

Rotary Club of Murray

Bylaws

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Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws

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Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Murray, Kentucky_____

Effective July 1st, 2025

Article 1 Definitions

1. Board: The board of directors of this club.
 2. Director: A director on this club's board.
 3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
 4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: one-third of the club's members for club decisions and a majority of the directors for club board decisions.
 5. RI: Rotary International.
 6. Rotary Year: The 12-month period beginning 1 July.
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Article 2 Board

The governing body of this club is its board of directors, consisting of, at a minimum, the president, immediate past president, president elect, secretary, treasurer, four directors and sergeant-at-arms.

Article 3 Elections and Terms of Office

Section 1 — During October, a nominating committee appointed by club president and consisting of a past president, a past board member and 3 members -at-large will determine a slate of candidates for election, including president, president elect, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms and any director positions. The nominations will be presented to the club at the first meeting in November. At this time, nominations may be made by members from the floor.

Section 2 — The candidate who receives a majority of the votes for each office is declared elected to that office.

Section 3 — If any officer or board member vacates their position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the vacated term.

Section 4 — If any officer-elect or director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the vacated term.

Section 5 — The terms of office for each role are:

President —	<u>one year</u>
President Elect —	<u>one year</u>
Treasurer —	<u>one year</u>
Secretary —	<u>one year</u>
Sergeant-at-arms —	<u>one year</u>
Directors —	<u>one year</u>

Article 4 Duties of the Officers

Section 1 — The president presides at club and board meetings.

Section 2 — The immediate past president serves as a member on the club board.

Section 3 — The president elect prepares for his or her year in office and serves as a director and presides at club and board meetings when the president is absent.

Section 4 — A director attends club and board meetings & is responsible for their avenue of service.

Section 5 — The secretary keeps membership and attendance records.

Section 6 — The treasurer oversees all funds and provides an accounting of them.

Section 7 — The sergeant-at-arms maintains order in club meetings.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 — An annual meeting of this club is held no later than 31 December to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.

Section 2 — This club meets as follows: Every Thursday at Noon. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.

Section 3 — Board meetings are held each month. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors.

Section 4 — Conduct of all meetings shall be governed by the Murray Rotary Club Bylaws, the Rotary International Bylaws, the Murray Rotary Club Constitution, the Rotary International Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, as necessary.

Article 6: Dues & Fees

Section 1 – As of July 1st, 2025 all members will pay a one-time INDUCTION FEE and MONTHLY DUES according to their type of membership (except Honorary):

- Active Member: INDUCTION FEE of \$25.00; MONTHLY DUES of \$70.00. Dues include RI per capita dues, subscriptions to the Rotary official magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment. Also included is lunch at the weekly club meetings, 2 tickets to the annual Tom Rushing Memorial Breakfast and 2 tickets to the club annual banquet.
- Spouse Member: INDUCTION FEE of \$25.00; MONTHLY DUES of \$25.00. Dues include RI per capita dues, subscriptions to the Rotary official magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment. If attending a weekly club meeting lunch may be purchased for \$15.00.
- Corporate Member: INDUCTION FEE of \$100.00; ANNUAL DUES of \$900.00 for Primary Corporate member. Dues include RI per capita dues, subscriptions to the Rotary official magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment. Also included is lunch at the weekly club meetings, 2 tickets to the annual Tom Rushing Memorial Breakfast and 2 tickets to the club annual banquet. Subject to approval of the club's board, the business may appoint up to two people to be Alternate Corporate members. If more than one member attends the weekly club meeting, the additional members may purchase lunch for \$15.00. For the purposes of RI registration, voting and holding office, only the Primary Corporate member qualifies.
- Honorary Member: Honorary membership is used to recognize people who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service and embody Rotary ideals, or those considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary's causes. They are exempt from paying RI dues, have no vote in Rotary matters, are not eligible to hold any club office, and are not included in a club's membership numbers in Rotary's database
- On an annual basis, the Murray Rotary Board shall evaluate dues and fees, and make any adjustments as needed.

Section 2 – Special Membership Status

- Leave of Absence: Members may present a request to the club's board for a Leave of Absence (LOA) for a period of up to 364 days. When approved, monthly dues are \$14.50.
- R-85: Members who have been a Rotarian for at least 20 years, and the sum of the member's age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or

more, may present a request to the club's board for R-85 status. When approved, monthly dues are \$14.50.

- On an annual basis, the Murray Rotary Board shall review the monthly dues of those on leave of absence and those designated as R-85 and make any adjustments as needed.

Section 3 – Dues are paid as follows: Annually or monthly via check, ACH or PayPal. PayPal will incur additional fees to utilize that service; those fees will be paid by the member paying via PayPal.

Section 4 – The club also encourages all members to support The Rotary Foundation. This would add an additional \$10.00 a month, or \$120.00 annually, to the regular monthly dues. \$100.00 goes to The Rotary Foundation to achieve "Every Rotarian, Every Year" status. \$20.00 goes to support the Polio Plus program.

Article 7: Method of Voting

The business of this club shall be conducted by voice vote. A ballot vote may be conducted as deemed appropriate by the club President, or a majority vote of the club's board or is requested by at least seven members of the club.

Article 8 Committees

Section 1 – This club's committees comprise those listed in article 13, section 7, of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Additional committees may be appointed as needed.

Section 2 – The president is an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 3 – Each committee's chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of the committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the director on all committee activities. The director then reports to the board.

Article 9 Finances

Section 1 – Before each fiscal year starts, the board prepares an annual budget of estimated income and expenditures. The fiscal year of this club shall extend from July 1st to June 30th. The payment of per capita dues and magazine subscriptions to RI shall be made on July 1st and January 1st of each year based on club membership on those dates.

Section 2 – The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution or institutions designated by the board, divided into two accounts: one for club operations and one for the Amphitheatre.

Section 3 – All bills shall be paid by checks signed by two of the following: treasurer and

the president, vice-president/president-elect & secretary. Vouchers submitted by committees shall be signed by a member of the board of directors.

Section 4 — Officers having charge or control of funds shall give bond as may be required by the board for the safe custody of club funds, cost of bond to be borne by the club. A review by the finance committee or its qualified designee shall be made once each year of all the club's financial transactions.

Section 5 — Club members will receive an annual financial statement of the club. A mid-year financial report, with current and previous year income and expenses, is presented at the annual meeting.

Section 6 — The secretary and the treasurer shall be authorized to hire clerical help to assist them, within the limits of the budget as adopted by the board. Such help shall be paid with club funds.

Article 10 Method of Electing Members

Section 1 — A member of this club proposes a candidate for membership to the board and/or the membership committee.

Section 2 — The board approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.

Section 3 — If the board approves the candidate's membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

Section 4 — If a member wishes to challenge a candidate's proposal for membership, notice must be given to the board of directors in writing within a week of notice to the club. It is the discretion of the board to determine the resolution.

Article 11 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws requires notifying each member 21 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.