



Rio Salado Sportsman's Club

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Policy #15 – Donations to Other Organizations

Rio Salado Sportsman's Club may occasionally find it beneficial to make donations to other organizations with mutual interests and goals.

Procedures – Donations to Other Organizations

Strategic Objectives for Donations

The purpose of our donation efforts is to support the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club ('RSSC') objectives, to positively impact and strengthen our community as it pertains to the priorities and interests of RSSC, and to represent our values in a public manner

Contribution Priorities

1. To promote organized recreational shooting opportunities for RSSC members and the general public - especially youth.
2. To preserve and protect the Rights articulated in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.
3. Education – RSSC believes strongly that supporting our youth through merit awarded contributions to higher education represents an investment in the long-term interests of RSSC objectives.
4. Military – RSSC believes that supporting the Armed Forces and Veterans is congruent with the preservation of the natural Rights enumerated in the Constitution of the United States of America.

Donation Guidelines

1. Organizations receiving donations must be closely related to a "Contribution Priority" of RSSC. For example: Friends of NRA, Wildlife for Tomorrow, Game & Fish Dept.
2. Use of any donation must be direct.
3. Requests for donations may be made by presentation and written request to the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
4. All decisions regarding donation requests are made at the final discretion of the Board of Directors.
5. Donations of merchandise to Community Service organizations, such as Police and Fire, that service our area and are less than \$100 in value may be made at the discretion of the club President or Range Manager to promote good will. (i.e. hats, and T-shirts.)

Specific Exclusions

RSSC *will not* directly support the following with financial or product donations from any Club monies or other assets:

1. Political or religious causes.
2. **Individual** participation in events or fundraisers, such as walk-a-thons, fundraising sporting events, etcetera.
3. Requests for donations to support groups or individuals through personal hardships such as illness, injury, or death.
4. RSSC will not support any organization that discriminates on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability with respect to employment, volunteer participation, or the provision of services.
5. Requests from all local, regional, and/or school-based sports teams will not be considered unless they are directly related to a Contribution Priority (i.e. participation in any organized competitive shooting discipline.)

Use of Club Facilities for Fundraising or Soliciting Donations

RSSC recognizes and supports the philanthropic nature of facility users and RSSC members. From time to time individuals or members may request to utilize RSSC facilities to raise funds for a cause which falls outside of the spectrum of this policy. They may include soliciting donations to support individuals, members, and employees through a personal hardship such as death, injury, or serious illness. Methods of fundraising may include donation collection points located on Club property, or soliciting donations from participants at matches or other organized shooting related events.

Any request to collect donations on RSSC property or organize a Benefit Event must be submitted in writing to the RSSC President. The request should include the reason for the request, the full scope of the manner in which donations will be sought, the name of the specific person(s) responsible for administering and organizing the collection of funds and / or event organization. All decisions regarding this type of fundraising are at the discretion of the RSSC President with input from the Executive Board of Directors.

At no time may any such fundraising use the RSSC Logo or other indication that donations are being sought by or on behalf of the Club. Further, any written or verbal requests for donations (including signage) must clearly articulate *"Your contribution is a personal donation and is not in any way directly affiliated with RSSC."*

Upon conclusion of any approved fundraising activity, the designated person(s) responsible for organizing and administering the collection of funds must report within ten (10) business days in writing to the Club President the total amount of funds collected as well as proof of direct use of 100% of the collected funds. Proof of direct use may include a copy of a check or money order payable to the beneficiary, a 'thank you' letter from the beneficiary stating the amount received, or any other proof as deemed acceptable by the Club President. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in any future fundraising requests to not be considered.

Donation Policy Administration

The Executive Board of Directors may change, modify, or discontinue the Donation Policy at any time to serve the best interests of Rio Salado Sportsman's Club. A copy of the current Donation Policy will be maintained at the Main Office and may be reviewed by Members upon request.

Approved by the Board of Directors:



Bruce Bilton, Secretary, RSSC

February 21, 2018

Date

