

Gulf Coast Club
Revised By-Laws 2002
Owned And Operated By
Houston Alcoholic Foundation

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THE GULF COAST CLUB was built to provide a social club for members as well as a place for various substance abuse groups to meet and learn to live a life that leads to and maintains recovery from substance abuse. It is intended to be for all substance abusers who seek recovery and want to stay free from mind altering substances. Any substance abuse group that wishes to hold meetings or a social event at the Gulf Coast Club may do so after approval by the Board of Trustees.

THE GULF COAST CLUB is owned and operated by the Houston Alcoholic Foundation and is a separate entity from any substance abuse group.

THE GULF COAST CLUB is not intended to be a detox institution, nor is it intended to be a “Slipper’s Haven.” We believe that the premises of the Club should be a sanctuary in which a member can enjoy and share their recovery. Any person who interrupts their recovery by using a mind altering substance forfeits their right to admission to the premises of the Club, since they cannot help but may hinder the recovery of others present. It is the duty of EACH and EVERY member to refuse admission to a former member should they seek it while under the influence of any mind altering substance. The former member is automatically reinstated when he discontinues the use of mind altering substances and wishes to continue striving for recovery. Since a person who seeks help for the first time is not a former member, the foregoing does not apply.

THE GULF COAST CLUB is also a business concern. Many thousands of dollars are invested in it. Therefore, it is necessary to have house rules and by-laws. These cover the use of mind altering substances, personal conduct in the Club, payment of dues, etc. and must be observed if the Club is to continue to operate for the purpose for which it was formed. Only in this way can we give the membership the kind of Club to which it is entitled.

We ask that you read the House Rules and By-laws carefully and understand them thoroughly... So that we may protect the best’s interests of the majority. Those who cannot or will not conform will be denied privileges of the Club.

In accordance with the traditions of substance abuse groups there are no dues or fees for membership in any group that meets in the Gulf Coast Club. However, we have provided a beautiful Club for the enjoyment of all members in the Gulf Coast area and the bills must be paid. We ask each member who uses this facility to look over the facilities and the operation and the purpose of this Club,

and to “take his own inventory”.

WHERE WOULD YOU BE TODAY IF SOMEONE HAD NOT PAID THE COST OF PROVIDING THE PLACE WHERE YOU FOUND THIS WAY OF LIFE?

MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOUSTON ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION IS OPEN TO ANY MEMBER OF ANY RECOGNIZED SUBSTANCE ABUSE GROUP.

HELP KEEP THE DOORS OPEN FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW YOU HERE.

PAY YOUR SHARE TODAY

HOUSE RULES

1. No vulgar language will be permitted on Club premises.
2. Trash, waste paper, cigars and cigarettes, etc., must be placed in proper receptacles.
3. No member or guest shall be permitted on the Club premises while under the influence of any mind altering substance.

EXCEPTIONS; Initial contact as an effort to seek recovery from substance abuse.

4. No animals will be permitted in the club house.
5. No member or guest shall solicit money from any other member or guest on Club premises for personal use or gain.
6. All complaints against the management of the Club must be made in writing and signed by the complainant and submitted to the Grievance Committee of the Board of Trustees. Verbal complaints will not be considered.

Children of members or visitors are welcome when accompanied by a parent or adult sponsor. We must ask that you do not allow them to bother other members or damage the property of the Club. Parents and/or adult sponsors are responsible for the behavior of the children on the premises.