

# WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the association, which is a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of Wyoming, shall be the Wyoming State Shooting Association, Inc. [ Hereafter as WSSA.]

## ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

The purposes of WSSA shall be to protect and defend the United States Constitution and the inalienable right of the American citizen there under to own, posses and use firearms for legitimate purposes; to promote public safety, law and order, and the national defense; to promote sportsmanship and wise use of natural and renewable wildlife resources; and such other pleasurable, recreational and nonprofit purposes not outside the scope of IRS Code Section 501 (c)(7).

To further these purposes, WSSA shall undertake the dissemination of useful and timely information regarding marksmanship and other information as may be necessary to assure the welfare of our membership. Additionally, WSSA shall establish training classes, develop and conduct small arms competition in cooperation with the National Rifle Association and other organizations of good repute, provide speakers, and general assistance to those desiring to learn and participate in the legitimate shooting sports. Finally, the Association will actively support and encourage participation in local clubs, the State Association and the National Rifle Association.

## ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP and DUES

### Section 1- Eligibility

A] Any citizen of the United States or any recognized group or organization that is of good repute shall be eligible for membership in WSSA.

B] No individual who is a member of, and no organization composed in whole or in part of individuals who are members of any organization or group having as it's purpose or one of it's purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of it's political subdivisions shall be eligible for membership.

### Section 2- Membership classes

The classes are: A] Patron B] Life C] 5 year D] 3 year E] Annual F] Junior G] Club H] Complimentary.

### Section 3- Dues

Dues are presented in the Policy manual. Membership shall begin with the month of the first application and continue through the calendar year (s).

### Section 4- Evidence of and Admission to Membership.

A] An appropriate card, certificate or brassard shall be issued to each member as evidence of membership.

B] Any applicant for any class of membership or affiliation may be refused by the Board of Directors.

C] WSSA cannot repurchase memberships. [ no refunds]

### Section 5- Privileges of Members

A] All members in good standing, who meet conditions specified for any match, shall have the privilege of competing in such event whether conducted by WSSA, it's affiliates or such states with which WSSA has an agreement of reciprocity, and shall have all the right to compete for such awards as may be established by WSSA.

B] All members shall have the privilege of requesting and receiving from WSSA such advice and assistance as may be currently available concerning small arms, range construction, organization and management of clubs, and competitions. WSSA for such advice and/or assistance may make a reimbursement charge. The President, Secretary/Treasurer and appropriate Executive Officer shall determine such charges and waiver authority shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

C] All members shall receive the WSSA newsletter.

D] The right to cast the mail ballot provided for under Article 6, Section 2, of these By-Laws, and to vote at meetings of WSSA shall be limited to: Patron, Life, 3&5 year, annual and club memberships.

Each individual member shall have one vote, and each club shall have five votes, to be cast in person or by mail, but not by proxy.

E] In all other respects all members shall have the same rights and privileges, including the right to attend and be heard at meeting of the members.

F] Members may not transfer membership to someone else.

G] Members have the right to inspect all WSSA records, provided the records are not otherwise considered confidential by law. Members have the right to inspect board meeting minutes, the list of members and other propriety records if the member's demand is made in good faith for a proper purpose and so long as the records are not considered confidential by law otherwise. Members have the right to inspect annual financial statements of WSSA.

Section 6- Members holding office.

The holding of any office or service on a committee shall be contingent upon membership in good standing in WSSA.

## **ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS**

Section 1-Officer

The WSSA officers shall be: President, Vice-president, Secretary/Treasurer, Legislation, Competition, Hunting/Conservation and Junior programs with duties as described in the Policy Manual.

Section 2- Election

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in accordance with Article 6 of these By-Laws.

Section 3- Executive Council

There shall be an executive council to be composed of the five immediate past presidents of WSSA.

## **ARTICLE 5 DUTIES of OFFICERS**

Section 1- President

The President shall preside at all meetings and appoint all committees. He shall be an ex-officio member of all regular and special committees and shall perform duties as regularly pertain to his office in the management of WSSA affairs. The President shall report at the annual meeting, activities and financial condition of WSSA.

Section 2- Vice President

The VP shall perform the duties of the president in his absence, or at his request. The VP shall also be the NRA investigator for new clubs.

Section 3- Secretary/ Treasurer

The Sec/Trea shall conduct official correspondence, including the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required by the National Rifle Association. He shall compile, edit, and forward materials to be published in the WSSA publications in the absence of the Public Relations Officer. The Sec/Trea shall keep records of all meetings, by-laws with amendments thereto, resolutions of the Board pertaining to members, communications, and have custody of the books and papers of WSSA. He shall prepare a detailed financial statement at the close of each fiscal year and furnish a copy of such to each officer of WSSA at the annual meeting or before. The Sec/Trea shall be responsible for collecting all moneys due WSSA, maintain appropriate records and have charge of all funds of WSSA and place said funds in such banks accounts as shall be approved by WSSA officers. Such moneys shall only be withdrawn by checks signed by the Sec/Trea or such other signatures as the officers may prescribe. The Sec/Trea shall prepare and maintain for inspection an alphabetical list of members, a list of names and addresses of the Board of Directors and the WSSA's most recent annual report.

Section 4- Board of Directors [hereafter BOD]

A] The BOD shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations for the management of WSSA as shall be necessary to carry out the purpose of WSSA in so far as such rules shall not conflict with these By-Laws.

B] The BOD shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Legislative, Competitions, Hunting/Conservation and Junior Programs. The BOD shall take any necessary action deemed necessary during an emergency. Members of the BOD are not

individually liable for any action, inactions or omissions by WSSA. This does not affect individual liability for intentional torts or illegal acts.

C] Each Director shall be an individual. Directors who are not appointed or designated may serve any number of terms but each term shall not exceed five years.

D] A quorum for the BOD shall be a minimum of one-third of those directors in office, i.e. a minimum of two directors.

E] WSSA may not lend money to Officers except for advancing litigation expenses for a Director who is successful.

#### Section 6- The Executive Council

The Executive Council shall serve as consultants to the Association Officers and Directors, and may make recommendations (to include suspension or expulsion as authorized under Article 11) to insure efficient operation of WSSA.

## **ARTICLE 6 ELECTION of OFFICERS**

#### Section 1-

Each member who is a natural person shall have one vote after one year of membership.

#### Section 2-

Affiliated clubs shall be allowed to vote on any matter concerning WSSA. At the annual meeting, the unit rule of voting shall pertain to each individual club allowing each to vote five votes. Voting may be by mail if any club is unable to send a representative to vote at the meeting. Proxy voting is not authorized.

#### Section 3-

No club in arrears for dues shall be allowed to vote at any meeting for any purpose.

#### Section 4- Nomination of Candidates for Office

Any individual voting member or any club affiliated with WSSA may nominate candidates from Wyoming to be voted on. Written approval from the nominee shall be included with nomination. All nominees must be current members of WSSA and they must have been so for at least six months immediately preceding the nomination to office (i.e. annual individual or higher membership class). The secretary shall furnish each club or any individual voting member who requests the same, official nominating ballots sixty days prior to the annual meeting. These ballots shall be completed and returned to the secretary within thirty days.

The secretary shall cause official ballots to be made, showing the names of all candidates who will accept nomination, and mail a ballot to each affiliated club and voting member. Ballots shall be voted upon by the membership of each affiliated club and voting member and shall be returned to the secretary by mail or presented at the annual meeting for tabulation.

#### Section 5- Notice of Election results

After tabulation of all legitimate votes, the Secretary shall announce election results at the annual meeting and cause them to be published in the next newsletter issue.

#### Section 6- Disqualification of Ballot

In the election of officers or in balloting on any question before WSSA, the following acts shall be cause for disqualification of the ballot: misrepresentation, duplication or balloting by any person or affiliated club not authorized to vote on WSSA matters. Such case of illegal balloting may be cause for expulsion under Article 11, section 1 of these bylaws.

#### Section 7- Term of office

A] Officers elected at the annual meeting shall assume office the first day of July every other year, and shall serve until a qualified successor is duly elected.

B] Members may remove any Director elected by them without cause. Directors may be removed by judicial proceeding.

#### Section 8- Vacancies

A vacancy in the officers of WSSA shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers, and such appointee shall hold office until the next election.

## **ARTICLE 7 ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

### **Section 1- Annual Meeting**

A] The annual meeting shall be held at the time and place specified by the officers; provided that the date of this meeting shall be between April 15 and June 15 of each year. Notice of the meeting shall be published in the WSSA newsletter two months prior to the meeting.

B] For a member meeting, a quorum is defined as the members present at the time of vote.

### **Section 2- Other meetings**

A] WSSA may hold such meetings as deemed necessary by the officers to conduct the affairs of the WSSA. Special membership meetings may be held when called for by 50% of the eligible voting members of WSSA. The District court of the county in which the current address of WSSA is located may order a special meeting of the members.

B] If less than one-third of the votes entitled to be cast are present, then only those matters that were in the meeting notice may be acted upon.

### **Section 3- Officers meetings**

The officers may meet at any time or place at the call of the President or Vice President, notice of such shall be given at least six days prior to the meeting. Any business conducted must be approved by a majority of all the officers.

## **ARTICLE 8 MANAGEMENT and DISSOLUTION**

### **Section 1- Fiscal management**

The President shall cause an audit of WSSA financial records at intervals not to exceed two years, or at any other time deemed necessary (e.g. election or appointment of a new Secretary/Treasurer).

### **Section 2- Fiscal year**

The fiscal period for WSSA shall be from July 1 to June 30 inclusive.

### **Section 3- Regulation of dues and fees**

Dues may be changed by two-thirds vote of the current officers. Special regulation or fees, as required, may be effected by majority vote of WSSA officers.

### **Section 4- Funds management**

Moneys derived from Life membership dues shall be invested or held in escrow. Earnings from Life membership dues, membership dues of other classes, and all other moneys received by WSSA shall be operating funds unless designated for a specific use. Designated funds may not be converted to other use.

### **Section 5- Bonding of Officers**

Any officer having access to WSSA funds shall be bonded in the amount of \$2500, or such higher amount as the Executive Council may direct, cost of said bond to be paid by WSSA.

### **Section 6- Sale of assets**

The minimum vote required on sale of assets not in the regular course of business is two-thirds of the votes cast or a majority of the voting power whichever is less.

### **Section 7- Dissolution**

Upon dissolution, the net assets of this corporation shall be first used to pay all remaining debit of the corporation, then to refund un-expired dues, and then distributed to some other existing nonprofit corporation or association similarly exempt under Section 502 ( c ) (7) of the IRS code of 1954, or exempt under Section ( c ) (4) if permitted by the applicable IRS Code sections, the specific organization to be determined and decided upon by the then acting BOD. A minimum vote requirement of two-thirds of the votes cast or a majority of the voting power whichever is less is required for dissolution of WSSA. WSSA may be dissolved by District Court upon petition from the Attorney General, a Director or fifty members.

### **Section 8- Distributions**

WSSA may not make distributions. (Distributions are defined as “payment of a dividend or any part of the income or profit of a corporation to its members, directors or officers.”)

## **ARTICLE 9 COMPETITIONS**

### **Section 1- State Competitions and bidding**

State Championships are annual tournaments conducted by WSSA. WSSA may authorize local organizations to sponsor and conduct State Championships. Requests for championship matches must be submitted to the Competitions officer. In case of conflicting requests of date and place, the officers shall resolve the conflict. One club must not hold the same match more than two consecutive years if adequate facilities exist at another location and other clubs will sponsor the match.

### **Section 2- Membership**

All competitors must belong to WSSA in order to compete in state championship competition: except, however, members of associations with whom WSSA has an agreement of reciprocity may also compete, as may junior members of affiliated clubs.

### **Section 4- Fees**

There will be a fee collected from each competitor as part of the entry fee that is paid to the sponsoring club. The sponsoring club will be responsible for submitting the correct amount of membership and match fees due to WSSA secretary/treasurer in a timely manner. Fees set in policy manual.

### **Section 5- Reports**

The sponsoring club will furnish a match bulleting to the Competitions officer and also to the secretary/treasurer.

## **ARTICLE 10 MATCH RULES**

All competitions held or endorsed by WSSA will be governed by the current rules and regulations established by the National Rifle Association of America. If NRA rules do not cover the specific type of competition, the appropriate association rules such as ATA, NMLRA etc will apply.

## **ARTICLE 11 EXPULSION of MEMBERS**

### **Section 1- Suspension**

Any officer, member or club of WSSA whose conduct shall be, by two-thirds vote of the officers, determined to have been unsportsmanshiplike or opposed to the best interest of WSSA may be suspended from participation in any and all of WSSA activities for the remainder of the membership year.

### **Section 2- Expulsion**

The officers may, by two-thirds majority vote, permanently expel any officer or member from WSSA; provided, that in any case, a copy of the charges must be delivered to the accused member at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which action on the charges is to take place. The accused shall be given a full opportunity to appear at the meeting in his own defense and be heard in full. Appeal from the decision of the officers may be taken to the membership at large at the next annual meeting. The decision of the officers may be reversed by two-thirds majority vote of all members present at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1- Procedure**

Any officer, club or life member may propose an amendment to these by-laws. The Secretary shall then submit the proposed amendment ( s) by mail to the voting membership at large before the annual meeting. A minimum of two-thirds votes cast or a majority of the voting power whichever is less shall be required. Notice of the adoption will be sent immediately to the National Rifle Association. A bylaw amendment to increase a quorum required for member action must be approved by the members.

Section 2- Vote

The minimum vote required for a plan of merger or consolidation is two-thirds of the cast votes or a majority of the voting powers whichever is less.

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