

# **Sarasota Association of Realtors**

## **Association Rules**

I agree as a condition of membership to familiarize myself with the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup>, including the duty to arbitrate business disputes in accordance with the Code of Ethics and Arbitration Manual of the National Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup> and the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of our Association, the Florida Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup> and National Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup>. I also agree to complete the mandatory Code of Ethics Training within three months (3) of application to the Association. I further agree that my act of paying dues and fees shall evidence my initial and continuing commitment to abide by the Code of Ethics, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and duty to arbitrate, all as from time to time amended. I agree that, if accepted for membership in the Association, I shall pay the fees and dues as from time to time established. I further understand that membership dues and fees are non-transferable. Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions. Such payments may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

I acknowledge that if accepted as a member and I subsequently resign or am expelled from membership with an ethics complaint or arbitration request pending, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon my verification that I will submit to the pending ethics or arbitration proceeding and will abide by the decision of the hearing Panel; or if I resign or am expelled from membership without having complied with an award in arbitration, the Board of Directors may condition renewal of membership upon my payment of the award plus any costs that have previously been established as due and payable, in relation thereto, provided that the award and such costs have not, in the interim, been otherwise satisfied.

I understand and agree, as an individual affiliated with an MLS Participant, to abide by all Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Reciprocal Agreements with other Boards/Associations and Master Agreements with Computer and Lockbox vendors and other obligations of participation including payment of fees. I agree that MLS information may not be transmitted, re-transmitted or provided in any manner or media to any individual, office or firm not authorized to have such access by the Sarasota Association of Realtors' Multiple Listing Service.

I acknowledge that any copyright and ownership interest in property images taken by MLS photographers shall belong to the MLS and I agree that the MLS is licensed to reproduce, distribute and transform any image and place an MLS copyright legend on any images submitted by me.

I hereby certify that all of the information herein contained furnished by me is true and correct, and I agree that failure to provide complete and accurate information as requested, or any misstatement of fact, shall be grounds for revocation of my membership.