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CLUB OPTIONS FOR POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

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All Gun Clubs, No Matter What Type, May Do These Things:

- Can distribute/publish alerts and calls to action for pending legislation
- Can participate in non-partisan activities (public forums on issues, publishing/distributing voter guides to members, voter registration drives, get out the vote communications, ballot harvesting)
- Can send member communications on candidates and issues that support/oppose the club mission
- Can coordinate individual donations to a PAC (keep detailed records)

501(c)3-Charitable, Educational, Religious, Scientific, Literary Orgs.

- NO** direct or indirect participating in any political campaign for a specific candidate.(Remember-you may communicate with members on candidates that support your purpose) (There are also provisions for minimal lobbying through section 501(c)(3) h disclosures-contact attorney regarding more information on this)
- NO** donations to PACs

501(c)4-Civic Organization

- YES** to unlimited lobbying that is “related to the exempt purpose”
- YES** to engaging in political campaigns as long as this is not your primary activity.
- YES** to endorsing federal & state candidates
- YES** to contributing to a PAC but watch the \$\$ amount.

501(c)7-Social, Recreational Club

- YES** to unlimited lobbying that is “related to the exempt purpose”
- YES** to engaging in political campaigns as long as this is not your primary activity
- YES** to endorsing federal & state candidates
- YES** to contributing to PAC but watch the \$\$ amount.

For Profit Clubs

- LLC is treated as either corporation or partnership depending how it files with the IRS or if it has shares. Depending on classification, check FEC rules. (Seek attorney for more information)
- Partnership-may make contributions with special rules and limitations.

