

BY-LAWS OF THE NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association, Inc. is a non-profit corporation which has the following purposes:

SECTION 1. To promote social welfare and public safety, law and order, and the national defense; to educate and train citizens of good repute in the safe and efficient handling of small arms, and in the technique of design, production and group instruction; to increase the knowledge of small arms and promote efficiency in the use of such arms on the part of members of law enforcement agencies, of the armed forces and of citizens who would be subject to service in the event of war; and to encourage the lawful ownership and use of small arms by citizens of good repute.

SECTION 2. To promote good sportsmanship; and to foster the conservation and wise use of our renewable wildlife resources.

SECTION 3. To promote competitive shooting events.

SECTION 4. To serve as the Official State Association of the National Rifle Association of America, and to cooperate with other organizations of good repute in carrying out activities of mutual benefit.

SECTION 5. To coordinate and encourage the efforts of member clubs, individuals and the general public in the fields of firearms safety, marksmanship training and recreational shooting.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Classes. Membership in the Association shall be composed of two classes: Individual and Club.

SECTION 2. Individual. Individual membership shall be open to all persons who are of good reputation; of good moral character; have not been adjudicated to be insane; have not been convicted of any felony nor crime of violence; who subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the Association; and who meet the requirements for the type of membership for which making application.

A. Types. Individual memberships shall consist of five types: (1) Annual; (2) Junior; (3) Associate; (4) Life and (5) Honorary.

(1) Annual. Annual membership shall be open to any person eighteen years of age or older, who shall make application on the prescribed form and pay the required dues. The Membership Secretary shall issue an appropriate membership card. Annual members shall have all rights and privileges of membership including voting rights, receipt of Association publications, right to hold any office for which eligible, and such additional rights and privileges of membership as may hereafter accrue, except those reserved to Life members.

(2) Junior. Junior membership shall be open to any person until December 31st of the year in which his eighteenth (18th) birthday occurs, who shall make application on the prescribed forms in the same manner as for Annual members. Such membership shall entitle the member to all privileges and rights of Annual membership, except voting and the holding of elective office.

(3) Associate. Associate membership shall be open to all persons who are members of either a Life or Annual members' immediate family, who are resident in such member's household (temporary absence at school or for military service excepted) and who shall make application for membership in the manner prescribed for Annual

members. Such membership shall entitle the member to all privileges and rights of Annual membership except receipt of Association publications.

(4) Life. Life membership shall be open to any person meeting the requirements for Annual membership who shall make application and tender the required dues. A special membership certificate or other indicia shall be issued by the Membership Secretary and said member shall be entitled to all the benefits accruing to an Annual member; and in addition, shall enjoy such special recognition and benefits accruing to Life members as may be determined by the Association.

a. Life membership dues may be paid in a lump sum governed by the dues schedule, established by the membership and prevailing at the time application is made for such Life membership.

b. Conditional Life membership dues - the total amount of which shall be governed by the dues schedule, established by the membership and prevailing at the time application is made for such Conditional Life membership - may be paid over a period not to exceed 21 months, in installments. Installment payments shall be made on the following basis: 1. At least 1/8th of the total at time of application; and 2. Successive quarterly (90-day) payments of at least 1/8th of the total for the ensuing 21-months period.

Life membership and Conditional Life membership applications, and full or installment payments shall be sent through the Membership Secretary to the Life Membership Fund Trustee designated by the President to receive and account for such applications and payment.

c. Dues paid by a Life member or a Conditional Life member shall be immediately placed in a Trust Fund Account maintained by the Association in a Federally Insured Savings and Loan Association, or Savings Bank, paying the highest obtainable pass-book or certificate of deposit interest. The principal sum of such dues shall remain in the Trust Fund for the natural life of such member. However, annual interest earned thereon may be withdrawn at the option of the Trustees and used for whatever Association purposes they may deem appropriate. Upon the death of such member, the principal sum of such dues may be withdrawn and used by the Trustees for appropriate Association purposes.

d. Trustees for the administration and management of the Life Membership Trust Fund shall be the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and two Life members other than these officers. Officers shall serve as Trustees during their elected tenures. The two non-officer Trustees, who shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee, shall serve for staggered terms of three and five years. Three Trustees shall constitute a quorum at any meeting called by the President to deal with matters pertinent to the Life Membership Trust Fund.

(5) Honorary. Honorary membership, for any period from one year to life, may be conferred upon any individual by action of the entire membership, provided that approval by a majority of the voting membership shall be necessary to confer Honorary membership for one year; and approval by two-thirds of the voting membership shall be necessary to confer a membership for any period in excess of one year.

SECTION 3. Clubs. Club membership shall be open to all duly organized and operating clubs which subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the Association.

A. Types. Club membership shall consist of three types: (1) Affiliated, (2) Junior and (3) Associated.

(1) Affiliated Club membership shall be open to all duly organized shooting, hunting, conservation, collecting or sportsmen's clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association, National Muzzleloading Rifle Association, or other nationally recognized organizations; which shall make application on the required forms and pay the required dues. Each Affiliated Club may appoint a member to represent the Club at meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity, and other meetings of the Association. Such representative shall be an Individual member of the Association.

(2) Junior Club membership shall be open to all duly organized junior shooting, training, camping and related junior activity clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association; which shall make application on the required forms and tender the required dues.

(3) Associated Club membership shall be open to all duly organized and operating clubs, associations or non-profit corporations which have ten or more members, shareholders or employees; which subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the Association; which make application, tender the required dues and after investigation, shall be approved by the Executive Committee. Such membership shall be for one year, and the Secretary shall issue an appropriate Certificate of membership to the Club.

SECTION 4. Dues. Dues for all classes of Individual and Club membership shall be fixed by the membership at each Annual Meeting of the Association. The dues schedule so established shall apply for the next succeeding calendar year or as recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 5. Voting. Each Annual, Life and Honorary member, present and voting, shall be entitled to one vote at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

SECTION 6. Termination. Membership shall automatically terminate upon expiration, unless renewed. A member may be expelled from the Association for cause by the membership upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an annual or special meeting of the membership. A member may be suspended from the Association upon affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Committee. No vote for suspension or expulsion shall be taken unless fifteen days written notice by certified mail shall have been provided to the member by the Recording Secretary informing the member of the charges (including a copy of all documents), of the time and place of meeting, and of the member's right to appear and be heard, including the right to present evidence and examine witnesses. Charges may be preferred against a member by any member in good standing, but must be in writing, shall be specific, and shall be investigated by the Executive Committee which must determine if there is sufficient cause of merit to forward the charges to the Association for hearing. A suspended member may be reinstated by vote of a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the first weekend of December of each year or as soon thereafter as the Executive Committee can arrange; provided the meeting must be held within sixty (60) days of that date. The annual meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, for all regular business and for any other business that may come before the Association. Mail voting shall be allowed by establishing suitable means and procedures as determined by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time upon call of the President, upon call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the purpose and object of such meeting, by not less than ten percent of the membership. Written notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be mailed to all members by the Recording Secretary not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting. The place of any special meeting shall be designated by the President, subject to change by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. Quorum. A quorum of 25 voting members, eligible to vote, shall be necessary in order to conduct any business at any meeting, annual or special.

SECTION 4. Location of Annual Meeting. The location of the following annual meeting shall be determined by majority vote of all members present at the annual meeting. Each locality desiring to hold the annual meeting shall have the opportunity to bid for the next annual meeting.

SECTION 5. Meetings of the Executive Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such time and place as the Committee may determine. Special meetings of the Committee may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand in writing to the Secretary, by a majority of the members of the Committee.

SECTION 6. Executive Committee Quorum. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 7. Rules of Order. "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern all deliberation of all meetings of members and committees, unless special exceptions are made herein.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. Executive Committee. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer; the Executive Officers for Pistol, Smallbore Rifle, High Power Rifle, Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol, Muzzleloading Arms, Shotgun, Newsletter, Junior Activities, Gun Collecting, Women's Affairs, Legislative Activities, Conservation Activities, Education and Training Activities, Law Enforcement Activities and the two non-Officer Life Membership Trustees. Any NRA Director, resident within New Mexico and a Member of the Association, shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. Duties. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Board of Directors and shall have general supervision and control of the activities of the Association when the members meeting is not in session, other than the power to amend the By-Laws.

SECTION 3. No officer may obligate the Association for the expenditure of any funds without prior authorization of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer; the Executive Officers for Pistol, Smallbore Rifle, High Power Rifle, Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol, Muzzleloading Arms, Shotgun, Newsletter, Junior Activities, Gun Collecting, Women's Affairs, Legislative Activities, Conservation Activities, Education and Training Activities, and Law Enforcement Activities. The term for each office is one year, or until their successor is elected at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. The President and Vice President may not be elected to their respective office for more than two full, consecutive terms.

A. The President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and all Executive Officers shall be elected by and from the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

SECTION 2. Qualification of Executive Officers. All Executive Officers shall be Individual members of the Association.

SECTION 3. Resignation. Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. In the event no Executive Officer for a given Association activity, as above delineated, is elected as prescribed in the Article, such Executive Officer shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Standing Committees. The following Standing Committees may be appointed by the President and shall be appointed by the President if instructed by the Executive Committee:

- Pistol Activities
- Smallbore Activities
- High Power Rifle Activities
- Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol Activities
- Muzzleloading Arms Activities
- Shotgun Activities
- Newsletter Activities
- Junior Activities
- Gun Collecting Activities
- Women's Affairs
- Legislative Activities
- Conservation Activities
- Education and Training Activities
- Law Enforcement Activities

A. The membership of each Standing Committee shall be selected from Association members who, individually, or through their Affiliated Clubs, regularly sponsor and/or participate actively in the related fields of the shooting sports.

SECTION 2. Special Committees. The President may appoint special committees as he sees fit.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Duties

A. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, except the nominating committee, if such be appointed, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

B. Vice President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

C. Recording Secretary. The Secretary shall attend and keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and shall keep a record of all actions of the Executive Committee. He shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with these Bylaws or as otherwise required; shall be custodian of all books, minutes and records of the Association (except financial records) and of the Corporate Seal, and shall attest to all official documents and resolutions of the Association. In the performance of his duties he may employ persons and/or organizations to assist in the conduct of the office, but terms of such employment and rates of payment shall first be approved by the Executive Committee.

D. Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for all aspects of membership services, including member promotion, member retention and renewal, maintenance and control of the membership roster and other mailing lists, issuance of membership credentials and indicia, sale of membership fraternal promotion materials, and all other duties of this office assigned by the President or the Executive Committee. The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for the receipt of all membership applications, collection of all dues and sales items monies; and shall promptly remit all monies to the Treasurer, taking proper receipt therefor.

E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association and shall deposit same in the name of the Association in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. Monies shall be withdrawn only by check signed by the Treasurer and for payment of expenditures authorized by the Executive Committee. He shall keep accurate books of account and fiscal records, and all expenditures shall be supported by vouchers. He may delegate payment and receipt of entry fees authority to the Match Director of matches sponsored by the Association when approved by the Executive Committee. He shall attend all meetings and shall make a report when required to the Executive Committee, and shall make an annual report to the Association at its Annual Meeting.

F. Executive Officer for Pistol. The Executive Officer for Pistol shall maintain the office of record for pistol activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate pistol competitions and shall serve as Chairman of the Pistol Activities Committee.

G. Executive Officer for Smallbore Rifle. The Executive Officer for Smallbore Rifle shall maintain the office of record for smallbore rifle activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate smallbore rifle competitions and shall serve as Chairman of the Smallbore Rifle Activities Committee.

H. Executive Officer for High Power Rifle. The Executive Officer for High Power Rifle shall maintain the office of record for high power rifle activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate high power rifle competitions and shall serve as Chairman of the High Power Rifle Activities Committee.

I. Executive Officer for Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol. The Executive Officer for Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol shall maintain the office of record for metallic silhouette rifle and pistol activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate metallic silhouette

rifle and pistol competitions and shall serve as Chairman of the Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol Activities Committee.

J. Executive Officer for Muzzleloading Shooting. The Executive Officer for Muzzleloading Shooting shall maintain the office of record for muzzleloading shooting activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate muzzleloading shooting competitions and shall serve as Chairman of the Muzzleloading Shooting Activities Committee.

K. Executive Officer for Shotgun. The Executive Officer for Shotgun shooting shall maintain the office of record for shotgun shooting activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate shotgun shooting competitions and shall serve as Chairman of the Shotgun Shooting Activities Committee.

L. Executive Officer for Newsletter. The Executive Officer for Newsletter shall conduct that office in a manner and under such procedures as he deems will best serve the interests of the Newsletter, commensurate with the purposes and objective of the Association. He shall serve as Chairman of the Newsletter Committee.

M. Executive Officer for Junior Activities. The Executive Officer for Junior Activities shall maintain the office of record for junior purposes activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate junior activities and shall serve as Chairman of the Junior Activities Committee.

N. Executive Officer for Gun Collecting. The Executive Officer for Gun Collecting shall conduct that office in a manner and under such procedures as he deems will best serve the interests of Gun Collectors, commensurate with the purposes and objective of the Association. He shall serve as Chairman of the Gun Collecting Committee.

O. Executive Officer for Women's Affairs. The Executive Officer for Women's Affairs shall conduct that office in a manner and under such procedures as he deems will best serve the interests of women in the shooting sports, commensurate with the purposes and objective of the Association. He shall serve as Chairman of the Gun Collecting Committee.

P. Executive Officer for Legislative Activities. The Executive Officer for Legislative Activities shall maintain the office of record for legislative activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to legislation as it affects the interests of the Association, and shall serve as Chairman of the Legislative Activities Committee.

Q. Executive Officer for Conservation Activities. The Executive Officer for Conservation Activities shall maintain the office of record for conservation activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to conservation as it affects the interests of the Association, and shall serve as Chairman of the Conservation Activities Committee.

R. Executive Officer for Education and Training Activities. The Executive Officer for Education and Training Activities will work with clubs who need help in organizing programs for education and training and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to education and training concerning the interests of the Association, and shall serve as Chairman of the Education and Training Committee.

S. Executive Officer for Law Enforcement Activities. The Executive Officer for Law Enforcement Activities shall maintain the office of record for law enforcement activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, be responsible for all matters involving law enforcement, and shall serve as Chairman of the Law Enforcement Activities Committee.

SECTION 2. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than President, because of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Executive Committee shall name a qualified member to serve as an acting officer until the vacancy is filled by action of the membership. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office of President, and the office of Vice President shall be thereafter filled as prescribed herein.

ARTICLE IX - MATCH RULES

A. All competitions held or endorsed by the Association will be governed by the then current rules and regulations established by the National Rifle Association of America; or, where applicable, by the then current rules and regulations of the national Muzzleloading Rifle Association of America; or other appropriate nationally recognized organizations.

B. The programs of all competitions held as a "New Mexico State Championship: in any form of shooting under the jurisdiction of the National Rifle Association, National Muzzleloading Rifle Association; or other appropriate nationally recognized organization; shall be submitted to the appropriate Executive Officer for approval prior to submission to the National Rifle Association, National Muzzleloading Rifle Association; or other appropriate nationally recognized organization for registration. All New Mexico State Championship competitions shall be registered by the National Rifle Association; or, where applicable, by the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association; or other appropriate nationally recognized organization..

C. Every sponsor of a "New Mexico State Championship" tournament shall include in the program and the match entry fees, a State Association Registration fee of \$0.50 per day per senior competitor, or \$.0.25 per day per junior competitor. This registration fee shall be in addition to any National Rifle Association fees, National Muzzleloading Rifle Association fees; or other appropriate nationally recognized organization fees required; and shall be placed int eh New Mexico Association's account to defray general operating expenses.

D. Competitors must be members of the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association, Inc. or members of their respective home state Association to compete in State Championship Tournaments.

E. Match programs for State Championship Matches will contain the information in Paragraphs C and D of this Article.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered or amended in whole or in part, or new Bylaws adopted at any regular meeting of the Association; or at any special meeting of the Association called for that purpose; or by mail ballot, provided notice of the intended alteration or amendment shall be provided to the members in any notice of such meeting.

Adoption of any amendment, alteration, repeal or substitution shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast. Notice of the revised or amended Bylaws or new Bylaws shall be sent to all members by the Recording Secretary as soon as possible after adoption.

ARTICLE XI - DISBANDMENT OR DISSOLVEMENT

In the event this Association is disbanded or dissolved all assets and debts of the Association shall be liquidated and title to any surplus shall be vested in the NRA-Whittington Center.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 5, 2000.

APPROVED: President: _____

ATTEST: Secretary: _____