

GOLDEN SKYLINERS  
JR. DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS  
AMERICAN LEGION POST #3  
205 CENTRAL AVENUE  
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA 59401

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the GOLDEN SKYLINERS JR. DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS. Its prime sponsor shall be American Legion Post #3 and it shall operate under the principle of said organization.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE:

- (a) The foremost purpose shall be to promote good habits, high personal standards of character, leadership and discipline.
- (b) To stress appreciation of music and musicianship and marching skill.
- (c) To stress respect for the flag and our Government.
- (d) To participate in parades, community activities and Corps competition.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Eligibility and Admissions:

Membership in the Corps shall be limited to boys and girls with the age limit established by the Drum and Bugle Corps Board of Directors.

Applicants for membership may be accepted as recruits by the Corps Director.

A recruit who demonstrates proficiency, regularity of attendance and cooperation may be promoted to full membership in the Corps when a vacancy occurs, provided the parent(s) or guardian have agreed to the By-Laws and Rules of Conduct and all performance bond fees have been paid.

A new recruit will have his first two months' participation considered a trial period for the new member to acquaint him or herself with the Corps.



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(b) Dignity and Behavior:

Each member and recruit of this Corps shall at all times uphold the Corps dignity. He shall demonstrate pride in conducting himself with propriety on all occasions. Strict obedience shall be expected at all times when under the direction of the Drum Major or other authorized authority. A clean neat appearance will be expected at all times when the Corps is performing for any function or turnout.

- (c) ALL equipment issued to a member remains the property of the Corps and shall be maintained in good condition and shall be returned in good condition upon request, or when a member resigns or is suspended or dropped from the roll. He shall pay for destroyed, damaged or lost articles of equipment or uniform.

(d) Termination of Membership:

The Drum and Bugle Corps Board of Directors shall decide when a Corps member is to be dropped from the rolls. They may suspend or drop from the roll of membership and member or recruit for misconduct injurious to the character or interest of the Corps, for violation of these By-Laws, or other rules established; or, who, after a reasonable period of instruction, cannot, in the opinion of the Corps Director, meet the requirements of the Corps. Membership may be terminated at the discretion of the Board. Any member may resign, but once a resignation is tendered, that member may not reapply for admission or reinstatement until one (1) year from date of resignation has elapsed.

(e) Grievance Committee:

The Corps Board of Directors and Officers of the Corps shall act as a grievance committee for Corps members with legitimate complaints. They shall make final decisions on action to be taken on said complaints.

(f) Policy on Absences:

Since phones are available to all Corps members, it shall be the duty of all members to phone the Corps Director two(2) hours prior to practice time and twenty-four(24) hours prior to a performance to report an excused absence. If no phone call is made or the excuse is not acceptable, the Corp member will be recorded as unexcused. Only one(1) unexcused absence is permitted in a season and dismissal from the Corps will result from violation thereof. The Corps Grievance Committee as set forth in the By-Laws shall determine validity of the excused absence.



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ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS OF THE CORPS:

(a) Eligibility and Elections:

The Drum and Bugle Corps Board of Directors shall be adults in good standing as members of the Golden Skyliners Jr. Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc. Board of Directors shall be elected by the corporation, each member in good standing having a vote in said election. A simple majority vote of those present at the election meeting shall constitute election of the Directors being voted upon provided notice of election has been circulated fifteen (15) days in advance. Directors of the Corps shall be elected at a meeting to be held during the month of December of each year. Term of office shall be one (1) year, started January 1st and continuing through December 31st of that year. The Corps Director shall be obtained by the Board of Directors. The Corps Director shall be a member of the Board of Directors. All staff Instructors shall be appointed by the Corps Director. Board of Director members shall serve without remuneration other than actual expenses, with exception of the Corps Director, who may be salaried employee at the discretion of the Board. Corps Jr. Board Representatives shall be elected at a meeting of the Corps to be held in December and such Representatives shall serve concurrent terms with the Board of Directors.

(b) Board of Directors

Past President  
President  
Vice-President  
Recording Secretary  
Treasurer  
Sponsor Representative (appointed by Sponsor)  
Corps Director

(c) Corps Jr. Board Representatives (Ex-officio only)

Silk Representative  
Horn Representative  
Percussion Representative  
Rifle/National Representative

(d) Class of Membership:

Parents of the Corps are Class I members and pay \$1.00 dues per family per year, and interested individuals are Class II members and pay \$1.00 per individual per year, with the same rights and privileges as Class I members.



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ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF CORPS OFFICIALS:

(a) President:

The President shall preside at all Corps booster and corporation meetings. He shall act as General Manager of all Corps business, and coordinate all committee activities. He will appoint committee chairman who will be responsible to him. Permanent committees will be Transportation, Fund Raising, Publicity, Equipment, and Auditing.

(b) Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall preside at all Corps booster and corporation meetings and management business in the absence of the President.

(c) Corps Director:

The Corps Director shall be responsible for the overall Coordination of the activities of the Corps. He may accept or reject engagements for the Corps. He may require any instructor or Corps member to account for his or her activities, records and properties at any time. He shall be responsible for the physical direction of the Corps.

(d) Recording Secretary:

The recording Secretary will take minutes of all meetings and will maintain a file of such minutes. The Secretary will write such letters for Officers of the Corps that may be required to carry on the business of the Corps.

(e) Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the deposit to the Corps account of all monies collected by him or turned over to him. He will maintain books or records that will provide a record of any and all money transactions. He will issue checks to cover authorized financial obligations of the Corps of such transactions necessary in the operation of the Corps. All checks will require a combination of two (2) signatures. The Treasurer will issue checks at the direction of the Board of Directors to cover contract payments or payments on open accounts as may have been authorized by the Board by procedure before mentioned.



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(e) Treasurer: (continued)

The Treasurer shall also be responsible for the collection of dues and assessments due from members. He shall have an Administrative Assistant for personnel records. He will maintain records concerning such transactions so that the status of each member can be determined at any given time. Upon the request of the Corps Director or the Auditing Committee, he shall provide his records for inspection and verification of any and all transactions.

(f) Drill Instructor: (appointed by Corps Director)

The Drill Instructor shall be responsible for teaching all drill and ceremonies, write field and street routines and instruct same and pick from repertoire music to be used on the street or field. He will be in charge at all performances, seeing that the Corps is prepared and in position ready to perform. The Drill Instructor will appoint an alternate in his absence. His authority will be in effect until such time that he turns the Corps over to the Drum Major. At this time, the Drum Major will have complete authority and responsibility of the Corps.

(g) Horn Instructor: (appointed by the Corps Director)

The Horn Instructor shall assist in the selection of music repertoire and be responsible for instruction of horn music. He may arrange his own music or advise as to the purchase of it and select the source. Authority for purchase must first be approved.

(h) Drum Instructor: (appointed by Corps Director)

The Drum Instructor shall be responsible for instructing all drum music. He may arrange to fit the repertoire to his own music or advise as to the purchase of it and select the source. Authority for purchase must first be approved.

ARTICLE VI

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- (a) Rehearsals shall be held at least once a week or as directed by the Corps Director. Special rehearsals and meetings may be called by the Corps Director and/or the individual instructors, with the knowledge of the Corps Director.



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- (b) The Parent (s) or guardian of each member or recruit must acknowledge having read and approved both By-Laws and Rules of Conduct by signing and returning the application form to the Corps Director. These signed forms will be kept on file and returned to the parent(s) or guardian when the member is no longer active.
- (c) Sponsor association shall be limited to the extent of representation for that sponsor's benefit. This means carrying their organizations flag or emblem at all performances when allowed by the individual parade or contest committee. Representation at the sponsor's annual or national convention shall be negotiated between the sponsor and the Corps Director of the Golden Skyliners. Sponsorship shall be acceptable by vote of the Board of Directors of the Golden Skyliners. All equipment donated by the sponsors shall become the property of the Golden Skyliners.

ARTICLE VII

REGULATIONS:

- (a) ALL persons working with the Corps and Corps members shall refrain from using profanity at all rehearsals and/or appearances.
- (b) At no time will a parent or officer of the Corps interfere with the instructions, parade, or competition formation, as set up by the instructor of each caption as outlined in their duties in the By-Laws.
- (c) No person will march with the Corps on Parade unless deemed necessary by the Corps Director.
- (d) Full uniform of the Corps will be worn only by the performing personnel of the Corps - and this uniform will be worn at authorized functions only.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS:

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any regular Board of Directors meeting by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and may be rescinded by any regular annual or semi-annual parents' meeting.

Amendments adopted by the Board of Directors must be submitted in writing to the parents at the first regular meeting after adoption for information of that body.