



# MNH BYLAWS

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## 26 **MIDNIGHT HOWL KC BY-LAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

27 Member of the Mid-America Conference of Clubs (MACC)

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### 29 **OVERVIEW**

30 Purpose of this document is to fully define the By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for  
31 the club known as Midnight Howl KC (aka Midnight Howl, MNH, the club, the group).

32 By-Laws: The By-Laws are printed in Bold Text

33 SOPs: The SOPs are in standard font

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### 35 **NAME AND OBJECTIVE**

#### 36 **1.1 Name**

37 **The organization shall be known as “Midnight Howl KC”.**



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39 'Midnight Howl KC' name can only be used for club supported activities.

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41 If a member is publicly discussing an issue, the member should not refer to the club in any way that  
42 would make the public believe that the feelings expressed are those of the club (example: "as a member  
43 of Midnight Howl, I believe..."). Formal statements may only be made by an officer acting within the  
44 scope of their official club duties.

## 45 46 **1.2 Objectives**

47 **Midnight Howl KC is a social organization that is active in the Pet Play and LGBTQIA+ Leather and Kink**  
48 **Communities based in Kansas City.**

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50 When the Midnight Howl members are in public representing the club (especially when wearing the club  
51 colors), they are obligated to set a positive example as leaders in the community.

## 52 53 **1.3 Statement of Non-Discrimination**

54 **Midnight Howl KC will provide equal membership opportunities to all members and applicants for**  
55 **membership without regard to an individual's ethnicity, race, color, creed, gender, gender identity,**  
56 **age, veteran status, physical disability, genetic history, national origin, sexual orientation, or religion,**  
57 **marital or familial status, or any other protected class in accordance with applicable laws. This policy**  
58 **applies to all terms and conditions of membership including, but not limited to: application,**  
59 **placement, promotion, termination of membership, leaves of absence, or benefits.**

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61 Neither member nor applicant of Midnight Howl KC will be discriminated against for any reason listed  
62 within the bylaw or applicable federal, state, or local law. Those applicants or members who feel that  
63 they have been discriminated against under this bylaw should contact the President, or Vice-President  
64 immediately. Members or applicants found to be in violation will be considered for termination of  
65 membership or applicant status.

66 The Executive Board shall become the investigative body to investigate, and determine the nature,  
67 cause and corporation response to the findings of the investigation.

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69 **1.4 Midnight Howl KC as an organization supports no political affiliation, no religious affiliation, and**  
70 **supports complete non-discrimination in all facets of operation, members may be affiliated with any**  
71 **political organization, any religious organization, or any social or socioeconomic group. No member at**  
72 **any time should attempt to pressure anyone against the will of another. No member should at any**  
73 **time consider Midnight Howl KC aligned with any group affiliation as a whole. Midnight Howl KC**  
74 **encourages discussion of any topic, but if the topic is considered contrary to the organizational**  
75 **alliance bylaw, such discussions should be held in private away from the general group or meeting.**  
76 **If a member is publicly discussing an issue, the member should not refer to the organization in any**  
77 **way that would make the public believe that the feelings being expressed are those of Midnight Howl**  
78 **KC (Example: "As a member of Midnight Howl KC, we believe...)**

## 79 80 **MEMBERSHIP**

### 81 **2.1 Classification**

82 **All members of the organization shall belong to one of the following categories: Full Member, Pledge,**  
83 **Associate Member, Tier II Associate Member, Member-at-Large.**



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All members are encouraged to attend meetings and sponsored events. The club will take reasonable means to keep members informed. Currently we use a dedicated Facebook group, Facebook public page MNH website, Telegram message board, verbally at meetings, and via email.

**2.2 Membership Limit**  
**Midnight Howl KC has no membership limit.**

**2.3 Application for Membership**  
**Applications for Full, Associate, and Member-at-Large Membership must include the completed and signed Application (Appendix B) along with the signatures of 2 sponsors (current Full Members in good standing).**

Applications will be submitted to the Pledge Coordinator. The Pledge Coordinator will present the application’s contents to the club during the general monthly meeting. Acceptance of a candidate’s application requires a majority vote of present Full Members.

Candidates for Full membership must have attended at least one (1) general meeting within three months of submitting their completed application.

**2.4 Full Member**  
**To become a Full Member the candidate must be at least 21 years of age, and may not hold a full or equivalent membership with a similar club outside of the Kansas City area. Full Members in good standing have voting rights. Full Members must have a signed Membership Agreement on file (Appendix A).**



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## 2.5 Pledges

**Upon the acceptance of the application for Member-at-Large or Full Member, the candidate will be considered a Pledge. The Pledge period will be a minimum of three (3) months and shall not exceed 6 months.**

Applications will be submitted to the Pledge Coordinator. The Pledge Coordinator will present the application's contents to the club during the general monthly meeting. Acceptance of a candidate's application for pledgeship requires a majority vote of present Full Members.

During the pledge period, the Pledge will complete their Pledge Book (Appendix C).

The Pledge Coordinator will guide the Pledge into full membership. The Pledge's sponsors are also responsible for helping guide and instruct the Pledge during this period.

The Pledge will record their attendance at Midnight Howl and community events, at least 6 events are required (bar and/or non-bar events). Pledges will be required to volunteer for at least one MNH event. Pledges will also get the signature of all Executive Board members and 20% of the group's Full Members to sign their Pledge Book. A Pledge Book is completed when a Pledge's two sponsors and the current Pledge Coordinator have signed off.

Upon successful completion of the pledge process, the Pledge Coordinator will bring the completed Pledge Book and signed Membership Agreement to the next General Meeting to be voted on. Acceptance of a candidate's application for Full Member status requires a majority vote of present Full Members. Annual dues will be collected by the Treasurer, prior to Full Membership status being awarded.

Since Midnight Howl KC is a member of MACC, Pledges are encouraged to attend at least one out of town leather run of a MACC club within the first year of membership.

Pledges are welcome to volunteer on any committee. They may not chair a committee or hold office.

## 2.6 Associate Member

**Anyone 21 years of age or older may apply for Associate Membership to the club. Applications for Associate Membership must include the completed and signed Membership Agreement along with the signatures of 2 current Full Members in good standing, and the membership dues for the current year.**

Applications will be presented to the Pledge Coordinator who will present the application to the Club during the general monthly meeting. Acceptance as an Associate Member requires a voting majority of Full Members. Annual dues will be collected by the Treasurer, prior to Associate Membership status being awarded.

## 2.7 Tier II Associate Member

**Anyone that is a current Full Member of another club may apply for Tier II Associate Membership to MNH. Applications for Tier II Associate Membership must be in writing (Appendix D), and must include the Tier II Associate Membership dues. Candidates for Tier II Associate Membership are also responsible for securing one (1) Sponsor. Sponsor must be a Full Member in good standing.**



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156 Applications will be accepted and approved by the sponsors. The application will then be turned in to  
157 the Pledge Coordinator for tracking.

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## 159 **2.8 Member-at-Large**

160 **To become a Member-at-Large the candidate must be at least 21 years of age, and may not hold a full**  
161 **or equivalent membership with a similar club outside of the Kansas City area. Members-at-Large have**  
162 **no voting rights, and no attendance requirements but share all other Full Member benefits. Members-**  
163 **at-Large must have a signed Membership Agreement on file (Appendix A).**

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## 165 **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### 166 **3.1 General Business Meeting**

167 **General business meetings will take place at regular intervals to discuss the club's affairs.**

168 General business meetings shall be scheduled for the 4th Sunday of every month at 4pm. Changes to  
169 general business meeting time and/or location will be posted at least 48 hours in advance. Meetings are  
170 open to the public.

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172 During the General Business Meeting, a Closed Meeting session may be called to discuss private or  
173 sensitive subject matter. A closed meeting is open only to Full Members, and others deemed necessary  
174 by the board. Some full members may also be asked to step out during the closed meeting session if  
175 deemed necessary.

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177 At least one (1) board member must be present for a general business meeting. IF no board members  
178 are available then the meeting will be canceled.

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180 An agenda will be made available before the start of the meeting.

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### 182 **3.2 Attendance**

183 **Full Members may not miss more than three (3) general business meetings in a row.**

184 **Full Members may not miss more than six (6) general business meetings in a rolling twelve-month**

185 **period. Officers may not miss more than two (2) consecutive general business meetings or more than**

186 **four (4) general business meetings in a rolling twelve-month period.**

187 **Absences may be excused for cause.**

188 Absences may be excused for illness, family emergency, or work conflict. Other absences may be  
189 excused by a majority of the Executive Board. Members in violation of attendance will be voted on at  
190 the monthly membership meeting in accordance with the Offenses and Trials section of this document.

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### 192 **3.3 Special Meeting**

193 **A special meeting can be called by the President, a majority of Executive Board Members, or a**  
194 **majority of Full Members.**

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196 Special meetings shall take place to discuss the club's business outside of general business meetings.  
197 Special meetings are generally only open to members retaining voting rights.

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199 Notice shall be given to every voting member at least 48 hours before the special meeting is to be held.

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### 201 **3.5 Quorum and Majority**



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202 **A quorum shall be reached with attendance of more than 1/2 of the total number of Full Members. If**  
203 **any business has carried over for more than 1 business meetings due to not meeting quorum, the**  
204 **Executive Board can vote to allow voting on old business without quorum.**

205 **A voting majority shall be defined as over 50% of attending Full Members with voting privileges.**  
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## 207 **3.6 Questions**

208 **Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all decisions at any general business or special meeting**  
209 **shall be decided by a simple majority, provided quorum has been reached.**  
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## 211 **ELECTED OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

### 212 **4.1 Officers**

213 **Elected offices for the club are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Pledge Coordinator,**  
214 **and Historian. All officers must be Full Members of the club.**  
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216 No two (2) or more members of the same household may hold any two offices of the President, Vice-  
217 President, or Treasurer at the same time. Household is defined as members in a relationship together.  
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219 Any officer may call meetings of the Executive Board to discuss executive business.  
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221 No officer of another Kansas City based club can also hold an officer position in Midnight Howl KC.  
222

### 223 **4.2 President**

224 **The President shall be the presiding officer and executive head of the club.**  
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226 The President shall have general supervision over the interest and welfare of the club and shall be  
227 primarily responsible for the conduct of the club's business. The President shall head the general  
228 business meetings. The President shall execute and enforce the Bylaws and policies of the club and shall  
229 exercise such powers as may be necessary for the proper discharge of this responsibility.  
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#### 231 (a) Delegation of Authority

232 The President may delegate authority and responsibilities to other Officers and Members as necessary  
233 to carry on the business of the club. All committees and appointed positions shall be appointed by the  
234 President, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, and subject to the approval of the Executive  
235 Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of each committee.  
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#### 237 (b) Finance

238 The President shall, in conjunction with the Treasurer, supervise the funds of the club. The President  
239 shall be one of the Executive Officers with access to the club bank account.  
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241 The President shall keep the club's traveling colors when not in use.  
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243 The President pin is property of the club and must be passed to the next President. The club may  
244 purchase a "Past President" pin.  
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### 246 **4.3 Vice President**



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247 **The Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President and shall, in the**  
248 **absence of the President, assume the duties of the office.**

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250 The Vice President will assist the President and help with general supervision over the interest and  
251 welfare of the club and shall be responsible for the conduct of the club's business. The Vice President  
252 shall head the general business meetings in event of the club President's absence. The Vice President  
253 shall assist in the execution and enforcement of the Bylaws and policies of the club and shall exercise  
254 such powers as may be necessary for the proper discharge of this responsibility.

255  
256 The Vice President pin is property of the club and must be passed to the next Vice President.

## 257 258 **4.4 Treasurer**

259 **The Treasurer shall maintain accurate fiscal accounts.**

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261 The duties of the office of Treasurer shall include:

- 262 1. Collection of all monies due, including membership dues, and issuance of receipts thereof;
- 263 2. Payment of all financial obligations approved by the club;
- 264 3. The maintenance of banking and financial accounts and records for the club;
- 265 4. Signing all checks;
- 266 5. Presenting updates on the club's finances at each general business meeting;
- 267 6. Providing notice to relevant person(s) (e.g. President and Secretary) of members who are or are  
268 not in good financial standing;
- 269 7. Maintaining the tax status of the club and filing all appropriate tax documents in conjunction  
270 with the President.

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272 The Treasurer shall facilitate an inventory of club merchandise. This shall include club patches,  
273 friendship pins, and apparel.

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275 The Treasurer shall make financial books and records available to audit by the Executive Board and up to  
276 three (3) randomly selected Full Members at least once each calendar year or upon request. Should a  
277 randomly selected member not wish to participate in the audit, they can decline and another full  
278 member will be randomly selected in their stead.

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280 The Treasurer pin is property of the club and must be passed to the new Treasurer.

## 281 282 **4.5 Secretary**

283 **The Secretary shall be responsible for all official club correspondence, meeting agendas, and meeting**  
284 **minutes.**

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286 In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary shall open the meeting and proceed to  
287 elect a chairperson pro-tempore to conduct the meeting. If the Secretary is also absent from the  
288 meeting, then any other board member may open the meeting.

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290 The Secretary shall be responsible for all official business communication.

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292 The Secretary gives meeting notices for both general business and special meetings.



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293 The Secretary shall provide notices for both general business and special meetings as required. The  
294 Secretary shall prepare an agenda two (2) days in advance of general business meetings and disseminate  
295 it to members.

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297 The Secretary shall be responsible for recording minutes at all general business meetings, and uploading  
298 them to the appropriate shared location.

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300 The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and tracking attendance at all meetings. The Secretary  
301 shall provide notice to the relevant person(s) of each absence.

302 The Secretary pin is property of the club and must be passed to the new Secretary.

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## 304 **4.6 Pledge Coordinator**

305 **The Pledge Coordinator shall be responsible for all Pledges, and shall work in conjunction with other**  
306 **Officers to maintain an accurate roll of all members.**

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308 The Pledge Coordinator shall proctor each pledgeship, including providing a complete pledge book for  
309 each Pledge and educating Pledges on the policies, rules, and traditions and expectations of the club;  
310 ensure that Pledges fulfill their obligations to the club, including the completion of their pledge book  
311 and proper payments; maintain regular communication with the Pledge and their Sponsors; provide  
312 updates on pledgeship progress at each general business meeting; Bring prospective applicants for  
313 membership and Pledges up for approval at general business meetings.

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315 The Pledge Coordinator pin is property of the club and must be passed to the next Pledge Coordinator.

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## 317 **4.7 Historian**

318 **The Historian shall catalog media and other artifacts of the club and its members.**

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320 This information shall be organized in such a way to facilitate the maintenance of the club history.

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322 The Historian shall have a record of all past members and what has become of them. They will record  
323 and keep track of where we have presented our colors, awards received, and anything involving the club  
324 as a group. These records should include who was involved, time and place it happened, pictures, and  
325 any correspondence received (e.g. thank you cards). They will maintain our ongoing scrapbook  
326 containing photos of Midnight Howl KC and events. They oversee setting up a group photo before  
327 events so the picture can be displayed for the participants, and retained for archiving.

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329 The Historian shall secure an appropriate space for the safekeeping of all club historical items and  
330 records.

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332 The Historian pin is property of the club and must be passed to the next Historian.

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## 334 **4.8 Executive Board**

335 **The Executive Board shall consist of the elected Officers of the Club.**

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337 The Executive Board is empowered to make decisions and approve expenditures on behalf of the club  
338 between regularly scheduled meetings. Any such decisions must be announced at the next regular  
339 meeting and included in the regular meeting minutes.





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The Executive Board may meet to decide the following issues and vote:  
(1) To expend club general funds up to \$150.  
(2) To commit the club to attend any function or perform any services the club usually attends.  
(3) To rent or allow for the use of any club assets.  
(4) To make emergency decisions on membership status of any club member or expenditure of any general club funds when calling for a special meeting would not be feasible. Any changes on membership must be ratified by the general membership at the next regular meeting.

## 4.9 Records

**Records and documents maintained by each officer remain the property of the club and must be surrendered at the end of the officer's term or upon request of the Executive Board.**

All documents and records should be stored on the club's shared drive(s) unless a compelling reason prevents it from being stored in a publicly available location.

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

### 5.1 Road Captain

**The Road Captain is a position appointed from the persons attending a particular event.**

The Road Captain shall plan and organize any club-sponsored activities or competitions at a particular event.

The Road Captain shall generally serve as the primary representative of the club at any given event, and shall serve as a coordinator and leader of the club's attendees at an event.

### 5.2 Webmaster

**The Webmaster maintains Midnight Howl KC web site.**

### 5.3 Social Media Coordinator

**The Social Media Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining and updating social media accounts for Midnight Howl KC.**

### 5.4 MACC Delegates

**The MACC Delegates are positions appointed from the persons attending a MACC attended meeting.**

Ideally the MACC Delegates would be the same individuals consistently attending the MACC meetings (including the online meetings) but some circumstances may dictate otherwise.

## ELECTIVE COMMITTEES

### 6.1 Elective Committees

**Any number of committees may be created for the proper functioning of the club.**

Commonly established committees include Ambassadors, Bylaws, and Run Committee .  
Their common duties shall include:



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386           Ambassadors: Presenting a balanced schedule of events and activities for the club each year.  
387           Bylaws: Ensuring Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures are accurate and kept current.  
388           The Bylaws committee shall consist of at least three (3) Full Members.  
389           Run Committee: Oversee the planning and execution of the biennial run.  
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## 391   **ELECTIONS**

### 392   **7.1 Duration of Term**

393   **The officers of the club shall be elected for a period of two (2) years. No officer can hold the same**  
394   **position for more than 2 consecutive terms.**

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### 396   **7.2 Nominations of Officers**

397   **Nominations for all officers shall be taken and made at the general business meetings in March of**  
398   **every even year.**

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### 400   **7.3 Eligibility**

401   **Only Full Members in good standing are eligible for nomination to an office.**

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### 403   **7.4 Election of Officers**

404   **The election of Officers shall be conducted every even year at the April general business meeting.**  
405   **Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot, and the candidate receiving the most votes shall be**  
406   **elected.**

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### 408   **7.5 Counting of Votes**

409   **The President shall appoint two (2) impartial people who are not candidates for office to count the**  
410   **ballots.**

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### 412   **7.6 Installation**

413   **The Officers-elect shall be installed at the end of the biennial MNH Gala or at the next regular General**  
414   **Business Meeting, whichever occurs first.**

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## 416   **BOARD MEMBER CHANGES OUTSIDE OF ELECTION PERIOD**

### 417   **8.1 Resignations**

418   Any Officer or Committee chairperson shall have the privilege of resignation from the role upon offering  
419   a written resignation to the Executive Board.

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### 421   **8.2 Forfeitures**

422   Should any officer fail to meet the required attendance expectations they shall automatically forfeit  
423   their office.

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### 425   **8.3 Vacancies**

426   Vacancies occurring in elected offices shall be filled for the unexpired term by nomination and election  
427   at the general business meetings with the exception of the office of President. In the event of vacancy in  
428   the office of President, the Vice President will assume the office and nominations and election of the  
429   new Vice President will be held.

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### 431   **8.4 Removal From Office**



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432 Any Full Member in good standing may call for a vote of confidence on any officer.  
433 Removal from office requires a 3/4 vote of the voting membership in good standing present at a regular  
434 meeting.

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## 436 MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

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### 438 9.1 Duties

439 **Full Members are required to keep current on their annual membership dues, are expected to**  
440 **participate in club activities, are expected to volunteer for at least two (2) events per calendar year.**

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442 Annual dues shall be set at \$100, due every August.

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444 Duties of Full Members include but are not limited to: participation in events, supporting and  
445 volunteering at club-sponsored activities such as Coat Check, Underdogs, and Pride. Working the  
446 Midnight Howl KC's biennial Club Run.

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448 Full Members are encouraged to represent the organization at least once per year at an out-of-town  
449 leather/kink/pet play event. Full Members are also encouraged to represent the club by attending at  
450 least one out of town MACC leather run each year.

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452 If you have signed up to work for or to represent the club and are unable to fulfill your obligation you  
453 shall have the responsibility of finding a suitable replacement.

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### 455 9.2 Good Standing

456 **A Member in good standing shall be defined as one whose financial obligations to the club are**  
457 **current. Conversely, a Member in bad standing shall be defined as one whose financial obligations are**  
458 **two (2) or more months in arrears. Members in bad standing shall not be entitled to vote.**

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### 460 9.3 Leave of Absence (LoA)

461 **A Full Member may request an LoA after one year of full membership.**

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463 The request must be in writing and approved by a majority vote at a regular monthly meeting. The  
464 period of the LoA shall be longer than 3 months but no longer than 6 months. An extension for an LoA  
465 can be requested once. An LoA cannot be requested within two (2) months of the biennial run.

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467 During an LoA, the member retains possession of their Club Colors.

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469 During an LoA, the member is not required to attend meetings or club events, or to volunteer, and will  
470 not be able to vote. They will not be considered part of the membership to create a quorum or part of  
471 the count for MACC scoring purposes.

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### 473 9.4 Withdrawals and Resignation

474 **Members wishing to terminate their membership may withdraw or resign by submitting their intent**  
475 **in writing to the Executive Board.**

476 When a membership resignation is accepted, all patches and club properties shall be collected.

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478 Members may choose to request a change of membership status (e.g. to an Associate Membership)  
479 instead of withdrawing or resigning from the club. Requests for changes of membership shall be  
480 submitted to the Executive Board and must be considered and voted upon as per normal procedures.  
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## 482 **9.5 Reinstating Membership**

483 **Individuals wishing to have their membership reinstated may petition to re-join the club.**  
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485 Requests for reinstatement of membership shall be made to the Executive Board, and shall be  
486 accompanied by a completed application (as appropriate) and payment of any dues or obligations  
487 outstanding. Requests shall be considered and voted upon as per normal procedures.  
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489 Members wishing to rejoin as Full Members may be required to complete another pledgeship before  
490 reinstatement. This new pledgeship may be waived by a majority of membership.  
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## 492 **9.6 Inurement Statement**

493 **No member shall benefit financially or tangibly from Midnight Howl KC. Members are prohibited from**  
494 **using Midnight Howl's assets or income for personal gain.**  
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## 496 **OFFENSES AND TRIALS**

### 497 **10.1 Discipline**

498 **Any Member or officer of the club may be disciplined or penalized for the commission of any offense**  
499 **specified in these bylaws. The penalties and discipline may be imposed in the form of censure, fine,**  
500 **expulsion, or any combination of these.**  
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### 502 **10.2 Penalties**

503 **Fines or censure may be levied by a majority vote of the Full Members present and voting at a regular**  
504 **meeting. Expulsion from the Club must be by secret ballot and approved by a 3/4-majority vote of the**  
505 **active Full Members present and voting except as otherwise provided in this document.**

506 Censure is defined as a formal statement of disapproval in the form of a resolution that is adopted by  
507 majority vote.  
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509 Fines are defined as the cost incurred to repair or replace damaged or lost property to either the club, a  
510 person, or an establishment.  
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### 512 **10.3 Offenses**

513 **The offenses for which discipline and penalties may be imposed shall be as follows:**

514 **(a) Non-payment of dues or financial obligations to the club.**

515 **(b) Willful violation of the provisions of the obligations to the club.**

516 **(c) Willful failure to comply with the Bylaws of the club to the detriment of the organization.**

517 **(d) Corruption or financial malpractice with respect to the funds or property of the organization.**

518 **(e) Conduct that might bring discredit to the individual Members, the club, or another Member.**

519 **(f) Failure to comply with attendance and/or participation requirements.**

520 **(g) Damaged or lost property to the club, a person, or an establishment.**  
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### 522 **10.4 Expulsion**



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523 **A Member shall be expelled without recourse for non-payment of dues and/or assessment when the**  
524 **arrears exceed a period of four (4) months. Members may be expelled for reasons other than financial**  
525 **obligations.**

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## 527 **AFFILIATIONS**

### 528 **11.1 Affiliations**

529 **The club may become affiliated with other similar clubs with a vote of the membership.**

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531 Mid America Conference of Clubs (MACC):

532 One affiliation we have is to the Mid-America Conference of Clubs (MACC). We will send delegates to  
533 the designated MACC leather runs to ensure proper communications with other clubs.

534 Each delegate is responsible for their own travel expenses, food and beverage.

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536 Presenting Colors:

537 If a member feels that special bonds with another club should be recognized, they can submit that club's  
538 name to the Executive Board for review (including cost) to determine if the Club's Colors should be  
539 presented. Per the Board's approval, it will be submitted at the general business meeting for a simple  
540 majority vote. The colors are to be presented in person at the receiving club's leather run or event. The  
541 presenter will be decided by the delegation going to the event.

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## 543 **CLUB COLORS AND EMBLEMS**

### 544 **12.1 Club Colors**

545 **There will be two (2) distinct and separate parts of the Club Colors: a primary patch and a secondary**  
546 **patch.**

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548 The primary patch shall be worn by all appropriate members on the upper back side of vest, jacket, or  
549 equivalent item. This is traditionally placed across the shoulder blades.

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551 The secondary patch is a small replica of the primary patch and shall be worn on the left front side of a  
552 vest, jacket, or equivalent item. This is traditionally level with the heart. Tier II Associate Members may  
553 wear this patch in any position.

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555 All Club Colors or patches shall remain the property of Midnight Howl KC. Members resigning their  
556 membership, withdrawing, transferring, or expelled from the club will surrender and return all primary  
557 patches and/or colors to the club (including leather patches); they shall surrender and return the  
558 secondary patch upon request.

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560 Traveling Club Colors are the responsibility of the person they were given to. Anyone who  
561 loses/damages the Club Colors while in their care is responsible for the replacement of the Club Colors.

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### 563 **12.2 Pinning**

564 **Full Members have the right to give out friendship pins.**

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566 Friendship pins are a small metal version of the Club Colors. These pins are designed to recognize a bond  
567 of friendship that you feel is starting between you and another. This pin can be presented in any way  
568 you feel comfortable with and is appropriate. Pins can be purchased from the Treasurer.



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**12.3 Dress Code**

**The standard club uniform will consist of the black Midnight Howl KC t-shirt; black pants, kilt, or skirt; black shoes/boots; desired bandana**

Midnight Howl KC recognizes its heritage as a Pet/Handler club. Members are encouraged to retain and enhance this image when representing the organization.

**SPONSORSHIPS**

**13.1 Sponsorships**

**The Club may sponsor entities/events with a majority vote.**

**AMENDMENTS**

**14.1 Any article or section contained in these Bylaws may be amended by the presentation of the proposed amendment in writing at a regular or special meeting. Such an amendment or revision can be voted upon at the next regular meeting. A 3/4-majority vote of Full Members is required for adoption.**

Changes to the SOPs can be made at any meeting by a majority approval.

**DISSOLUTION**

**15.1 In the event that Midnight Howl KC should ever be dissolved, the following actions shall be implemented and carried out prior to such action being finalized.**

**(a) All tangible assets of the club shall be donated to a recognized charitable organization subject to a simple majority vote of the remaining Full Members of the club.**

**(b) All other assets and/or properties of the club, including memorabilia, records, etc., shall be donated to the Leather Archives or GLAMA.**

- Appendix A - Member Agreement
- Appendix B - Membership Application
- Appendix C - Pledge Book
- Appendix D - Tier II Membership Application