



McMaster University Shooting Sports Code of Conduct

1. Introduction

The following outlines the **Code of Conduct** which applies to all active members of the **McMaster University Shooting Sports (MUSS)** club and observance of which is compulsory for the recognition of membership. Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct is grounds for removal of membership and other disciplinary action at the discretion of Executive Branch Members as outlined in the MUSS Constitution. The MUSS actively promotes freedom of expression and personal responsibility but expects all members to obey this policy in the interest of fostering a welcoming and positive community.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all members of the MUSS, regardless of Executive, General or Honorary status, or any other membership agreement. All members must explicitly commit to the observation of this code prior to recognition of their club membership.

3. Policy Elements

1. Compliance with Laws

All UTTSA members will strictly abide by all Municipal, Provincial, and Federal laws. Laws to be recognized and obeyed by all members, at all times, regardless of whether they are functioning within the capacity of the MUSS or as an individual, include but are not limited to:

1. The Firearms Act (S.C. 1995, c. 39) [Ref 1]
2. Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations (SOR/98-209) [Ref 2]
3. Legislative Summary of Bill C-71: An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms (42nd Parliament, 1st Session) [Ref 3]

2. Compliance with McMaster Regulations

All MUSS members will strictly abide by all applicable regulations, policies, and bylaws of A&R and McMaster University including, but not limited to, **strictly complying with McMaster University's prohibition of all Firearms, Ammunition, and Explosive Materials (including toy and non-functional replicas) on campus premises. The wellness, safety, and security of our members, campus, and community at large is our most imperative priority.**



3. Public Policy

The MUSS seeks to foster an inclusive and positively regarded community. The primary means by which the public interacts with the MUSS is through various social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Reddit. However, this policy also speaks to member deportment and conduct at all times. Members of the MUSS are prohibited from any acts including but not limited to:

1. Harassment, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, theophobia, and other acts of hate.
2. Assault, theft, and damage to property.
3. Association with or support of any group listed as a terrorist entity under the Canadian Criminal Code (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46) [Ref 4].
4. Knowingly and willingly disseminating misinformation with intent to provoke or harm.
5. Conduct unbecoming of which is outlined within the McMaster University Code of Students Rights and Responsibilities [Ref 5].

4. Use of McMaster University, A&R, or MUSS Incorporeal Property

The use of McMaster University, A&R, or MUSS incorporeal property which includes but is not limited to:

1. Logos.
2. Banners and cover photos.
3. Slogans.
4. Photos.
5. Videos.

May not be repurposed for use by general members or displayed in any context which is derogatory or disrespectful in nature, or otherwise violates any other policy element outlined in the MUSS Constitution or the MUSS Code of Conduct.

5. Event Conduct

While attending events, and especially when events are held on property not belonging to the MUSS, members are expected to:

1. Treat facilities with respect, and not engage in any damage to property, vandalism, or disruptive behaviour.
2. Respect the authority and discretion of property owners and their designated personnel.
3. Respect the authority of experienced and licensed shooters as well as range officers, and not handle any firearms or ammunition unless licensed or under the direct supervision of a licensed shooter in accordance with the law.
4. Use firearms only for target shooting in regulated, legally licensed, and appropriately supervised settings with adequate safety training.
5. Recognize all range rules and regulations as defined by law and private range policy.
6. Represent the MUSS with a high degree of professionalism and care.

Approved (date)

Reviewed (date)

6. Personal Appearance

While attending events or acting as a representative of the MUSS, members are prohibited from wearing articles of clothing or revealing tattoos that include expressions of hate or affiliation with any political, advocacy, or other groups outlined in the MUSS Public Policy section above.

7. Conflict of Interest and Financial Policy

1. Members are to use official club funds only in the course of club business and under the approval of the Director of Finance and either one of the President or Vice President.
2. Members, and/or the club as an entity, are not to acquire or appropriate profit from any club event or course of business.
3. Members shall share any collective personal costs and travel expenses for club related activities (e.g., share gas costs when carpooling to an event).

8. Disciplinary Actions

In the event that any MUSS A&R members, honorary members, and/or executive members conduct any health and safety infractions, criminal behaviour, non-disclosure of a conflict of interest, violation of the MUSS Constitution or the MUSS Code of Conduct, or financial malpractice; the (rest of the) Executive Team shall perform an investigation in accordance with A&R bylaws. The investigation must provide an opportunity for the accused to defend themselves. After which the Executive Team shall conduct a majority vote for taking one of the following decisions in order of severity:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Written warning documented as an incident report.
3. Suspension from the MUSS club for a period of one month.
4. Expulsion from the MUSS club.
5. Immediate reporting to McMaster Security and/or local police authorities if there is evidence of dangerous or criminal intent or behaviour.

4. Amendments

The MUSS Constitution and MUSS Code are subject to potential amendments as described in the MUSS Constitution. Any amendments will be communicated to MUSS members, and it is the members responsibility to read, understand, and abide by the amendments. If there are disagreements or any uncertainty about any amendments, bylaws, laws, or regulations; members must immediately seek clarification from the appropriate party including but not limited to MUSS executives, A&R, McMaster University, local or provincial Police, a Chief Firearms Officer, or the RCMP.

5. References



- Ref 1. The Firearms Act (S.C. 1995, c. 39).
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/f-11.6/>
- Ref 2. Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations (SOR/98-209)
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Regulations/SOR-98-209/index.html>
- Ref 3. Legislative Summary of Bill C-71: An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms (42nd Parliament, 1st Session)
https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en_CA/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/421C71E
- Ref 4. Criminal Code (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46)
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-46/>
- Ref 5. McMaster University Code of Students Rights and Responsibilities
<https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/Code-of-Student-Rights-and-Responsibilities.pdf>