



TOAST OF JAX TOASTMASTERS

Club 3397, District 47, Area 22

CLUB CONSTITUTION

(updated through April 20, 2002)

I. NAME

The name and location of this club shall be The TOAST OF JAX Toastmasters Club of Jacksonville, Florida.

II. MISSION and PURPOSES

The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills which, in turn, foster self-confidence and personal growth. The mission of the Toast of Jax Club was amended to append “(and to have fun doing it.)” at the end of its mission statement.

In order to carry out this mission the club shall:

1. Help its members improve their abilities to communicate effectively;
2. Provide for its members instructions, educational materials, and opportunities which will give them skills and experience in the preparation and delivery of speeches;
3. Encourage its members to read and to listen analytically;
4. Provide for its members fair and constructive evaluation of their efforts toward self-improvement;
5. Increase its member’s knowledge of the rules of parliamentary procedure and their skills in conducting meetings and participating in group discussions;
6. Afford leadership training for its members; and
7. Provide opportunities and encouragement for its members to appear before audiences and to express their thoughts creditably.

III. MEMBERSHIP

All members shall be at least 18 years of age. The composition of the membership shall be as provided in the Bylaws of this club, except that a person shall not be excluded from membership because of age (except those under 18 years of age), race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual is able to participate in the program.

IV. MEETINGS

The club shall meet regularly once a week or as otherwise provided by the Bylaws of this club. Special meetings may be called by a majority vote at any regular meeting at which a quorum is present, or by the President.

V. INITIATION FEE AND DUES

Every member of this club shall pay fees and dues as prescribed in the Bylaws of this club.

VI. OFFICERS

1. The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice President Education, a Vice President Membership, a Vice President Public Relations, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Sergeant at Arms, and such other officers as may be provided in the Bylaws of this club. All officers, together with the Immediate Past President, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the club, having general administrative powers. The officers shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws of this club.
2. The term of each officer shall commence on July 1, and shall continue for one (1) year.

VII. QUORUM

A majority of the active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of this club.

VIII. AFFILIATION

This club shall be a member of **TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL** and shall be entitled to representation therein as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws thereof. This club shall be affiliated with such District of Toastmasters International as the Board of Directors of the corporation may designate, and shall be represented on the Council of such District by two (2) of its active members. This club shall make payments on all members as required by Toastmasters International; provided, however, there shall be no charge affecting the financial obligation of this club to Toastmasters International except after notice by publication in *The Toastmaster*.

IX. POLICY

The Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of Toastmasters International shall govern this club, and it shall adopt no policy and shall take no action in conflict with any policy or any purpose of Toastmasters International. This Constitution shall be deemed automatically modified and amended so that it shall at no time be in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or policies of Toastmasters International as they now exist or hereafter may be changed or amended.

X. CHARTER

No Charter shall be issued to this club until a copy of this Constitution shall have first been filed with the World Headquarters of Toastmasters International, bearing a certificate of the date of its adoption.

XI. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended to change the name or location of this club by resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote with such amendment proposed in writing by an active member at the meeting immediately proceeding that at which the amendment is to be voted on, and upon immediate notice to Toastmasters International of the change. Other amendments hereto may be made only at a Convention of Toastmasters International. Proposed amendments may be submitted by any Toastmasters Club to the Board of Directors of Toastmasters International no later than 31 December before the Convention at which they are to be presented. Notice of any proposed amendments shall be mailed by the Executive Director to each member Club at least sixty (60) days before the opening date of the Convention with the recommendations of the Board of Directors thereon. Such recommendation shall also be presented to the accredited delegates at the Business Meeting and Convention before the vote is taken on the proposed amendments.

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