

MICHIGAN STATE CHAPTER
NWTF
BYLAWS

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BYLAWS FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE CHAPTER OF THE
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, INC.
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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization is the Michigan State Chapter (hereinafter referred to as the Chapter) of the National Wild Turkey Federation (hereinafter referred to as the NWTF). The Chapter shall not have or use any other name.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

The purpose and objectives of the Chapter are:

- a) To develop, restore and maintain wild turkey habitat and populations;
- b) To establish, maintain and promote public interest in the restoration and management of the wild turkey;
- c) To give and promote lectures, entertainments and exhibitions concerning wild turkey and areas of related interest for the general public and for members of the Chapter;
- d) To promote hunting and hunting related outdoor sports.
- e) To do all other things necessary and proper in the furtherance of the stated purpose and objectives consistent with the exclusively educational and nonprofit nature of the Chapter.

ARTICLE III

POWER

The Chapter will operate exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code, and may not engage in any activities that would prevent it from obtaining or cause it to lose its federal tax-exempt status as described in the Internal Revenue Code.

The Chapter shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on the behalf of any candidate for public office. The carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation shall be limited to the extent permitted under the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service applicable to organizations enjoying the federal tax-exempt status.

The activities of the Chapter shall not conflict with the policies and activities of the NWTF, the NWTF Constitution and Bylaws, the NWTF Certificate of Incorporation, this Chapter Constitution and Bylaws or violate any law. Otherwise the Chapter shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out its purpose and goals.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

All members of the state Chapter must be members of the NWTF. Each member of the NWTF will be assigned by the NWTF to a state or provincial Chapter based upon his or her mailing address of record.

A member may become a voting member of a state or provincial Chapter other than that which would be designated by his or her mailing address of record if he or she desires, by sending written notice of same to the NWTF. A NWTF member may be a voting member in only one state or provincial Chapter at any one given time.

A state or provincial Chapter may not charge dues to become or continue being a member of that Chapter. No state or provincial Chapter may exclude any member properly assigned to that Chapter by the NWTF.

ARTICLE V

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS REQUIRED

The state Chapter shall have a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the Board) and a set of Chapter Officers (hereinafter referred to as Officers).

The Board shall have no more than (19) members consisting of the immediate past Chapter President, two Directors from the Upper Peninsula (Zone 1), four Directors from Northern Lower Peninsula (Zone 2), and twelve Directors from Southern Lower Peninsula (Zone 3).

The Officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and any other such Officers as shall be deemed appropriate by the Chapter to carry out its purposes and objectives. One person may serve as both the Secretary and a Treasurer; otherwise, no one person may hold more than one of these Offices at any one time. The Chapter President and Vice President cannot serve in their respective positions for more than two consecutive terms.

All Officers and members of the Board must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and must be members of the respective Chapter.

Section 2 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chapter shall have a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the current President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The President of the Chapter shall serve as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3 – NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There will be no automatic appointments to the Board other than the immediate past president. All other members of the Board must be nominated and elected. No National Director of the NWTF, during his or her term of office, may be an Officer or a Board member of a state, provincial or local Chapter of the NWTF.

The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Board, by the 1st of August, one qualified candidate for each of the positions on the Board to be filled. Additional nominations to the Board may be made from the membership by any Chapter member, by submitting a letter with resume to the Nominating Committee, received by September 1st and signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) members of the Chapter.

Section 4 – ELECTION OF THE BOARD

If there are no nominees to the Board who have been properly nominated by the Chapter membership, the slate of candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee shall automatically become elected. If there are any nominees properly obtained from the Chapter membership, there shall be an election.

In the event an election by ballot is necessary, the Nominating Committee shall have published in the State newsletter or mailing to Chapter membership, a listing of all candidates properly nominated in the form of a ballot. All Chapter members, except JAKES, shall be eligible to vote once with this ballot and only with this ballot. Chapter member's current membership number must appear on ballots to be valid. The cut-off date for the election and the address to which the ballot is to be returned must plainly appear with the ballot. The cut-off date for the return of ballots for such an election will be January 1st, but will be no less than six (6) weeks after the mailing. All ballots are to be returned to the Chapter Nominating Committee and must be in their possession on or before the cut-off date in order to be counted. Any ballots received after the cut-off date shall not be counted. Any ballot received by the Chapter Nominating Committee which contains more votes than number of open positions on the Chapter Board shall not be counted in any part. The candidates obtaining the highest number of votes for the open positions will be elected. In case of a tie, the Chapter Nominating Committee shall select the winner or winners from among those tied.

Section 5 – ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Chapter Officers shall be elected from the current members of the Board. This election shall be by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board at its first meeting of each new term, or as shortly thereafter as a quorum can be obtained at a Board meeting. Nominations for the Chapter Officers may be made by any member of the Board.

Section 6 – RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

a) PRESIDENT

The President of the Chapter shall also serve as the Chairman of the Chapter Board of Directors. The President shall be the Chief Officer of the Chapter and have general supervision over the affairs of the Chapter. He shall preside at all

meeting of the Board, shall keep the Board fully informed on matters concerning the affairs of the Chapter and shall have such other powers and duties consistent with these Bylaws and as may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board.

b) VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall have the powers and duties as may be assigned to him by the Board. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

c) SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and maintaining the minutes of all meetings of the Board. The Secretary shall also perform all such other duties customarily incident to the office of the Secretary.

d) TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities which belong to the Chapter. The treasurer shall keep full and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements of the Chapter and shall be responsible for the depositing of all monies and other valuable effects of the Chapter in an appropriate account as the Board may from time to time designate. Whenever required by the Board, the Treasurer shall render a statement of his or her accounts and shall at all reasonable times exhibit his or her books and accounts to any Director of the Chapter. The Treasurer shall perform all duties customarily incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board.

Section 7 – REPORTING OF ELECTION RESULTS

It is the responsibility of the incoming Chapter President to provide, in writing, to the Director of Chapter and Membership Development of the NWTF, a listing of all the incoming Officers, their mailing addresses and their phone numbers (both their day number and their evening number, if possible). In addition, the date that these newly elected Officers take office must be included in this correspondence.

The NWTF is not allowed to distribute any funds to any Chapter, or on behalf of any Chapter, who has not properly reported its Officers to the NWTF.

Section 8 – TERMS OF OFFICE

All members of the Board and Officers shall serve a concurrent two (2) year term, or until the newly elected Directors take office, whichever is later.

Section 9 – VACANCIES

All vacancies in the Board and Officers shall be filled by the Board by a majority vote of a quorum at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. All such appointments shall extend through the original term of office. Nominations for all such vacancies may be made by any member of the Board.

Section 10 – RESIGNATIONS

Any Director or Officer may resign from office at any time by delivering a written resignation to the President or Secretary of the Chapter.

Section 11 – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Any member of the Board and any Officer may be removed from office by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the entire Board. Before the Board votes on removing a Director or Officer, that Director or Officer has the right to address, for a reasonable amount of time, the Board at a scheduled meeting. Notice for such a meeting must be mailed, first-class postage paid, to any and all Directors and Officers under consideration for removal. This notice shall be mailed to their address of record no less than fourteen (14) days before the scheduled meeting.

Section 12 – COMPENSATION

No Director or Officer of a Chapter shall receive any monetary compensation for serving in the capacity of a Director or Officer of a Chapter or any committee thereof.

Section 13 – QUORUM

A quorum of the Board is fifty percent (50%) or more of its members. A quorum of the Board is necessary for the Board to take official action. All Chapter Officers except the President will be allowed to vote on all issues. The President will only vote as the tie breaker in the event of a tie.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

The Board may establish such committees that it deems necessary and convenient to carry on the goals and purposes of the Chapter. The number of committees, their composition and their length of existence is to be determined by the Board.

Each Director of the Board will be expected to Chair or Co-Chair a major committee for the state Chapter.

ARTICLE VII

LOSS OF CHAPTER CHARTER

If a Chapter has its Charter taken away by the Board of Directors of the NWTF, all chapter assets immediately become the property of the NWTF. All such assets must immediately be turned over to the NWTF by the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII

FORMAT OF MEETINGS

All Chapter meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDING THE BYLAWS

The bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of the Directors, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment(s) is presented to each Director fourteen (14) days prior to the Board meeting