


# **MEMBERSHIP AND ACCOUNT AGREEMENT**



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This Agreement covers your and our rights and responsibilities concerning Accounts the Credit Union (Credit Union) offers. In this Agreement, the words "you" and "yours" mean anyone who signs an Account Card or Account Change Card (Account Card). The words "we," "us," and "our" mean the Credit Union. The word "account" means any one or more share or other accounts you have with the Credit Union.

Your account type(s) and ownership features are designated on your Account Card. By signing an Account Card, each of you, jointly and severally, agree to the terms and conditions in this Agreement and Account Card, the Funds Availability Policy Disclosure, Truth-in-Savings Rate and Fee Schedule (Rate and Fee Schedule), and any Account Receipt accompanying this Agreement, and the Credit Union's Bylaws and policies, and any amendments to these documents from time to time which collectively govern your Membership and Accounts.

**1. Membership Eligibility.** To join the Credit Union you must meet the membership requirements including purchase and maintenance of at least one (1) share ("membership share") as set forth in the Credit Union's Bylaws. You authorize us to check your account, credit, and employment history, and obtain reports from third parties, including credit reporting agencies, to verify your eligibility for the accounts and services you request.

**2. Single Party Accounts.** A single party account is an account owned by one member (individual, corporation, partnership, trust or other organization) qualified for credit union membership. If the account owner dies, the interest passes, subject to applicable law, to the decedent's estate or Payable on Death (POD) beneficiary/payee or trust beneficiary, subject to other provisions of this Agreement governing our protection for honoring transfer and withdrawal requests of an owner or owner's agent prior to notice of an owner's death.

**3. Multiple Party Accounts.** An account owned by two or more persons is a multiple party account.

a. **Rights of Survivorship.** Unless otherwise stated on the Account Card, a multiple party account includes rights of survivorship. This means when one owner dies, all sums in the account will pass to the surviving owner(s). For a multiple party account without rights of survivorship, the deceased owner's interest passes to his or her estate. A surviving owner's interest is subject to the Credit Union's statutory lien for the deceased owner's obligations, and to any security interest or pledge granted by a deceased owner, even if a surviving owner did not consent to it.

b. **Control of Multiple Party Accounts.** Any owner is authorized and deemed to act for any other owner(s) and may instruct us regarding transactions and other account matters. Each owner guarantees the signature of any other owner(s). Any owner may withdraw all funds, stop payment on items, transfer, or pledge to us all or any part of the shares without the consent of the other owner(s). We have no duty to notify any owner(s) about any transaction. We reserve the right to require written consent of all owners for any change to or termination of an account. If we receive written notice of a dispute between owners or inconsistent instructions from them, we may suspend or terminate the account and require a court order or written consent from all owners to act.

c. **Multiple Party Account Owner Liability.** If a deposited item in a multiple party account is returned unpaid, an account is overdrawn, or if we do not receive final payment on a transaction, the owners, jointly and severally, are liable to us for the amount of the returned item, overdraft, or unpaid amount and any charges, regardless of who initiated or benefited from the transaction. If any account owner is indebted to us, we may enforce our rights against any account of an owner or all funds in the multiple party account regardless of who contributed them.

**4. POD/Trust Account Designations.** A Payable on Death (POD) account or trust account designation is an instruction to the Credit Union that a single or multiple party account so designated is payable to the owner(s) during his, her or their lifetimes and, when the last account owner dies, payable to any named and surviving POD or trust beneficiary/payee. Accounts payable to more than one surviving beneficiary/payee are owned

jointly by such beneficiaries/payees without rights of survivorship. Any POD or trust beneficiary/payee designation shall not apply to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) which are governed by a separate beneficiary/payee designation. We are not obligated to notify any beneficiary/payee of the existence of any account or the vesting of the beneficiary/payee's interest in any account, except as otherwise provided by law.

**5. Accounts for Minors.** We may require any account established by a minor to be a multiple party account with an owner who has reached the age of majority under state law and who shall be jointly and severally liable to us for any returned item, overdraft, or unpaid charges or amounts on such account. We may pay funds directly to the minor without regard to his or her minority. Unless a guardian or parent is an account owner, the guardian or parent shall not have any account access rights. We have no duty to inquire about the use or purpose of any transaction. We will not change the account status when the minor reaches the age of majority, unless authorized in writing by all account owners.

**6. Uniform Transfers/Gifts to Minors Account.** A Uniform Transfers/Gifts to Minors Account (UTTMA/UGMA) is an individual account created by a custodian who deposits funds as an irrevocable gift to a minor. The minor to whom the gift is made is the beneficiary of the custodial property in the account. The custodian has possession and control of the account for the exclusive right and benefit of the minor and barring a court order otherwise, is the only party entitled to make deposits, withdrawals, or close the account. We have no duty to inquire about the use or purpose of any transaction. If the custodian dies, we may suspend the account, until we receive instructions from any person authorized by law to withdraw funds or a court order authorizing withdrawal.

**7. Agency Designation on an Account.** An agency designation on an account is an instruction to us that the owner authorizes another person to make transactions as agent for the account owner regarding the accounts designated. An agent has no ownership interest in the account(s) or Credit Union voting rights. We have no duty to inquire about the use or purpose of any transaction made by the agent.

**8. Deposit of Funds Requirements.** Funds may be deposited to any account, in any manner approved by the Credit Union in accordance with the requirements set forth on the Rate and Fee Schedule.

a. **Endorsements.** We may accept transfers, checks, drafts, and other items for deposit into any of your accounts if they are made payable to, or to the order of, one or more account owners even if they are not endorsed by all payees. You authorize us to supply missing endorsements of any owners if we choose. If a check, draft or item that is payable to two or more persons is ambiguous as to whether it is payable to either or both, we may process the check, draft or item as though it is payable to either person. If an insurance, government, or other check or draft requires an endorsement as set forth on the back of the check or draft, we may require endorsement as set forth on the item. Endorsements must be made on the back of the share draft or check within 1½ inches from the top edge, although we may accept endorsements outside this space. However, any loss we incur from a delay or processing error resulting from an irregular endorsement or other markings by you or any prior endorser will be your responsibility.

b. **Collection of Items.** We act only as your agent and we are not responsible for handling items for deposit or collection beyond the exercise of ordinary care. Deposits made by mail or at unstaffed facilities are not our responsibility until we receive them. We are not liable for the negligence of any correspondent or for loss in transit, and each correspondent will only be liable for its own negligence. We may send any item for collection. Items drawn on an institution located outside the United States are handled on a collection basis only. You waive any notice of nonpayment, dishonor, or protest regarding items we purchase or receive for credit or collection to your account.

c. **Final Payment.** All items or Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfers credited to your account are provisional until we receive final payment. If final payment is not received, we may charge your account for the amount of such items or ACH transfers and impose a return item charge on your account. Any collection fees we incur may be charged to your account. We reserve the right to refuse or return any item or funds transfer.

d. Direct Deposits. We may offer preauthorized deposits (e.g., payroll checks, Social Security or retirement checks, or other government checks) or preauthorized transfers from other accounts. You must authorize each direct deposit or preauthorized transfer by filling out a separate form. You must notify us at least thirty (30) days in advance to cancel or change a direct deposit or transfer option. Upon a bankruptcy filing, unless you cancel an authorization we will continue making direct deposits in accordance with your authorization on file with us. If we are required to reimburse the U.S. Government for any benefit payment directly deposited into your account, we may deduct the amount returned from any of your accounts, unless prohibited by law.

e. Crediting of Deposits. Deposits made after the deposit cutoff time and deposits made on either holidays or days that are not our business days will be credited to your account on the next business day.

## 9. Account Access.

a. Authorized Signature. Your signature on the Account Card authorizes your account access. We will not be liable for refusing to honor any item or instruction if we believe the signature is not genuine. If you have authorized the use of a facsimile signature, we may honor any draft that appears to bear your facsimile signature even if it was made by an unauthorized person. You authorize us to honor transactions initiated by a third person to whom you have given your account number even if you do not authorize a particular transaction.

b. Access Options. You may withdraw or transfer funds from your account(s) in any manner we permit (e.g., at an automated teller machine, in person, by mail, automatic transfer, or telephone, as applicable). We may return as unpaid any draft drawn on a form we do not provide, and you are responsible for any loss we incur handling such a draft. We have the right to review and approve any form of power of attorney and may restrict account withdrawals or transfers. We are under no obligation to honor any power of attorney.

c. ACH & Wire Transfers. If we provide the service, you may initiate or receive credits or debits to your account through wire or ACH transfer. You agree that if you receive funds by a wire or ACH transfer, we are not required to notify you at the time the funds are received. Instead, the transfer will be shown on your periodic statement. We may provisionally credit your account for an ACH transfer before we receive final settlement. We may reverse the provisional credit or you will refund us the amount if we do not receive final settlement. When you initiate a wire transfer, you may identify either the recipient or any financial institution by name and by account or identifying number. The Credit Union (and other institutions) may rely on the account or other identifying number as the proper identification even if it identifies a different party or institution.

d. Credit Union Examination. We may disregard information on any draft or check, other than the signature of the drawer, the amount and any magnetic encoding. You agree we do not fail to exercise ordinary care in paying an item solely because our procedures do not provide for sight examination of items.

**10. Account Rates and Fees.** We pay account earnings and assess fees against your account as set forth in the Rate and Fee Schedule. We may change the Rate and Fee Schedule at any time and will notify you as required by law.

## 11. Transaction Limitations.

a. Withdrawal Restrictions. We permit withdrawals only if your account has sufficient available funds to cover the full amount of the withdrawal or you have an established overdraft protection plan. Drafts or other transfer or payment orders which are drawn against insufficient funds may be subject to a service charge set forth in the Rate and Fee Schedule. If there are sufficient funds to cover some, but not all, of your withdrawal, we may allow those withdrawals for which there are sufficient funds in any order at our discretion.

We may refuse to allow a withdrawal in some situations, and will advise you accordingly; for example: (1) a dispute between account owners (unless a

court has ordered the Credit Union to allow the withdrawal); (2) a legal garnishment or attachment is served; (3) the account secures any obligation to us; (4) required documentation has not been presented; (5) you fail to repay a Credit Union loan on time. We may require you to give written notice of seven (7) days to sixty (60) days before any intended withdrawals.

b. Transfer Limitations. For share savings and money market accounts, if applicable, you may make up to six (6) preauthorized, automatic, telephonic, or audio response transfers to another account of yours or to a third party during any calendar month. Of these six, you may make no more than three (3) transfers to a third party by check or debit card. A preauthorized transfer includes any arrangement with us to pay a third party from your account upon oral or written orders including orders received through the automated clearing house (ACH). You may make unlimited transfers to any of your accounts or to any Credit Union loan account and may make withdrawals in person, by mail, or at an ATM. However, we may refuse or reverse a transfer that exceeds these limitations and may assess fees against, suspend or close your account.

**12. Certificate Accounts.** Any time deposit, term share, share certificate, or certificate of deposit account allowed by state law (Certificate Account), whichever we offer, is subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Rate and Fee Schedule and Account Deposit Receipt for each account the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

## 13. Overdrafts.

a. Overdraft Liability. If on any day, the funds in your share draft account are not sufficient to cover drafts, fees or other items posted to your account, those amounts will be handled in accordance with our overdraft procedures or an overdraft protection plan you have with us. The Credit Union's determination of an insufficient account balance may be made at any time between presentation and the Credit Union's midnight deadline with only one review of the account required. We do not have to notify you if your share account does not have funds to cover drafts, fees or other posted items. Whether the item is paid or returned, your account may be subject to a charge as set forth in the Rate and Fee Schedule. Except as otherwise agreed in writing, we, by covering one or any overdraft, do not agree to cover overdrafts in the future and may discontinue covering overdrafts at any time without notice. If we pay a draft or impose a fee that would otherwise overdraw your account, you agree to pay the overdrawn amount immediately. We reserve the right to pursue collection of previously dishonored items at any time, including giving a payor bank extra time beyond any midnight deadline limits.

b. Overdraft Protection Plan. If we have approved an overdraft protection plan for your account, we will honor drafts drawn on insufficient funds by transferring funds from another account under this Agreement or a loan account, as you have directed, or as required under the Credit Union's overdraft protection policy. The fee for overdraft transfers, if any, is set forth on the Rate and Fee Schedule. This Agreement governs all transfers, except those governed by agreements for loan accounts.

**14. Postdated and Staledated Drafts.** We may pay any draft without regard to its date unless you notify us of a postdating. The notice must be given to us in time so that we can notify our employees and reasonably act upon the notice and must accurately describe the draft, including the exact number, date, and amount. You understand that the exact information is necessary for the Credit Union's computer to identify the draft. We are not responsible if you give us an incorrect or incomplete description, or untimely notice. You may make an oral notice which lapses in fourteen (14) calendar days unless confirmed in writing. A written notice is effective for six (6) months and may be renewed in writing from time to time. You agree not to deposit checks, drafts, or other items before they are properly payable. We are not obligated to pay any check or draft drawn on your account which is presented more than six (6) months past its date.

## 15. Stop Payment Orders.

a. Stop Payment Order Request. You may request a stop payment order on any draft drawn on your account. To be binding an order must be dated, signed, and describe the account and draft number and the exact amount. The stop payment will be effective if the Credit Union receives the order in

