

Franklin Township Republican Club

Article I: Name and Geographical Area

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Franklin Township Republican Club (FTRC)

Section 2. The geographical area of this Club shall be confined to Franklin Township, Somerset County, NJ.

Article II: Purpose and Objectives

The purpose and objectives of this Club shall be:

1. To unite the Republican electors of Franklin Township under able leadership to support the principles and objectives of Republicanism within the geographical area of the Club and also in the County, State, and Nation of which such area is a part.
2. To assist in the promotion and development of the highest principles in government.
3. To dedicate its members to work for the general good and improvement of the community within its geographical area.
4. To provide through social means an enduring fellowship among Republicans dedicated to the principle of Republicanism and the development of a better community.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. There shall be 2 classes of membership with 4 sub- classes, namely: Voting and Honorary.

Section 2. Voting members shall be due paying registered Republicans of the geographical area.

Section 3. Honorary members shall be distinguished persons, not otherwise qualified as a voting member as described above. The Somerset County GOP Chairperson shall be an honorary member.

Section 4. The sub- classes shall be as follows:

Voting-	Individual & Young Republican
Honorary-	Business & Student

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1. General membership meetings shall be held on the fourth Monday of every month at the hour and place designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the general membership and the election of officers shall be held during the month of January on the fourth Monday, with the newly elected officers and executive committee taking office immediately.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year at the call of the President, or upon written request of fifty percent (50%) of the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Each Club member and each Executive Committee member shall receive at least 5 days' notice of all meetings to which he or she shall be entitled to attend.

Section 6. Two thirds (2/3) of the ATTENDING members shall constitute a quorum of the general membership.

Section 7. One half (1/2) of the total members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

Article V: Dues

Section 1. -Each voting member shall pay dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00) each year of membership for an individual, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for Young Republicans, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for students and one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) for businesses. Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for 2-year Individual membership.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the above sections of this Article, annual dues for any membership class shall be raised by a majority vote of the general membership attending regular or special meetings without the necessity of amending these Bylaws or by Executive majority vote.

Section 4. Annual dues should be reviewed yearly.

Section 5. All dues shall be paid on or before the last day of March of each year. Members not joining in May will have their membership dues prorated for their first year.

Article VI: Officers & Executive Committee

Section 1. The officers of this Club shall be: President; Vice President; Secretary; and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of:

- The Current President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure of the Club

Article VII: Voting

The business of this Club shall be transacted by voice vote except for the election of Officers and Executive Committee members, which shall be by written ballot unless there is only one nominee for an office. Each voting member in good standing has one vote, which may be cast in person OR via an electronic service acquired by the Executive Committee, whichever the Committee deems suitable.

Article VIII: Election of Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the January meeting. Officers shall be nominated by the floor at the meeting preceding the Annual Meeting.

Section 2.

a) The candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices for a term of one (1) year and shall hold office until their respective successors are duly elected.

b) Candidates for the Executive Committee, pursuant to Article VI, Section 2

c) Above shall be members of the Club in good standing and as such they shall be eligible to fill positions.

Article IX: Duties of Officers and Committees

Section 1. President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Club appoint officers to fill vacancies subject to approval of the Executive Committee and to perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Section 2. Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside over meetings of the Club in the absence of the President and to exercise control and supervision over all internal functions of the club.

Section 3. Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep records of membership, record and preserve the minutes of business meetings of the Club, send out correspondences, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

Section 4. Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have custody of all Club funds, accounting for the same to the Club at its annual meeting and at any other time upon demand of the Executive Committee and to perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office including the paying of bills in accordance with Article X of these Bylaws.

Section 6. Membership Committee: This Committee shall consist of at least 2 Voting members in good standing, as appointed by the President. The Vice President of the Club will oversee this committee. This Committee shall actively promote membership in the Club, shall check qualifications for membership in accordance with Article III, and shall reject the request of each membership who does not qualify in accordance with Article III.

Article X: Finances

Section 1. The Treasure shall deposit all funds of the Club in a bank to be named by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. All disbursements shall be paid only by checks signed by the Treasurer or either the President or Vice President after bills have been approved or authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The fiscal year of the Club shall end December 31st of each year.

Article XI: Order of Business

The order of business at all General Membership meetings and Executive Committee meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Report of Officers
5. Chairman's Report of Executive Committee Meetings
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee *(If Applicable)*
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

Article XII: Public Affairs

The general welfare of the community is of concern to the members of this Club and the merits of any public question involving such welfare shall be fairly and intelligently studied and discussed, pro and con, before a general meeting for the enlightenment of the members in forming their individual opinions. This Club, any Officer or member of the Executive Committee of this club, or any other members of the Club, shall not, on behalf of the Club, express any opinion on any pending controversial public measure unless or until a majority of the Voting Members present at a regular meeting or special meeting approve and have agreed to the same opinion.

Article XIII: Amendments to Bylaws

These Bylaws shall be amended only at the Annual Meeting or by Executive Committee majority or at a Special Meeting of the general membership provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given, in electronic writing, with notification of the meeting at which it is to be acted upon and 2/3 majority of voting members.

ARTICLE XIV: Expulsion

Section 1. Any member may be suspended or expelled for cause by a three-fourths majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee, and one month's previous notice in writing having been given to the member with a copy of the charge(s) referred against him.

Section 2. Any Board member, officer, or other member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office for cause at any meeting of the Executive Committee, by a like vote, and upon like notice.