select the delegates and alternates to represent the Club at the State Convention. The Chair shall determine the placement of delegates in State Convention Committees.
- ii. Club Tax Status: The Club Officers shall have the power to determine the best tax status for the Club to operate under and the power to apply for said tax status. The Club is a non-profit organization and wishes to be recognized and treated as such for tax purposes. Should any provision contained in this Constitution from obtaining or maintaining its non-profit tax-exempt status, such offending provision is hereby declared void.
- iii. Non-Discrimination: The Club opposes any type of discrimination and recognizes the Rights of all Americans as enshrined in the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the State of Texas and the right of any person to join the club shall not be abridged in keeping with accordance with defined “Active Membership” standards.
- iv. Interpretation: Any dispute or question concerning the interpretation or meaning of this Constitution shall be determined by a meeting of the Board of Directors.
- v. Bylaws: The Club Constitution and Bylaws are henceforth separate documents.

**Article XI – Amendment**

Any proposed amendment to this Constitution shall first be submitted in writing two (2) weeks prior to a Regular Meeting to the Board of Directors. At the next Regular Meeting, the



Executive Secretary shall read the proposed amendment aloud and the Chair shall advise the Membership of the proposed amendment's ramifications on the Club Constitution. The meeting must have a quorum of Active Members, and a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative majority vote must be passed in order for the amendment to take effect.