

# River Ranch Property Owners' Association, Inc.'s Annual Membership Agreement

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**THIS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) made on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of property owner*), who owns real property in River Ranch Acres described as Folio Number \_\_\_\_\_, such person is referred to herein as “Member”, and River Ranch Property Owners’ Association, Inc, a Florida non-profit corporation, with its principal office located at 18550 County Road 630, East, Lake Wales, Florida 33898, referred to herein as “RRPOA.”

## WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, Member has represented to RRPOA that he/she is the lawful owner of real property located within River Ranch Acres, Polk County, Florida,

**WHEREAS**, Member desires to obtain limited access to RRPOA’s member facilities and real property for recreational purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, RRPOA desires to offer membership to Member.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Annual Membership Fee:** The annual membership fee is **\$120.00**. This fee is for the Member’s limited access to RRPOA’s facilities and real property for authorized recreational purposes in accordance with RRPOA’s Rules and Regulations.
- 2. Term:** From March 1 of the year in which this Agreement is entered into until the last day of February of the next year. The term is not to exceed one year. RRPOA’s governing board of officers and directors may rescind this Agreement at any time with or without notice to Member. If this Agreement is rescinded by RRPOA, Member will be refunded a pro rata portion of the Annual Membership Fee depending on the number of days left in the term of this Agreement, using a 365 day year formula.
- 3. Rules and Regulations:** A copy of RRPOA’s current Rules and Regulations are attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. Member acknowledges that he/she has read and understands these Rules and Regulations. The parties agree that RRPOA may amend and revise these Rules and Regulations at any time and post such amendment or revision at RRPOA’s check-in gate and official website. At all times, Member is responsible for

complying with the current Rules and Regulations posted at the RRPOA check-in gate and official website.

4. **Access:** Member agrees to only access River Ranch Acres through RRPOA's check-in gate, located at 18550 County Road 630, East, Lake Wales, Florida 33898, or any other access point authorized and designated by RRPOA in writing.

5. **RRPOA's Obligations:** RRPOA shall allow Member access to RRPOA real property and member facilities during reasonable hours, as determined by the RRPOA governing board. RRPOA shall promote the conservation of River Ranch Acres and organize activities for its members' recreation.

6. **Member's Obligations:** Member agrees to comply with RRPOA's Rules and Regulations. While present in River Ranch Acres, Member will fully comply with all local, state, and federal laws, regulations, advisories, guidelines, and ordinances. While present in River Ranch Acres, Member will fully comply with all RRPOA rules, regulations, advisories, and guidelines.

7. **Limitation of Liability:** Member has executed a Waiver of Liability, Hold Harmless Agreement and Consent to Medical Treatment ("Waiver") in conjunction with this Agreement. Such Waiver is incorporated into this Agreement by reference. Member agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of such Waiver.

8. **Guests:** From time to time, RRPOA will allow Member to (1) bring family members with him/her to River Ranch Acres and/or (2) purchase a Guest Pass in accordance with RRPOA's Rules and Regulations. Member is solely responsible for the conduct and actions of all persons brought with him/her into River Ranch Acres.

9. **Relationship of Parties:** The parties certify that they are not engaged in any joint venture or joint enterprise with each other. Member is merely a member of the RRPOA organization.

10. **Penalties For Non-Compliance:** If RRPOA determines, in its sole discretion, that Member has not complied with any term or condition of this Agreement, RRPOA may fine Member in any amount as to be determined by RRPOA's governing board of officers and directors, not to exceed \$100.00 per individual violation and/or terminate Member's membership in RRPOA and this Agreement. If RRPOA assesses a fine against Member, Member must pay such fine within thirty (30) days. Any fines not paid within thirty (30) days from assessment, shall bear the maximum rate of interest allowable by law, and create a lienable interest in all River Ranch Acres parcels owned by Member.

11. **Notice:** Notice to Member shall be deemed valid and effective if (1) delivered by U.S. regular mail to Member's address as set forth in Member's Annual Membership Application, or (2) posted at RRPOA's check-in gate and official website. Notice to

RRPOA shall be deemed valid and effective if delivered by U.S. regular mail to RRPOA's address as set forth below:

River Ranch Property Owners' Association, Inc.  
18550 County Road 630 East  
Lake Wales, Florida 33898

**12. Assignments:** Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon, shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by and against, the respective successor and permitted assigns of the parties hereto.

**13. Partial Invalidity:** Should any portion of this Agreement be declared null and void, such portion shall be validly reformed to as nearly as possible approximate the intent of the parties, and elsewhere, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable by either party.

**14. Applicable Law:** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without regard to any statutory or common-law provision pertaining to conflicts of laws. The parties agree that courts of competent jurisdiction in Polk County, Florida for purposes of entering temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief and with regard to any action arising out of any breach or alleged breach of this Agreement. The Parties agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of such courts and any other applicable court within the state of Florida.

**16. Attorneys' Fees:** In the event of any civil litigation between the parties arising from this Agreement, or with regard to any other matter, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs incurred, with such costs to include, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, including such fees and costs incurred with respect to any appeal, in any bankruptcy proceeding or in any action to enforce a judgment obtained by one party against the other.

**17. Changes in Agreement:** Any changes or alterations in this Agreement must be agreed to in writing and signed by the parties in order to be valid, except as provided in paragraph 3 herein. The terms of this Agreement are intended by the parties as a final expression of their Agreement with respect to such terms and also as a complete and exclusive statement of all terms.

**18. Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one instrument binding on all the parties, notwithstanding that all the parties are not signatures to the original or the same counterpart.

**19. Waiver:** The waiver by one party of a breach or threatened breach of this Agreement by the other party cannot be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach

by the other party.

**20. Miscellaneous:** The parties to this agreement declare and represent that:

- A. They have read and understand this agreement;
- B. They have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney if they so desire;
- C. They intend to be legally bound by the promises set forth in this agreement;
- D. The headings of paragraphs in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not in any way affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement; and
- E. The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement are the product of joint draftsmanship by all parties and any ambiguities in this Agreement or any documentation prepared pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall not be construed against any of the parties because of draftsmanship.

**21. FINAL AGREEMENT.** THIS AGREEMENT REPRESENTS THE FINAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR ORAL OR WRITTEN, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES.

WITNESS our signatures as of the day and date first above stated.

**“MEMBER”**

**“RRPOA”**

**River Ranch Property Owners’  
Association, Inc., a Florida non-  
profit corporation**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print:**

**Title:**

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**RRPOA'S RULES AND REGULATIONS**