



Kiwanis®

Standard Form for Club Bylaws and Policies As revised by Kiwanis International – February 2025

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND OBJECTS

- 1.1 This organization is the “**Kiwanis Club of Portsmouth, Ohio,**” which is a member of Kiwanis International and exists only by charter granted by Kiwanis International.
- 1.2 The primary purpose of this club is to improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide by adhering to the Objects of Kiwanis International, which are:
 - To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
 - To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
 - To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
 - To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
 - To provide, through this club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build a better community.
 - To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

ARTICLE 2. MEMBERS

- 2.1 Adults of good character and good community standing may be admitted to membership in this club by invitation or by transfer from another Kiwanis club upon no less than a majority vote of the board.
- 2.2 Members in good standing are entitled to all rights and privileges of the club. To be in good standing, members are obligated to pay the dues and fees provided in club policy and comply with any other criteria provided in club policy.
- 2.3 Members not in good standing may be suspended or removed by no less than a majority vote of the board. At least fourteen (14) days previous notice of such pending action must be provided to the member. The member will have the right to appear to present his/her case to the board on or before the meeting at which action will be determined.
- 2.4 A member may resign by submitting written notice to the club. Any member who resigns or has been removed from club membership forfeits all interest in any club funds or property and all rights to use any Kiwanis marks. §

ARTICLE 3. OPERATIONS

- 3.1 The administrative and fiscal year of this club is the same as Kiwanis International, which is October 1-September 30.

- 3.2 The board will determine the frequency, day, time, and place of regular club meetings, no less than once each month. Special club meetings may be called, and scheduled meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled, by a majority vote of the board or club members, provided at least 48 hours previous notice is given. Subject to the laws of local jurisdiction, club members may meet and conduct business by any method that allows all participants to simultaneously communicate with each other or as otherwise allowed by law. Participation constitutes attendance. Normal club meeting rules apply. If any votes taken verbally are unclear, they should be taken by roll call.
- 3.3 One meeting each year between January 1 and May 15 will be designated as the annual meeting for club elections. At least 30 days previous notice of the annual meeting must be given to members.
- 3.4 This club may have standing committees as determined by a majority vote of the board and defined in club policy. The president may create and appoint additional committees as desired to conduct club goals and activities, subject to approval by the board, with their purpose, term, and duties defined upon creation.
- 3.5 At least one-third (1/3) of the club members in good standing constitutes a quorum, and a quorum must be present at a club membership meeting to conduct business. No less than a majority vote of the members present and voting is required to approve all business unless otherwise provided in these bylaws or club policy. At least fourteen (14) days previous notice of any pending vote must be given to the members.
- 3.6 This club may host activities to inform club and community members about matters of public interest. However, this club will not express any opinion or take any action regarding any candidate, legislation, or other matters of a political nature.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- 4.1 The officers will be a president, immediate past president, president-elect, treasurer, and secretary. The officers may also include one or more vice-president(s), if so defined in club policy. This club will also have a minimum of three (3) directors as stated in club policy. No offices may be held by the same person except those of secretary and treasurer, and no person shall simultaneously serve as an officer and a director. This club may also have such other offices as may be required by the laws of local jurisdiction. The names, terms, and duties of such offices, as well as the processes for elections and filling of vacancies, will be included in relevant provisions of the club's bylaws and/or policies.
- 4.2 Officers' duties are as defined below and as may be additionally provided in club policy:
- The president acts as the club's executive officer; presides at all meetings of the members and the board; and regularly reports to both groups.
 - The secretary keeps the club's records; promptly reports membership changes to Kiwanis International; keeps minutes of club and board meetings; files required reports (if any) with local, national, and other government authorities; and regularly reports to the members and board.
 - The treasurer manages and accounts for all club funds on authority of the board; maintains club financial records; and regularly reports to the members and board.
 - The president-elect, immediate past president, and vice president (if any) have duties as usually pertain to the office or as may be assigned by the president or board.
- 4.3 Directors have such duties as usually pertain to the office or as may be assigned by the president or board.

ARTICLE 5. ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

- 5.1 Each officer and director (and nominees for same) must be a member in good standing with this club. Any qualified, consenting member may be nominated either in advance or from the floor, according to club policy.
- 5.2 The immediate past president is the most recent president willing and able to serve. The secretary may be either appointed or elected, as provided in club policy. All other officers and directors, including the secretary unless he/she is appointed, will be elected at the club's annual meeting by a majority vote, following a process provided in club policy.
- 5.3 The president, immediate past president, president-elect, treasurer, secretary, and vice president(s), (if any) will serve one-year or two-year terms as provided in club policy, beginning October 1 of each year. Directors may serve up to three-year terms, as provided in club policy, with each term beginning October 1 after election.
- 5.4 Vacancies will be filled as follows:
 - President: by the president-elect, immediate past president, or vice president (if any), as provided in club policy.
 - Immediate past president: by the most recent president willing and able to serve.
 - For all other officers and directors, new elections will be held within 60 days, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice of the meeting and nomination(s) is given to the members. However, if the secretary is appointed, the president will appoint someone to fill the vacancy, subject to approval by the board.

ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 6.1 The club board of directors (referred to in these bylaws as "board") consists of the president, immediate past president, president-elect, treasurer, secretary, vice president(s) (if any), and all directors, and such other positions as may be required by the laws of local jurisdiction.
- 6.2 The board has the following responsibilities:
 - Provide general management of the club not otherwise delegated to the membership in these bylaws or club policy.
 - Assure the club complies with applicable governmental rules and regulations.
 - Determine the good-standing status of members in accordance with club policy.
 - Perform other duties as provided in these bylaws and club policy.
- 6.3 A majority of the members of the entire board constitute a quorum, and a quorum must be present at a board meeting to conduct business. A majority vote of the board members present and voting is required for all business unless otherwise provided in these bylaws or club policy.
- 6.4 The board will meet regularly at a designated place and time that it determines. The board may hold special meetings at the call of the president or a majority vote of the board, provided at least forty-eight (48) hours previous notice is given to board members of the date, time, place, and topic(s). Subject to laws of local jurisdiction, the board may meet and conduct business by any method that allows all participants to simultaneously communicate with each other or as otherwise allowed by law. Participation constitutes attendance. Normal board meeting rules apply. If any votes taken verbally are unclear, they should be taken by roll call.
- 6.5 The board may take no action in conflict with an action of the membership. Other than disciplinary measures, an action of the board may be rescinded or amended by two-thirds

(2/3) vote of the club members present and voting, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice is given to the members.

ARTICLE 7. DISCIPLINE

7.1 “Conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family” is defined in Kiwanis International Policy as any conduct that:

- Constitutes harassment of another individual based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, or sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity. (10/21)
- Constitutes a criminal act that is clearly incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or (4/12) (10/21)
- Constitutes repeated offensive or obnoxious behavior at Kiwanis events and activities as determined by at least 2 thirds of the board of directors of a club or district as it relates to conduct unbecoming charges at the club or district level. (10/21) (1/25)

7.2 a. If a written allegation of “conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family” is made against a member of a Kiwanis club, the club president shall immediately request from Kiwanis International a copy of the process to be followed by the club and shall determine a fair and just way to review the allegation. If the club president is accused, the immediate past president shall act instead.

b. The board shall consider the investigation report and determine whether to hold a hearing on the matter. The president shall notify the accused member of the investigation results and whether the board intends to pursue the allegation(s). If a hearing is held, the board shall then meet and report its decision regarding whether the member did or did not engage in “conduct unbecoming” and, based on that decision, the appropriate disciplinary action, if any, as follows: informal counseling, a verbal reprimand, written reprimand, suspension from office or club membership, or removal from office or club membership. The determination of the discipline should be based on the seriousness of the unbecoming conduct. All disciplinary actions shall be documented in club records.

c. If either the accused member or the investigator believes that some part of the investigation process was faulty or the determination was incorrect, either party has the right to appeal in writing the board’s decision(s) to the club membership. The appeal shall be heard at a special meeting of the club members in good standing. The decision of the club membership to uphold, reverse or change the board’s decisions(s) shall be final.

d. If, at any point during the “conduct unbecoming” process, possible criminal wrongdoing is discovered, the matter shall be reported to the proper authorities.

e. All materials, facts, and information related to the investigation, determination, and appeal (if any) shall be kept confidential at all times by any parties or persons involved in any part of the process.

f. The club shall retain all official records on the matter (allegation, board report, and appeal record if any) in a confidential file as long as required by applicable law, and shall send a copy to the Executive Director of Kiwanis International, to be retained in a confidential file.

7.3 A club shall discipline any member whose conduct is determined by the club to be “conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family.” Otherwise, the club shall be considered out of compliance with acceptable standards of Kiwanis International and may have its charter suspended or revoked as provided in the Kiwanis International Bylaws.

7.4 If an officer or director is alleged by the president or a majority vote of the board to be failing

to perform his/her duties, the board will investigate the allegation and determine the matter at a special meeting in executive session held within forty-five (45) days after the investigation is complete or as soon as reasonably possible. Written notice of the allegation, investigation, and meeting must be given to the accused member at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing. The accused member will be permitted to attend the hearing and present a defense. If the allegation(s) is sustained by no less than a two-third (2/3) vote of the entire board, the position will be declared vacant.

ARTICLE 8. FUNDS AND ACCOUNTING

- 8.1 By October 15, the board will adopt separate budgets of estimated income and expenses.
- 8.2 The club's financial records will be examined annually by either (a) a qualified accounting firm; or (b) a standing financial review committee, as provided in club policy. The club's accounting records will be available for inspection by the accounting firm or the committee and, upon request, by the president or board. A written report of the annual financial examination shall be submitted to the board.
- 8.3 The board determines the official depository/ies of club funds and designates the person(s) authorized to pay club charges.
- 8.4 Club membership dues, fees, and other assessments must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice of the vote and proposed amount is given to the members.
(Note: The club may state its existing dues and fees in Optional Policy F.)
- 8.5 The club board will provide for the prompt payment of all dues, fees, and other obligations to Kiwanis International and to its district (and region, if any).
- 8.6 If this club ceases operations for any reason, the club board will provide for proper distribution of club funds or other assets, in accordance with applicable law. Funds or assets not otherwise designated will be transmitted to the Kiwanis Children's Fund or the district foundation.

ARTICLE 9. AUTHORITIES

- 9.1 This club's bylaws and policies will comply with all applicable laws in its local jurisdiction.
- 9.2 For authority on all matters not covered by these bylaws, the following documents will apply, in this order of priority:
- First—Kiwanis International bylaws;
 - Second—Kiwanis International policies and procedures;
 - Third—Regional bylaws (if any);
 - Fourth—District bylaws (if any);
 - Fifth—*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (latest edition).

ARTICLE 10. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

- 10.1 This club will incorporate or register as required by law with the proper government authority(ies) within one (1) year from its charter date and maintain such incorporation or registration.
- 10.2 These bylaws will only be amended to comply with the Standard Form for Club Bylaws, as approved now or in the future by Kiwanis International. Amendments may be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club members present and voting, provided at least fourteen (14)

days previous notice is given to the members. These club bylaws and any amendments thereto are not effective unless approved by Kiwanis International.

10.3 If any provision of these bylaws is determined to be invalid, all other provisions still remain in effect.

10.4 The club membership shall consider and adopt the mandatory club policies required by Kiwanis International, which complete provisions stated in the bylaws. Adoption shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club members present and voting, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice is given to the club members.

10.5 The club board may adopt other club policies that are not in contravention of the applicable laws, club bylaws, Kiwanis International bylaws and district bylaws (and regional bylaws, if any) by at least a majority vote of the club board members present and voting, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice is given to the board members.

(Note: Optional Policy K has special requirements for adoption.)

Mandatory Club Policies

As stated in the club bylaws (Sec. 10.4): “The club membership shall consider and adopt the mandatory club policies required by Kiwanis International, which complete provisions stated in the bylaws. Adoption shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club members present and voting, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice is given to the club members.”

Mandatory policies must be considered, completed, and adopted by the club and submitted to Kiwanis International for approval with the club’s bylaws.

A. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

Note: Per Bylaws Section 2.2, this policy provides uniform definition of “member in good standing” for all members of the same club.

A member is not considered in good standing with the club if he/she:

1. Is more than [*choose one or both of the following by filling in the blank*: 3_months -or- _____(amount) in arrears on dues or fees owed by that member.
2. *Optional*: Other requirement(s):
Additional expenses may be related to holiday parties.

Note: This is where your club may list requirements, if any, which are not related to dues or fees. However, be cautious about listing other requirements, which must be enforced uniformly among all members.

B. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Note: Complete the fields listed below as appropriate. (The provisions in this policy refer to Bylaws Sections 4.1 and 5.4.)

1. This club has one (1) office of vice-president. *Note: If your club has one or more offices of vice-president, state the number. If your club does not have the office of vice-president, state "0" (zero).*
2. This club has seven (7) directors. *Note: A minimum of three directors are required. There is no maximum number.*
3. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by X the president-elect
 - **Note: If your club has more than one vice president, this shall be assumed to be the first vice president.*

C. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TERMS

Note: Per Bylaws Section 5.3, choose the appropriate number of years as the term for each officer or set of officers.

Officers and directors' terms are as follows:

1. President, president-elect, immediate past president, and secretary (if appointed by the president. 1 year
2. Secretary: 1 year *Note: If appointed by the president, the secretary should have the same length of term as the president.*
3. Treasurer: 1 year
4. Vice-president(s) (if any): 1 year
5. All directors: 2 years *Note: If either 2- or 3-year terms are chosen, the directors will be elected so that only one-half or one-third of the terms are elected each year.*

D. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTION PROCESS

Note: Per Bylaws Article 5, each club must adopt a written process for nomination and election of club officers and directors. The following process states the basic requirements for nominations and elections. The club may add requirements at its discretion (deadlines, special forms, nominating committee, etc.) or as may be required by local law.

The election process for this club is as follows:

1. The club secretary will be appointed by the president and approved by the board. If the club secretary is not elected, he/she will be appointed within one (1) week after elections are held. *Note: If the secretary and treasurer position are combined, the position should be elected, not appointed.*
2. Volunteers will be appointed to prepare the ballot, count the votes, and certify the results.
3. Nominations may be made in advance or from the floor during the annual meeting, with the consent of those nominated.
4. Cumulative voting is not allowed. Absentee ballots are not allowed. Proxy ballots are not allowed.
5. Ballots are only necessary when there are more nominees for an office than offices to be filled. If any ballot does not reflect a majority vote for one nominee, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be dropped and a new vote taken for the remaining nominees; the

same process will be followed until one nominee receives a majority of the votes. If there are more nominees for directors than offices to be filled, those receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected without additional voting.

6. Electronic balloting is permitted for club elections. Secure website balloting is recommended to ensure privacy and accuracy. (If necessary, consult Kiwanis International for guidelines.)
7. The club secretary will certify the election results to Kiwanis International and to the district (and region, if any).
8. Incoming officers and directors are referred to as “-designate” (examples: president-elect- designate, secretary-designate, etc).
9. Additional requirements (if any) used by this club are:

The election process for the Kiwanis Club of Portsmouth is as follows:

March

In March, the Board of Directors will determine the vacant positions based on the tenure of those elected for Board and club officers for the new year beginning in October. Directors will serve for two (2) years each, three of which are elected one year and then four (4) which are elected the next year. A total of seven (7) positions will be on the Board of Directors along with the officers.

March-May

Vacant positions will be announced to the club membership. The annual meeting will be scheduled for May and will include the election of officers and the new Board of Directors being vacant in October. Nominations may be made in advance with the consent of those nominated and they must be members in good standing.

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee will be appointed in March by the President. A committee of five (5) will consist of not less than three (3) past presidents and two (2) members. All nominations will be referred to by the committee for review. The duties of the committee will be to interview potential candidates, answer questions and to determine their interest in club leadership. The consenting candidates must be in good standing to be placed on the ballot. This selection process should be completed by May 1st. The ballots will be approved by the Board in May, and the reading of the ballots will be done during membership meetings. The election is completed by the membership during the annual meeting in May not later than May 15.

The club secretary and/or assistant secretary will be appointed by the president and approved by the Board; he/she will be appointed within one (1) week after elections are held in May. Note: If the secretary and treasurer's positions are combined, the treasurer's position should be elected, not appointed.

Annual meeting elections in May

Volunteers will be appointed by the President to prepare the ballot, count the votes, and certify the results. Absentee ballots are allowed by electronic voting process as determined by the Board of Directors. If there are more nominees for directors than offices to be filled, those receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected without additional voting. The presidential officer will declare the closure of the voting opportunity. Results will be shared when completed. The club secretary will certify the election results to Kiwanis International and to the Ohio District no later than June 1st through Kiwanis Engage.

Vacancies throughout the year. If an elected director is unable to fulfill the office, the nomination and election process is used to fill the position. If an officer is unable to fulfill the elected position,

the most experienced available officer will step in to complete the work of the office until the next election.

E. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

To perform its annual financial examination as stated in Bylaws Section 8.3, this club: [*check one of the following*]

1. ____ Hires a qualified accounting firm; or
2. X Has a standing financial review committee composed of two or more qualified* club members, excluding any board members. Selection of the members will be determined by vote of the club board . Committee members' terms shall be for one year each, October 1 – September 30. It is recommended that no person serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Note: An annual examination of financial records should include, but not be limited to, bank reconciliations, income, disbursements, balance sheets and income and expense statements, and any other financial records or reports of the club.

**Qualified club members are those in good standing with the club who have financial or accounting experience.*

Optional Club Policies

As stated in the club bylaws (Sec. 10.5): “The club board may adopt other club policies that are not in contravention of the applicable laws, club bylaws, Kiwanis International bylaws and district bylaws (and regional bylaws, if any) by at least a majority vote of the club board members present and voting, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice is given to the board members.”

The policies listed below are for consideration by the club because they may assist in club operations. However, they are not mandatory and may or may not be adopted, at the club’s discretion. Optional policies do not require approval by Kiwanis International.

F. OPTIONAL POLICY: CLUBS DUES AND FEES

☒ *Check here if the club wishes to have this policy.*

☐ *Check here if the club does not wish to use this policy.*

Notes: Clubs are not required to state their dues and fees in governing documents but may state them in this optional policy as a way to capture the most recent amounts. If stated below, the amounts should be updated whenever the club changes them. (a) The dues and new member enrollment fee amounts should include the current Kiwanis International dues and fees and district dues and fees (and regional dues and fees, if any). (b) If new members are alumni of Service Leadership Programs, clubs should not charge them prorated dues upon joining the club or charge them for Kiwanis International dues for two years after joining. See Bylaws Section 8.5 regarding how club dues and fees are set.

Members will pay the following financial obligations to the club:

A. Currency: US

B. Annual dues amount: \$600. Which includes meals

C. New member enrollment fee amount: \$100

Note: If the new member amount is pro-rated, then state the minimum and maximum amounts.

Example: “Prorated monthly, from \$0 to \$40.”

D. Other amount, if any: Item:

Amount: Holiday meal expenses may be an extra cost.

Note: Repeat line 4 for each ‘other amount’ the club may have and complete as appropriate.

G. OPTIONAL POLICY: CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

☒ *Check here if the club wishes to have this policy.*

☐ *Check here if the club does not wish to use this policy.*

Note: Per Bylaws Section 3.2, each club is required to meet no less than once per month. The club board determines the frequency, day, time, and place of regular club meetings. The club may use this policy to list club meeting information. However, this is not a reporting mechanism; if your club’s meeting information changes, please report it separately to Kiwanis International.

1. This club meets weekly as follows:

Club membership meetings are weekly at 11:45 am.

2. Club satellite meeting (if any):

Note: If the club has more than one satellite meeting, repeat line 2 and complete as appropriate.

H. OPTIONAL POLICY: ADDITIONAL DUTIES (if any) OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

X Check here if the club wishes to have this policy.

___ Check here if the club does not wish to use this policy.

Note: Per Bylaws Section 4.2, additional duties are not required but may be added at the club's discretion.

Officer's and directors' duties, other than those defined in the club bylaws, are as follows:

1) President: Acts as the club's executive officer; presides at all meetings of the members and the Board; and regularly reports to all groups. Promotes the Objects of Kiwanis International and the positive image of Kiwanis in the community. Serves as an ex-officio member of all committees and is responsible for assigning members to committees as needed. Arranges an *annual audit* or an *annual examination* by an appropriate entity. Attends District conferences and Division meetings presenting the views of the club and reports information to members. Acts as delegate to the International and District conventions. Will serve for one year unless re-elected.

2) Vice president: Shall perform duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President or Board of Directors. Prepares for the service of President by attending orientation programs online or per Ohio District. Acts in absence of President and President elect. Plans and coordinates the Christmas holiday party for club membership as directed by the Board. Will serve for one year unless re-elected.

3) Secretary: Shall keep the club's records and promptly reports membership changes to Kiwanis International; keeps minutes of club and board meetings. Shall attend the training conference for club secretary online or per Ohio District. Files required reports (if any) with local, national, and other government authorities. Keeps the club books and records, including membership and attendance. E) Orders supplies as directed by club officers. Regularly reports to the members and the Board of Directors. Regularly observes the Secretary Scorecard on the Kiwanis International website and reports status to the club officers. Serves by appointment of the president and approval by the Board for one year.

4) Treasurer: Receives all funds paid to the club and promptly deposits in the official depositories. Disperses all funds on the order of the Board of Directors. Prepares an annual budget for Board approval at beginning of Fiscal year in October. Shall attend the training conference for treasurer online or in Ohio District. Files required reports (if any) with local, national, and other government authorities. Handles and accounts for all club funds on authority of the Board. Reconciles all cash accounts monthly. Oversees the submission of the Club's 990 form to the IRS before February 15 annually to secure the club's 501(c) 4 tax status. Maintains club financial records and regularly reports to the members and the Board of directors. Makes available for inspection by the President, the board of directors, or any authorized auditors, the financial accounts and records of the club. Will serve for one year unless re-elected by the members of the club at annual election of officers.

5) Directors: Shall attend monthly Board of Director meetings as scheduled. Participates on club committees as requested by the President. Maintains frequent communication with club members and officers to ensure needs of the club are met. Acts as a liaison to the community and the club to ensure a positive image of Kiwanis.

I. OPTIONAL POLICY: STANDING COMMITTEES (if any)

X Check here if the club wishes to have this policy.

___ Check here if the club does not wish to use this policy.

Notes: (a) Per Bylaws Section 3.4, list all relevant standing committees. Kiwanis International recommends each club have standing committees on Membership (covers growth, retention, education, and public relations); Programs (covers club meetings and special events); and Service and Fundraising (covers community services, Service Leadership Program, and the Kiwanis International global campaign for children). These topics may be divided into separate committees. (b) If the club has opted for a standing Financial Review Committee in Policy E, you do not need to re-state that committee here.

This club has the following standing committees:

- 1.Membership Growth and Education Committee- Purpose:** The committee serves to encourage growth, awards and recognition, retention and education of members. Duties: New member election, transfer of membership, orientation of new members, membership honors awards recognition, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.
- 2.Program Administration Committee -Purpose:** The committee serves to coordinate all club meetings and special events. Duties: Speakers, reception, interclub meetings, club assessments, spiritual aims, music and singing, membership concerns, holiday events, meeting equipment and supplies necessary for members and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board. The President Elect shall serve and coordinate this committee.
- 3.Community Services Committee-Purpose:** The committee serves to address community needs and requests, acts to promote Kiwanis values, develops serviceable citizenship, and works within approved budget of funding. Duties: Reviews and determines the need for Kiwanis services, public relations, and responds to identified needs and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.
- 4.Special Projects Committee-Purpose:** The committee identifies and supports existing special projects Duties: identifies new projects and provides leadership to advance the goals of Kiwanis in the community and world-wide, including the world-wide projects as identified by Kiwanis International, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.
- 5.Service Leadership (Sponsored Youth) Committee-Purpose:** The committee coordinates all youth- centered activities including Key Clubs, Builders Club and Circle K at SSU. Duties: Ensures structure, membership oversight, determines funding budget, reports activities to membership and embodies the Kiwanian values in all youth activities, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board. Club Advisors of this committee are required to have a clear background check every two years and complete the required education as prescribed by Kiwanis International.
- 6.Finance Ways and Means Committee- Purpose:** The committee acts to provide oversight and coordination of all financial planning and funding of club activities including current fundraisers and potential activities. Duties: Plans and coordinates for annual financial review by the club officers and Board. Identifies new fundraising activities, assists committee chairs and officers with administration and budget preparation, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.
- 7.By Laws & Amendments Committee-Purpose:** Reviews and provides direction to maintain the Kiwanis International written structure and to define local club policy and practice. Duties: Review and make recommendations for By Law changes to remain current with club policy, practice and organizational alignment with Kiwanis International, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.
- 8.Kiwanis Scholarship Committee-Purpose:** The committee coordinates, plans, reviews and promotes all aspects of the scholarship program. Duties: Planning, communication, promotion, execution, and awards to students at Shawnee State University. The committee will provide financial oversight throughout the year.
- 9.Publicity Committee-Purpose:** The committee serves to communicate news and information to Kiwanis members and the Public. Duties: Generation and publication of *The Rambler* newsletter, maintenance and updates of the Kiwanis website and Facebook page, issuance of news releases to local media, and such duties as may be assigned by the Board.
- 10.Tracy Park Playground Maintenance Committee- Purpose:** This committee serves to maintain the playground equipment for the Tracy Park Kiwanis Playground (contains ADA and regular equipment). Duties: This committee will regularly (monthly) inspect the playground equipment located at Tracy Park for any flaws or maintenance

needs and report back to the committee chair for permission to repair and/or acquire necessary materials. The committee will provide financial oversight and work with the Treasurer for supply needs and expenses. Fundraising may be required.

Committee function: Each committee shall be composed of 3 or more members and shall serve for a term of one year commencing on the first day of October. Chairs are encouraged to select members for the committee, or the President shall assign members as needed.

- All additional committees and members are appointed by and subject to removal by the President. New members will be assigned to a committee to encourage engagement early in their orientation.
- Chairpersons will recruit members to their committee in October and as vacancies occur.
- Each committee shall be responsible to the President, and they shall perform such duties as may be defined in their creation.
- Each committee shall cooperate with the appropriate Kiwanis International or District committees to promote programs suggested by such committees when possible and practical.
- Committee chairs will provide a report monthly to the club officers and Board of Directors and will meet on a regular schedule, but not less than quarterly, which is communicated to the membership at the beginning of each year in October.
- Committees will report to the membership at standing meetings as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and officers.

J. OPTIONAL POLICY: OTHER CLUB POSITIONS (if any)

X Check here if the club wishes to have this policy

Note: Per Bylaws Section 6.1, use this policy to list any non-officer positions the club normally utilizes. If the club does not have or want any additional positions, disregard this option.

In addition to officers and directors specified in the bylaws and standing committees stated above, this club has the following other positions (such as administrative secretary, assistant treasurer, etc.):

- 1. President-elect:** Shall act in the absence of the President and preside at all membership meetings and Board of Directors as necessary. Shall be the only nominee for office of President. Prepares and conducts all programs throughout year of office with supporting committee as needed. Acts as program committee chair if organized as such. Prepares for the service of President by attending orientation programs online or per Ohio District. While serving as President –designate, attends the International and District conventions, conferences, and trainings for club officer. Performs other duties as assigned by the club President or Board of Directors. Will serve for one year unless re-elected.
- 2. Immediate past president:** Shall perform duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President or Board of Directors. Shall attend Division meetings for selection of the Lieutenant Governor and Lieutenant Governor Elect. Shall attend the Board of Directors meetings to offer experience and expertise as a consultant. May need to act as meeting chair in absence of other officers if they are not prepared to do so.
- 3. Assistant to the Secretary:** Shall perform duties and responsibilities as assigned by the appointed Secretary. Acts in the absence of the Secretary to assume Board meeting minutes/agenda. Shall attend the training conference for club secretary online or in the Ohio District. Serves by appointment of the president and approval by the Board for one year. Orders supplies as directed by club officers. Regularly observes the Secretary Scorecard on the Kiwanis International website and reports status to the club officers. Shall assist in updating club membership directory and club committees. Will serve for one year unless reappointed by the Board of Directors.
- 4. Assistant to the Treasurer:** Shall perform duties and responsibilities as assigned by the elected Treasurer. Shall attend the training conference for club treasurer online or per Ohio District. Assists the Treasurer to prepare an annual budget for Board approval at beginning of Fiscal year in October. Assists in audit preparation in the direction of the Treasurer. Assists in the submission of the Club's 990 form to the IRS before February 15 annually to secure the club's 501(c) 4 tax status. Will serve for one year unless re-elected by the members of the club at annual election of officers.

Note: If the club has more than one 'other position,' repeat the lines above and complete as appropriate.)

K. OPTIONAL POLICY: SPECIAL VOTE REQUIREMENTS (if any)

 Check here if the club wishes to have this policy.

X Check here if the club does not wish to use this policy.

Notes: (a) If the club wishes to require a vote on something not specified in the bylaws or mandatory policies, it should list it/them below. (b) Or, if the club wishes to require a higher vote than that stated in the bylaws or mandatory policies, it should list it/them below. (c) The requirement for such votes must first be adopted by each body they pertain to: the club board and/or the club membership. (d) If the club does not have any special items or higher vote requirements, disregard this option. This policy pertains to the Bylaws generally.

The vote required for particular types of business not covered in the club bylaws is as follows:

1. Type of business: _____
requires [**check one**: majority -or- two-thirds -or- (other vote: state it here) _____] vote of the club [**check one** board -or- members] upon [**add number**] _____ days previous notice.

Note: If the club has more than one special vote requirement, repeat the lines above and complete as appropriate.

L. OPTIONAL POLICY: SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP TYPES (if any)

X Check here if the club wishes to have this policy.

 Check here if the club does not wish to use this policy.

Note: Use this policy to state any special types of membership the club may establish. If the club has no special membership types, disregard this option.

Clubs are urged to use caution and give thorough advance consideration before adopting any special types of membership. Adoption of special types of membership **requires a three-fourths (3/4) vote** of the club membership present and voting. Be aware that the only membership type recognized by Kiwanis International for dues, voting, or any other purposes is active (regular) membership and that full dues and fees must be paid by the club to Kiwanis International and the district (and region, if any) for all members reported on the annual club roster, regardless of any discounts the club may grant for some membership types. All dues-paying members have the right of voting on club issues and holding club office or director positions, as provided in Section 2.2 of the club bylaws.

Special Membership Types

This club has the following special types of membership with the stated criteria and benefits for each.

1. **Senior Membership** - Any member who shall have been an active member in good standing of one or more Kiwanis clubs for not less than ten years, and who is unable to meet attendance requirements because of health, business, or other extenuating circumstances, and who shall have not met such other conditions as may be prescribed by this club in these by laws, may be elected by the Board of Directors as a senior member upon making written application. The affiliate member pays an annual membership fee equal to the cost of supporting membership, which includes Kiwanis International dues, insurance, District dues, Division dues, etc. (\$175 annually). The Board of Directors shall review the list of senior members not less than once each year and shall

have authority, for such reasons as seem adequate, to terminate any such member from senior status to active status. This membership type is an active member by Kiwanis International. Benefits: the cost of the weekly meal is not included in the dues, and the status provides flexibility in attendance.

2. Affiliate Membership- Occasionally an individual may wish to join the Kiwanis Club in a limited capacity. This membership is only available to new members. The affiliate member pays an annual membership fee equal to the cost of supporting membership, which includes Kiwanis International dues, insurance, District dues, Division dues, etc. (\$175 annually). Application for membership will be submitted with an application fee (\$100). The affiliate member will be responsible for the cost of luncheon or holiday meals as attended. Benefits: the cost of the weekly meal is not included in the dues, and the status provides flexibility in attendance.

3. All membership types will be reviewed annually prior to September and revised as necessary by general membership and the Board of Directors.

M. OPTIONAL POLICY: ADDITIONAL TOPIC(S)

X Check here if the club wishes to have a policy on an additional topic(s).

Check here if the club does not wish to have a policy on an additional topic(s).

Note: A club policy on an additional topic(s): (1) may not be in contravention of other Kiwanis governing documents or applicable local laws; (2) should assist club operations in a strategic way; (3) should be long-term, lasting multiple years, until or unless changed or rescinded; (4) must be properly adopted as stated in Section 10.5 of the Standard Form for Club Bylaws.

POLICY TITLE: Admission to Membership for Kiwanis Club of Portsmouth.

POLICY CONTENT: A criminal history background check (BGC) is required by the Kiwanis partner; Safe Hiring Solutions and no other agency can be employed to complete this task.

This is only completed at time of admission to the club. Successful completion of the BGC is considered clear. All BGC shall be reviewed by the President of the club or designee ie. Chair of Membership, Growth and Education Committee.

Note: Repeat the two lines above for each additional club policy and complete as appropriate for each.

Adoption and Approval of Club Bylaws, Mandatory Policies, and Optional Policies

If you have reviewed your edited by laws and policies and are ready to submit this version to Kiwanis International for review and approval, choose the date the bylaws and policies were adopted by your club and hit Submit. Once you hit Submit, your new bylaws and policies will display under Pending Approval on the Club Bylaws Management Center dashboard until they are approved by Kiwanis International. If you need to make unexpected changes after submission, you'll have the option to unsubmit this version, edit it, and re-submit it.

Submitting these bylaws certifies that the club has properly adopted them. Proper adoption requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club members in attendance at a meeting announced for that purpose and at which at least a quorum of members was present.

CLUB ADOPTION	KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL APPROVAL
Date adopted by the club:	Date approved by Kiwanis International
<u>October 1, 2025</u>	<u></u>
Designated club representative:	By:
<u>Sharon Carver, Chair By Laws</u>	<u></u>