

GRANITE STATE DOLL CLUB – STANDING RULES
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Member of the United Federation of Doll Clubs

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of the organization shall be Granite State Doll Club.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to promote an interest in all matters pertaining to doll collecting.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1

Doll collectors requesting Active membership must be at least 18 years old, own at least ten (10) dolls, and attend two (2) Club meetings as a guest of the same member.

Sec. 2

The applicant shall submit a Letter of Intent of membership to the Club's President.

Sec. 3

When attending the second meeting as a guest, the applicant will receive an application form and a short version of the standing rules for membership.

Sec. 4

Upon attendance at the third meeting, the completed application will be presented and read to the Club. The application must include the signatures of three (3) members in good standing acting as sponsors and be accompanied by a written reference from one of the sponsors. At this meeting the applicant will give a presentation to the Club of six (6) of the applicant's dolls. The applicant may not attend another meeting until notified of the Club's decision on membership.

Sec. 5

At the next official meeting, the Club, without the applicant present, will review and discuss the application. A quorum of members in good standing will vote; a secret ballot may be requested during the meeting or by request to the President prior to the meeting. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 15 Active Members in attendance.

Sec. 6

The Membership Committee Chairman will notify the applicant in writing of the Club's decision. If the Membership Chairman is unavailable, this shall be accomplished by one of the officers of the Club.

Sec. 7

If the application is accepted:

- A. The new member will be invited to the next meeting.
- B. The new member will be welcomed and introduced to the Club at the next meeting he/she attends.
- C. The new member must submit dues (pro-rated to the current quarter of the year) to the Treasurer.
- D. The new member will receive UFDC Bylaws and GSDC Standing Rules.

Sec. 8

Doll collectors requesting Associate membership shall complete the same procedures (Sec. 1-7) as for Active membership, except need not attend meetings or show their dolls. Associate Members must have established a prior relationship with the Club. Associate members shall not have voting privileges.

Sec. 9

“Friend of Granite State Doll Club” membership may be conferred upon former active members who have contributed to the Club and are no longer able to take an active part. They may not hold office and do not have the right to vote.

Sec. 10

Members must not use Club membership for personal or commercial profit.

Sec. 11

Members do not have to attend a set number of meetings, but are expected to attend when possible and contribute to the fundraising efforts of the Club.

Sec. 12

Junior Members, aged 8-18, shall be encouraged and welcomes as non-voting members. Their dues shall be \$1.00 a year over and above the cost of DOLL NEWS, should they wish to subscribe.

ARTICLE 4 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The officers of Granite State Doll Club shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Auditor. The offices of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a secret, written ballot at the Annual Meeting held in even-numbered years. If there is only one candidate for office and there is no dissenting voice, the vote may be taken viva voce. The offices of Corresponding Secretary and Auditor shall be filled by appointment of the President at the first meeting after assuming office. The term of officers shall be two (2) years. Only the Treasurer may hold office for two successive terms. There can be no re-election of the current Treasurer until an interval of one term has elapsed.

Sec. 2

The current officers and the Immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board.

Sec. 3

To be eligible for office, a candidate must have been a member of the Club in good standing for at least one (1) year.

Sec. 4

Nominations shall be made by a Nominating Committee of three (3) members appointed by the President at the February meeting preceding election of officers. The slate will be presented by the Nominating Committee at the prescribed Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall not offer any candidate who has not given his/her consent to serve, if elected.

Sec. 5

Vacancies in office, except that of the President, who shall be succeeded by the Vice President, shall be appointed by the President and the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term.

Sec. 6

Newly elected officers shall assume office at the close of the fiscal year, which is August 31st, allowing several months for the transition of responsibilities to occur.

ARTICLE 5 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The President shall preside at all meetings and shall appoint the Chairmen of committees. She/he shall be ex officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee, and upon retiring, will become a member of the Executive Board for the following two-year term.

Sec. 2

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, or at the request of the President, perform the duties of that office. The Vice President shall be chairman of the Program Committee with an assistant of his/her choice.

Sec. 3

The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all funds and securities of the Club, collect the dues, and pay all bills directed by the vote of the members.

Sec. 4

The Recording Secretary shall record and be custodian of the minutes of the meetings.

Sec. 5

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence and issue notices as required by the President.

Sec. 6

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Club and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 – MEETINGS

Sec. 1

The Club shall meet on the second Saturday of each month, except a special holiday. The date of the meeting may be changed at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Sec. 2

The Annual Meeting shall be held the second Saturday of April.

Sec. 3

Meetings are open to all Active members, Junior Members, and Friends of Granite State Doll Club.

Sec. 4

Fifteen (15) members, including officers present, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 7 – DUES

Sec. 1

The initial dues for a new member shall be \$11.00 plus the cost of DOLL NEWS and any Federation levee.

Sec. 2

The annual dues for a renewing member shall be \$9.00 plus the cost of DOLL NEWS and any Federation levee.

Sec. 3

Dues are payable each April. Notices for unpaid dues shall be sent out twice. Any member in arrears as of June 15th shall be dropped from membership, however said member may reapply to the Club for reinstatement after payment of all past dues.

ARTICLE 8 – COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the following committees at the first meeting after assuming office:

1. The Program Committee shall schedule speakers, programs and luncheons and prepare and distribute printed programs for the ensuing year to each member. The Vice President shall be the chairman of this committee.

2. The Hospitality Committee shall send out all cards of get well, condolence, and for birthdays when requested. They may enlist assistance as needed.
3. The Membership Committee shall keep records of disposition of all membership applications and notify in writing all applicants as to the results of a vote and otherwise adhere to Article 3, above.
4. The Publicity Committee shall strive to inform the public about the Club's activities either by newspaper, radio or television in order to promote interest in doll collecting.
5. The Charitable Committee shall assist in projects and community activities.
6. The Historical Committee shall maintain an active record of Club functions and history. They shall endeavor to obtain and distribute this record to persons as decreed by the Club. This shall include photography, newspaper items and keeper of the scrap books.
7. The Ways and Means Committee shall raise money for the club's general fund. They shall take responsibility for the annual auction if such auction is held.

ARTICLE 9 – DELEGATES

Delegates to attend the Convention of the United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc., including the Annual UFDC Business Meeting – the number to be determined by Federation guidelines – shall be elected each year at the meeting preceding the Federation deadline. The Club will reimburse each elected delegate the amount of \$100 on return and report of said convention.

ARTICLE 10 – RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1

Members shall submit a letter of intent to resign to the President.

Sec. 2

Any member not adhering to the Standing Rules will be requested by the Executive Board, following open Club discussion and a secret written ballot, to submit his/her resignation.

ARTICLE 11 – AMENDING STANDING RULES

Standing Rules may be amended at a regular meeting provided that notices and copies of such proposed amendment shall have been distributed to all active members prior to the date of discussion and voting.