

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
Of the
Nebraska State Sporting Clays Association

ARTICLE I - NAME

1. The name of the association shall be the Nebraska State Sporting Clays Association hereinafter referred to as the "NSSCA".

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the NSSCA shall be as follows:
 - (a) The promotion and encouragement of sporting clays target shooting as a recreational and sporting activity for all ages among residents of the State of Nebraska..
 - (b) To increase among NSSCA members the knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved shotgun marksmanship.
 - (c) To forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship.
 - (d) To organize and conduct events and tournaments.

ARTICLE III – OFFICES

1. The principal office of the NSSCA shall be located at the address of the President. Other offices for the transaction of business shall be located at such places as the Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", designates.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of the NSSCA shall be the President, Secretary & Treasurer.
 - (a) The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership of the NSSCA.
 - (b) The term of office for the officers shall be 3 years. Elect one office per year in rotation.
 - (c) Individuals nominated to hold offices, as noted above, maybe selected from individual N.S.C.A. members who reside in the State of Nebraska.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS

1. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and is empowered to execute all contracts and legal instruments of the NSSCA as directed by the board, and shall be a member of all committees. The President may select an audit team to annually audit the Treasurer's books.

2. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep all minutes of NSSCA meetings, shall issue all notices, and shall perform such duties as the President or Board may require. In the event that the President cannot preside, the Secretary shall preside in his place. However, no official business may be conducted at such meetings.

3. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall collect dues, shall be the custodian of all moneys and vouchers of the NSSCA and shall preserve the receipts of money paid out. He/She is authorized to receive all funds due to the NSSCA and place such funds in any bank of banks as the Treasurer shall recommend and the Board approves. He/She shall make no disbursements other than those authorized by vote of the Board. The Treasurer shall develop a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements and distribute said report at all meetings of the Board and at the Annual Meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 elected Representatives from each zone of the state and the delegate for NE.
2. Zone Directors from each Zone – The duties of the directors at large shall be to act as a liaison between the membership at large, in their respective areas, and the Board.
 - (a) The State will be divided into 3 zones; consisting of the West Zone from Hwy. 281 West; a Central Zone from Hwy. 81 West, N of Hwy 92, then from Hwy. 77 West to include Lincoln, Grand Island & Hastings; and the East Zone to include Norfolk, Columbus & Beatrice.
 - (b) The Zone's directors shall be elected by a majority vote of individual NSCA members. Only NSCA member residents of each respective area shall vote for their respective representative. The term shall be three years. One zone each year, two members per zone. (2005 east zone, 06 west, 07 central in rotation)
3. Powers of the Board of Directors – Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Board, including the Annual State Meeting, the Fall meeting and any special meeting. Vote by proxy shall only be according to the provisions of Article XIV.
 - (a) The Board shall have general charge of the NSSCA's affairs and properly assume such other duties as are not specifically assigned or performed by any committees.
 - (b) The Board shall have the authority to conduct investigations or hearings relative to any complaint against any shooter or club, who in the opinion of the Board is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or any other acts that are detrimental to the best interests of the NSSCA and take such action as the Board deems appropriate.
 - (c) Board shall have the power to remove from office, by a 2/3 majority vote of the entire board, any member of the Board of Directors whose actions or philosophy conflict with the best interests of the NSSCA. This includes but is not limited to the following:
 1. Exposing the Board to civil liability
 2. Intentional disregard for the will of the Board
 3. Taking action on NSSCA matters without the approval of the board
 4. Actions which alienate shooters, range owners/managers or spectators
 5. Disrupting the harmony of an event
 6. Behavior which disrupts the harmony of the Board
 7. Conduct unbecoming a Board member such as public intoxication, rude or abusive behavior

8. Voting on NSSCA matters to pursue a personal agenda which is not in the best interests of the NSSCA
 9. Any violations of NSCA policy or rules
- (d) A vacancy occurring on the Board of an Officer shall be filled by vote of the entire Board. The Officer so chosen shall hold the office until the next general election. Similarly, a Zone Director vacancy shall be filled by a vote of remaining Board members until the next general election.

ARTICLE VII – CLUB MEMBERSHIP

1. Any gun club in the State of Nebraska having at least one sporting clays course, which is also a member of the NSCA, shall be eligible for membership in the NSSCA.
 - (a) Any gun club that is a member of the NSCA in good standing and participates in NSSCA activities shall be eligible as an NSSCA member club.
 - (b) All clubs must be approved by NSSCA by a majority vote of the entire Board to be a member and participate.
 - (c) The Board shall have the authority to suspend or revoke the membership of any member club, for good cause including failure to pay NSSCA fees in response to the recommendation of the Board, as well as those mentioned in Article VI, 3(c). Such suspension or revocation recommendation shall require two-thirds vote of the entire Board.

ARTICLE VIII – SANCTIONED EVENTS

Any member club, in good standing, may host a NSSCA sanctioned event, upon approval of the Board. Sanctioned events may consist of “registered events”, those registered with the NSCA requiring membership in the NSCA for participation or “open events”, those not registered with NSCA, which are open to any participants. NOTE: “NSCA Fun Shoots” shall be classified as “open events” for NSSCA purposes.

1. EVENT RULES

Any registered (NSCA) event must be governed by current NSCA rules.

- (a) It is recommended that NSCA rules be used to govern open events.
- (b) If a club hosts an open event and plans to deviate from NSCA rules, such changes should be in the event program or posted at the club.

2. SAFETY RULES

All NSSCA member clubs must strictly abide by all established NSCA safety rules at all times.

3. REFEREES

Each club shall have the discretion of using qualified referees (as defined by NSCA rules) for all registered events. Referees are not required for open events sanctioned by the NSSCA.

4. SHOOT REPORTS

It shall be the responsibility of any club hosting an NSSCA sanctioned event to prepare a shoot report for each sanctioned event hosted at their club.

- (a) The shoot report shall include all pertinent information about the event, including the number of entries and the amount of NSSCA fees received.

- (b) The shoot report shall also include the name, hometown, and score(s) of each participant, along with any rewards received.
- (c) Each concurrent (as defined by NSCA rules) entry shall also be included on shoot report.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of the host club to forward shoot reports within 15 days of the event.

5. CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT

Any club wishing to cancel a scheduled event must notify the NSSCA at the earliest opportunity available. It shall be the responsibility of the host club to notify the shooters of said cancellation.

ARTICLE IX – ANNUAL DUES

- 1. Club affiliation dues with the NSSCA shall be determined by the board of directors annually. The annual dues are payable January 1 and delinquent March 1, the Treasurer is responsible for notification of past dues February 1, and only those clubs which have paid their annual dues shall be considered in good standing.

Moneys from the annual dues are to be used solely for the member clubs in the form of a composite shoot schedule of all events at all clubs in good standing in the state and are to support general activities of the association as budgeted by the Board of Directors. This schedule is to be printed and mailed to all NSCA shooters in the state (and can be mailed to those in contiguous states at the discretion of the clubs).

- 2. No club shall be given any privileges of a club in good standing until their shoot fees are paid.

ARTICLE X – ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

- 1. The annual state tournament will be held on a rotating basis. Any member club in good standing that has fields with machines to support each individual field and capability to have multiple trap stations may request to hold the Annual State Tournament. Clubs interested in being placed in the rotation should do so in writing by sending a formal proposal to the State Board before July 1 of the year prior to the tournament. Please include what you can offer the shooters, as well as a list of accommodations, restaurants and entertainment for spouses and children in your immediate area. Parking area, bathroom and food services available at the club should also be included. Club must also be able to provide a dinner facility for all competitors and guests, as well as provide a space for an NSSCA business meeting. A 5 stand and other side events must also be available. Board reserves the right to determine if a club has adequate facilities and support staff to host the state tournament.
 - (a) The economic terms of entry fees, purses and options shall be determined by the State Association in conjunction with the host club March 1, of that year.
 - (b) It shall be the responsibility of the Host club to prepare and distribute the program for the Annual State Tournament.
- 2. In the event that the club selected to host the State Tournament elects not to host the event, the next in line from that area of the state may move up if it so desires, otherwise a lottery shall be held, with any club wishing to be considered entered into the lottery. The NSSCA shall be in charge of this procedure.
- 3. The State Tournament rotation shall be updated each year at the State Tournament.

ARTICLE XI – TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

Purpose for the following is to maximize for each club the number of shooters at each event. We do not want the shooters to have to “pick” between clubs on any given dates. Each member club should have the maximum number of competitors for their tournaments. It is also hoped that the NSSCA can sponsor some “multi-club” events. E.g. Sat. at Club A and Sun. at Club B for a 200 target event or a 4 club target event on a given weekend.

1. Any member club, in good standing, desiring to sanction a tournament with the NSSCA, shall make its application to the NSSCA no less than 30 days before the event.
 - (a) The application shall include the desired dates, number of targets in each event, whether the event is registered (NSCA) or an open event, and the preference of their choice for hosting such events.
 - (b) All NSCA events in Nebraska must be sanctioned through the NSSCA , through the continued cooperation of the NSCA Delegate.

2. SELECTION OF EVENT DATE

Selection of shoot dates for the upcoming year shall be awarded by the NSSCA committee, in conjunction with the NSCA for NSCA approved events. The selection committee shall consist of the President and NSCA State Delegates.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection of shoot dates shall be based on the previous year’ schedule, with clubs having first choice for “NSSCA Traditional Shoot Dates”. An NSSCA Traditional shoot date is defined as a date selected by a member club to host an NSSCA event on a date on which they held an NSSCA sanctioned event during the previous season.

NOTE: For NSSCA purposes the same date refers to the same weekend and day of week during the previous shooting season.

- (a) Once the Traditional dates have been selected, the remaining open dates shall be selected by clubs which have not have any previous selections.
- (b) Any club that fails to submit a written application for shoot dates by Feb. 15th, shall forfeit the right to preferential choices for the selection of shoot dates.
- (c) After Feb. 15th , no shoot dates shall be awarded or amended without the approval of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall use the established criteria of the NSSCA to determine any conflicts in scheduling of NSSCA events
- (d) A scheduled event maybe canceled at any time, but it is the responsibility of the host club to notify the Selection Committee at the earliest opportunity available.

4. DETERMINING CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULING

Any conflict in selecting event dates shall be determined in the following manner:

- (a) No event shall conflict with the Annual State Tournament.
- (b) No event shall conflict with a traditional date unless the club requesting event is over 100 miles from the club hosting the traditional date.

- (c) If neither club involved in the conflict has a preference, the Selection Committee shall decide the outcome of the conflict, considering the interests of the NSSCA membership, with a majority vote.
- (d) The exception to procedure shall be that if a club with preference agrees to allow another club to hold an event that is in conflict.
- 5. APPEAL – Any club that is denied, by the Selection Committee, a request for hosting an NSSCA sanctioned event, may appeal the denial to the entire board.
 - (a) Any such appeal must be made in writing to the Secretary. Within 15 days, the Secretary shall mail a copy of the appeal to all members of the Board.
 - (b) Board members shall have 7 days to respond in writing as to their vote on the appeal.
 - (c) Within 7 days the Secretary shall inform all Board members as to the results of the appeal.

ARTICLE XII – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. ANNUAL STATE MEETING

The Annual State Meeting of the NSSCA shall be held at the annual State Tournament. Notice of said meeting shall be printed in the Annual State Tournament Program.

- (a) The purpose of this meeting shall be to address any NSSCA business as deemed necessary by the Board, the general membership of the NSSCA and the election of the officers of the NSSCA every year.

2. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting shall be held as determined by the President.

- (a) Notice of this meeting shall be sent out two weeks prior to its scheduled date.

3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special Meetings of the NSSCA Board maybe called at any time by the President, or upon written request to the President by any two elected officers or by any three member clubs in good standing.

- (a) Notice of any special meetings and the purpose thereof shall be sent out by the President or Secretary to each Board Member at least 15 days prior to the date of said meeting.
- (b) No business shall be transacted at such meeting except as specified in the notice.

4. EMERGENCY MEETING

Emergency Meeting maybe called by 3 Board members. A signed notice by all 3 Board members must be sent to each Board member with date and time for meeting.

ARTICLE XIII - QUORUM

- 1. A quorum for the transaction of all business at the State Meeting, Annual Meeting or at any special meeting shall constitute a minimum of 6 members and at least 1 member from each Zone.

ARTICLE XIV – VOTING BY PROXY

1. Any member of the Board maybe represented by written proxy in the event that he/she is unable to attend any regular or called meeting.
 - (a) The president may secure a vote on any resolution pertaining to NSSCA business, except amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, by sending a letter ballot on the subject to be voted on, and the vote on such matters shall be counted within ten days after the date such letter has been mailed. At such time, all Board members shall be notified of the results of any such action voted on.

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. The Constitution and the by-laws may only be amended as follows:
 - (a) The proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to the board agenda prior or during to the Annual Meeting, State Tournament or Special Meeting.
 - (b) The Secretary shall then notify each Board member at least 3 days prior to said meeting of exactly what amendments are being contemplated.
 - (c) Any proposed amendment shall be presented to the membership and a 2/3 majority vote will govern the decision to pass or defeat the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XVI – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll call and seating of Board members
2. Reading of the minutes (at the State Tournament, the Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous State Tournaments meeting.)
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Committees
5. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws
6. Unfinished business
7. Election of Officers
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

ARTICLE XVII – RULES COMMITTEE

1. For State Tournaments and NSSCA sanction tournaments, there must be a Rules Committee of 4 Board Members to consist of the President, Range manager and two members which they will choose. Each Zone should be represented. If the President or Range-manager not available the following order of power shall take their position. Delegate, Secretary and Treasurer using descending order.
 - (a) The purpose will be to handle all disputes that may arise to include score discrepancies, target changes, rules infractions, cheating & false accusations, misconduct, safety violations, etc.

- (b) All formal complaints must be investigated fully & immediately. A formal complaint will consist of a signed statement presented to the rules committee.
 - (c) The Committee must have the highest regard for integrity preservation of any person accused of wrong-doing. All people are innocent until substantial evidence can be found otherwise.
 - (d) The Committee will have the power to enact immediate sanctions as it deems necessary to preserve the integrity of the people involved or the harmony of the event.
 - (e) Anyone that believes they have been wrongly sanctioned or adversely affected may appeal to the entire Board by written statement to the President no later than 10 days after the event.
2. For all other shoots, the range owner/manager will serve as Rules Committee, or appoint others, but may not issue NSSCA or NSCA sanctions; but may recommend them to the Board. The President will appoint a Board Committee to fully investigate and rule on such recommendations.
 3. A copy of the NSSCA Constitution, Rules of Conduct & Ethics will be posted in plain view at all NSSCA clubs at all times.