

## **Article 13: Termination of Membership**

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A membership may be revoked by the Executive Committee for cause. Cause shall be deemed to include, but not limited to (i) nonpayment of annual dues, (ii) improper behavior toward another club member, (iii) failure to follow the bylaws of the club, as well as improper, dangerous, or unlawful conduct at any club activity, function, or event.

**B.**

### **Procedure for removal of a member**

All charges against a member or members must be presented to the Executive Committee in writing and signed by the charging party. The charges must state the act or acts to be considered, including the approximate relevant dates and/or places. The Executive committee shall schedule a Special Meeting for a hearing and immediately send a notice of the charges to the member at their last known address. Both the complainant and member in question shall be sent a written notice of the time and place of the meeting. If the member in question fails to attend the Special meeting, the Committee shall proceed with the meeting and render a decision as though that person were present. If the charging party fails to attend the Special Meeting, the charges will not be heard. Both parties will be allowed to present their statements of facts at the hearing and may request, in advance to the Committee, the presence of other members whose testimony pertains directly or significantly to the matter at hand. At the conclusion of all testimony, the Committee may privately consider the case and then vote on the charges. Removal shall require a super majority vote (greater than or equal to 2/3 of the full Committee).

## **Appeal Process**

**C.**

**Any member whose membership is revoked will have (7) seven calendar days to appeal the revocation. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary, via USPS or email: and must include any relevant information that has not already been presented. The President will then submit the appeal to the Appeals Committee. This committee consists of (3) three Executive Committee Members and (4) four general members, who will be selected from a general membership meeting. This committee will then render a decision at the next Executive Committee meeting. Any member whose membership has been revoked will not be allowed to prospect on any GSSN claim and will not be allowed on any GSSN owned property, as a guest or otherwise. Any member whose membership has been revoked will forfeit dues already remitted.**