

Deep Dixie Contest Club (DDCC) Constitution and By-Laws

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DDCC Constitution

Preamble:

Amateur (Ham) Radio operators living mainly in the Southeastern United States, having come together and wishing to form a contest club (hereinafter known as DDCC), do set forth the following rules and regulations to govern such. The DDCC name will be the **Deep Dixie Contest Club**. The purposes of the DDCC will be, but not limited to: competing as a team (or teams) in amateur radio contests; the exchange of information relating to ham radio and contesting; promoting and advancing public knowledge of ham radio and contesting; engaging in and promoting DX activity; building and sustaining a community of like-minded contesters who are dedicated to the principles of friendship, hospitality, and enthusiastic, positive collegial encouragement; and generally fostering a mutual interest and comradeship among the members.

Membership:

Ham radio operators who possess at least a General class (or comparable, if outside the USA) license shall be eligible for membership in the DDCC. Membership in DDCC shall be by invitation only from a DDCC officer, rather than by application. Current DDCC members may recommend to the DDCC officers an amateur operator for consideration. Potential candidates for membership will be vetted by the DDCC officers and approval granted by unanimous consent of DDCC officers prior to an invitation being extended. A "DDCC Member in good standing" is an individual who is current with payment of established DDCC dues. DDCC Charter Members are those members who helped found the club or have been instrumental in its organization and administration.

Officers:

The DDCC officers shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Officers shall serve for an indefinite duration. Should any officer step down or no longer be able to perform his/her duties appropriately, a meeting will be held with the remaining DDCC officers to determine the proper action. Any DDCC officer may perform the duties of any other officer in the interim, as needed.

Duties of Officers:

President

The President shall: preside at all meetings and conduct them per the rules adopted; enforce the DDCC Constitution; decide questions of order; sign official documents; act as official representative of the DDCC in public and private matters; and perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall: act in the stead of the President whenever the President is unable to perform his duties; provide counsel to DDCC officers, as appropriate; and perform all other duties of the President as deemed necessary.

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Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall: function in place of the President or the Vice-President, should such need arise; keep notes of all meetings, having such at hand during meetings for review; maintain a membership roster showing names, addresses, and contact information; pass all pertinent DDCC information forward to subsequent Secretary-Treasurers; receive all dues and other monies as they become available for deposit into the DDCC bank account; pay all bills that are approved by the DDCC officers; provide an accounting of the DDCC funds at each meeting, or as deemed necessary and appropriate by a call from club members and/or officers; and pass all information, monies, and records forward to subsequent Secretary-Treasurers.

Meetings:

Meeting times and places shall be determined by the DDCC officers and listed in the By-Laws. Not all meetings must be in person, face-to-face. Meetings may be held on-line or on the air as desired by a consensus of members.

Dues:

Dues are necessary for the continuous operation of the DDCC and are assessed by unanimous consent of the DDCC officers. Annual dues amount and the period covered by those dues are listed in the By-Laws. Dues may be waived at any time for any DDCC member upon unanimous consent by the DDCC officers.

Disciplinary Issues:

Should an occasion arise requiring the DDCC officers to implement disciplinary discussions or proceedings against a DDCC member or officer, the DDCC officers will meet via any means at their disposal as soon as practical. Specific actions shall be described in the DDCC By-Laws.

Amendments:

The Constitution and By-Laws of the DDCC may be amended by unanimous consent of the DDCC officers.

Dissolution:

The DDCC may be dissolved by unanimous consent of the DDCC officers. All DDCC club call signs will be sent back to the FCC with an explanation of the DDCC's dissolution.

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DDCC By-Laws

The DDCC Secretary-Treasurer shall keep and have available at each meeting or appropriate gathering, a copy of the DDCC Constitution and By-Laws. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make any changes to the above when approved by unanimous consent of the DDCC officers.

Membership:

Membership shall be for licensed ham radio operators whose interests, intentions, and actions are aligned with the purposes of the DDCC and whose license class category is in alignment with the DDCC Constitution.

- DDCC Charter Member in Good Standing – One person, up to date in paying dues, with full benefits and voting privileges, who was one of the founding members of the DDCC or have been instrumental in its organization and administration. Charter members of the DDCC are:

Larry S. Anderson	NN5O (MS)
Tor Clay	N4OGW (MS)
Kathleen Duke	K5KKD (MS)
Mike Duke	K5XU (MS)
John McVey	K4AFE (TN)
Chuck Moffatt	N5VGK (MS)
Joe Moffatt	AB5OR (MS)
Jim Rosser	AA5W (TX)
Gary Van Winkle	K5KU (LA)

- DDCC Member in Good Standing – One person, up to date in paying dues, with full benefits and voting privileges.
- DDCC Honorary Member – One person who, by the expressed desire of DDCC members, has made a sufficiently significant contribution as to advance the cause for which the DDCC was formed and is operating. An honorary member shall not be assessed any membership dues. However, donations (financial or otherwise) shall be accepted as a gesture of good will and promotion for the DDCC cause.

Meetings:

Meetings may be called by any DDCC officer and may be conducted on-line, on the air, or face-to-face, in the most convenient fashion and which best serves the needs of the DDCC.

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Dues:

Dues shall be paid in full on an annual basis, January 1st through December 31st, in the amounts listed below. The President and/or the Secretary-Treasurer will maintain a PayPal account for collecting annual dues or assessments for special purposes. The following conditions will remain in effect by unanimous consent of the DDCC officers.

- DDCC Charter Member in Good Standing – Dues waived indefinitely
- DDCC Member in Good Standing – Dues waived indefinitely
- DDCC Honorary Membership – No dues assessed

Disciplinary Issues and Suspension/Dismissal:

DDCC officers shall convene a special meeting for the purpose of investigating and discussing disciplinary issues in the event one of its members or officers demonstrates unruly or other inappropriate behavior or speech—in person, in writing, or via electronic means—which might possibly reflect poorly upon the Deep Dixie Contest Club or any of its members.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Violation of FCC regulations (in the US, or the similar governing agency in international settings)
- Excessively derogatory, arrogant, or demeaning comments about another amateur radio operator, club, or activity
- Documented efforts to hamper another amateur operator, club, or activity in the completion of an acceptable task or function
- Conduct of an unlawful nature that necessitates engagement of professional law enforcement entities

Following a thorough investigation and subsequent discussion, one of the DDCC officers will issue a written warning to the offending person. Individuals refusing to comply—to the satisfaction of DDCC officers—will either be suspended or permanently dismissed from the DDCC. Suspension will involve halting participation in DDCC events (in person, online, or on the air) of any kind until such time that the DDCC officers are satisfied that the affected member has corrected his/her errant conduct and has demonstrated a consistent pattern of behavior acceptable to be reinstated as a DDCC Member in Good Standing. Dismissal shall result in forfeiture of all dues paid to the DDCC for the year in which club dues were to have been paid. The offending party will be notified of the actions taken via whatever means the DDCC officers deem appropriate. The decision of DDCC officers in the matter is final.

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We, the undersigned, attest that this Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by unanimous consent of the DDCC officers, revised on September 18th, 2020, and go into effect immediately:



Larry S. Anderson, NN5O, President



James A. Rosser, III, AA5W, Vice-President



John L. McVey, Jr., K4AFE, Secretary-Treasurer