

BYLAWS OF THE NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Bylaws as amended at the 86th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 18, 2021

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 and AFFILIATION

SECTION 1. Membership in the Association is for individuals and shall consist of six types enumerated in Section Affiliation with the Association is for Clubs (Section 3) and Businesses (Section 4).

SECTION 2. Individual Membership. Individual membership shall be open to persons of good reputation and moral character who are not prohibited by federal, state or local law from possessing or using firearms, and who subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the Association; and who meet the requirements for the type of membership for which they are making application.

Types. Individual memberships shall consist of six types: A. Annual; B. Junior; C. Associate; D. Sustaining, E. Honorary, and F. Life (now a closed type).

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.

Junior. Junior membership shall be open to any person until December 31st of the year in which their twentieth (20th) 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.

Associate. Associate membership shall be open to all persons who are members of an Honorary, Life, Sustaining 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

earnings of the Fund may be withdrawn at the option of the Executive Committee and used for Association purposes. Upon the death or loss of a member, the principal sum of their dues may be withdrawn and used by the Executive Committee for Association purposes.

The Investment Oversight Committee has oversight and management responsibility for the Life Membership Fund, under investment policies and procedures established by the Executive Committee, with such actions requiring a 2/3 majority vote of the Invest Oversight Committee and a 2/3 majority vote of the entire Executive Committee. Four members of the Investment Oversight Committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Committee called by the President.

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

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

Affiliated Club affiliation shall be open to all duly organized shooting, hunting, conservation, collecting or sportsmen's clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association, National Muzzle Loading 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 a representative shall be an Individual member of the Association.

Junior Club affiliation shall be open to all duly organized junior shooting, training, camping and related junior activity clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association or other national youth organization; which shall make application on the required forms and tender the required dues.

Associated Club affiliation 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 affiliation Certificate to the Club.

SECTION 4. Businesses. Business Affiliation shall be open to any business seeking to support the Association, its goals and objectives, its shooting sports activities, and its legislative activities in support of 2nd amendment freedoms and rights. An application form and affiliation fee shall be established by the Executive Committee. Business Affiliation requires the approval of the Executive Committee

SECTION 5. Dues. Dues for all classes of Individual membership and affiliation fees for Club and Business Affiliation shall be fixed by the membership at each Annual Meeting of the Association. The Executive Committee shall recommend to the members at each Annual Meeting a dues and fee schedule to be in effect until the next Annual Meeting.

SECTION 6. Voting. Each Annual, Life, Sustaining and Honorary member, present and voting, shall be entitled to one vote at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association. Absentee and Proxy voting are not allowed, except for Mail voting for specific items as described in Article IV, Section 1.

SECTION 7. 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 at a time and place established by the Executive Committee. Proper due notice of the meeting shall be timely provided to all voting members of the Association. The annual meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers, amending the bylaws, receiving reports of officers and committees, for all regular business, and for any other business that may come before the Association. Mail voting only for election of officers and/or adoption of bylaw amendments shall be allowed by establishing suitable means and procedures as determined by the Executive Committee.

Note: The date of the Annual Meeting should be consistent from year to year, while minimizing conflicts (such as weather, holidays, summer vacations, hunting seasons and legislative sessions, etc.). A window, like the months of April and May, would satisfy both goals.

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 annual meeting shall be established by the Executive Committee. Local clubs or other organizations desiring to hold the annual meeting shall have the opportunity to bid for the next annual meeting.

SECTION 5. Article IV - Meetings The Board shall consist of the Executive Committee and the Executive Officers. Meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and place as the Board may determine. Special meetings of the Board 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. A Quorum on the Board shall consist of a majority of filled Executive Committee and Executive Officer positions. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum has been confirmed. Board members may participate in any meeting via electronic device, provided that each has equal opportunity to participate fully in the meeting. Proxy voting is not allowed.

SECTION 6. Rules of Procedure and Order. "Roberts Rules of Order, revised" shall govern all meetings of the Association, unless special exceptions are made in these bylaws.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article V - SECTION 1. Board. There shall be a Board consisting of the Executive Committee, comprising the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer; and the Executive Officers for: Pistol, Small-bore Rifle, High Power Rifle, Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol, Muzzle loading Shooting, Shotgun, Communications, Junior Activities, Gun Collecting, Women's Affairs, Legislative Affairs, Hunting and Conservation, Education and Training, Law Enforcement, and District Directors; and the two non-officer life members of the Investment Oversight Committee. Any NRA Director, resident within New Mexico and a Member of the Association, shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Board.

All candidates for the Board shall be presented at the annual Meeting, and duly elected by a majority vote of Members present. The specific positions will then be deemed filled. In those cases, where no candidate shall be presented for any particular Committee position, that specific position shall be deemed unfilled. Should a candidate appear at a later Board meeting, the President may choose to present that candidate to the Board. Election by a majority of the Committee shall recognize the position as filled until the next Annual Meeting.

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 Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall establish, in coordination with the Treasurer, policies and procedures for periodic audits of the financial statements and records of the Association, including scope, frequency and costs of such audits.

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; and the Executive Officers for Pistol, Small-bore Rifle, High Power Rifle, Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol, Muzzle loading Shooting, Shotgun, Communications, Junior Activities, Gun Collecting, Women's Affairs, Legislative Affairs, Hunting and Conservation, Education and Training, District Directors, and Law Enforcement. The term for each office is one year, or until their successor is elected at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. As stated in Article V above, only those positions deemed filled by a vote at the Annual Meeting, or a subsequent vote at an Executive Committee meeting shall be considered Officers. Election by a majority vote of the Committee Member present shall recognize the position as filled until the next Annual Meeting.

The President and Vice President may not be elected to their respective office for more than four full, consecutive terms. 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, with the additional opportunity to fill currently unfilled positions in keeping with Article V.

There shall be ten District Directors, each with their own respective region of the state. Each district shall be flexible as to the counties included, but there shall be no overlap of districts. The district directors shall be elected by a vote of the membership, or appointed by the executive committee.

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 shall be chaired by their respective Executive Officers (Article 6, Section 1). Members of each standing committee may be appointed by the Committee Chair with the approval of the President or Executive Committee, or as directed by the President or the Executive Committee:

Pistol Small-bore High Power Rifle Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol Muzzle Loading Shooting Shotgun
Communications Junior Activities Gun Collecting Women's affairs Legislative Affairs Hunting and Conservation
Education and Training Law Enforcement

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. Nominating Committee. At the first Executive Committee meeting following each Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee shall elect a Nominating Committee consisting of three Annual, Life or Sustaining Life members, no more than two of whom may be Officers of the Association. The Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates who are the best qualified voting members of the Association, said slate to be presented to the members, either by mail ballot, or directly at the next Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3. Investment Oversight Committee. This committee shall oversee and manage, with the assistance and guidance of professionals, the investments of the (old) Life Membership Fund and the (new) Sustaining Membership Fund, under approved investment policies for each fund. Committee members are the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and two non-officer life members appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. The two non-officer life members shall serve staggered terms, one for three years and one for five years.

SECTION 4. Special Committees. The President may appoint special committees as deemed necessary for the business of the Association.

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 Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Association, shall keep a record of all actions of the Executive Committee, 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. The Recording Secretary 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. The Recording Secretary shall maintain an inventory of Association property and physical assets, including property loaned to the Association, and shall report the Association's assets to the Executive Committee at least annually.
- 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 and fraternal 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 one or more financial institutions under policies and procedures 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. The Treasurer shall keep accurate books of account and fiscal records, and all expenditures shall be supported by vouchers. The Treasurer may delegate authority for payment of match expenses and receipt of entry fees to the Match Director of matches sponsored by the Association when approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report at each Executive Committee meeting, and an annual report to the Association at each Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall coordinate the preparation of an annual calendar year budget for approval by the Executive Committee.
- F. Executive Officer for Pistol. The Executive Officer for Pistol shall maintain the office of record for pistol activities, shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate pistol competitions, and shall serve as Chair of the Pistol Committee.
- G. Executive Officer for Small-bore Rifle. The Executive Officer for Small-bore Rifle shall maintain the office of record for small-bore rifle activities, shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate small-bore rifle competitions, and shall serve as Chair of the Small-bore Rifle 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, shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate high power rifle competitions, and shall serve as Chair of the High Power Rifle 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 Chair of the Metallic Silhouette Rifle and Pistol Committee.

- A. Executive Officer for Muzzle Loading Shooting. The Executive Officer for Muzzle Loading Shooting shall maintain the office of record for muzzle loading and black powder shooting activities, shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate muzzle loading and black powder shooting competitions, and shall serve as Chair of the Muzzle Loading Shooting Committee.
- B. 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 Chair of the Shotgun Committee.
- C. Executive Officer for Communications. The Executive Officer for Communications shall conduct that office in a manner and under such procedures as will best serve the interests of the Membership, commensurate with the purposes and objective of the Association, and shall serve as Chair of the Communications Committee. Communications activities include the newsletter, web site, email and other electronic communications with members.
- D. Executive Officer for Junior Activities. The Executive Officer for Junior Activities shall maintain the office of record for junior and other youth activities, shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to intrastate junior activities, and shall serve as Chair of the Junior Activities Committee.
- E. Executive Officer for Gun Collecting. The Executive Officer for Gun Collecting shall conduct that office in a manner and under such procedures as best serve the interests of Gun Collectors, commensurate with the purposes and objective of the Association, and shall serve as Chair of the Gun Collecting Committee.
- F. 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 best serve the interests of women in the shooting sports, commensurate with the purposes and objective of the Association, and shall serve as Chair of the Women's Affairs Committee.
- G. Executive Officer for Legislative Affairs. The Executive Officer for Legislative Affairs 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 its members, and shall serve as Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee.
- H. Executive Officer for Hunting and Conservation. The Executive Officer for Hunting and Conservation shall maintain the office of record for hunting and conservation activities and shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, handle all matters pertaining to hunting and conservation as it affects the interests of the Association, and shall serve as Chair of the Hunting and Conservation Committee.
- I. Executive Officer for Education and Training. The Executive Officer for Education and Training will work with clubs who need help in organizing programs for education and training, 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 Chair of the Education and Training Committee.
- J. Executive Officer for Law Enforcement. The Executive Officer for Law Enforcement shall maintain the office of record for law enforcement activities, shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, be responsible for all matters involving law enforcement, and shall serve as Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee.
- K. **SECTION 5. 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 Muzzle Loading 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 Muzzle Loading 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 Muzzle Loading 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 Muzzle Loading 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 as established by the Executive Committee for adult, junior and senior competitors. This registration fee shall be in addition to any National Rifle Association fees, National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association fees; or other appropriate nationally recognized organization fees required; and shall be placed in the Association's general account to defray 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.

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 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 Eighty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 18, 2021

APPROVED: President: Zachary Fort

ATTEST: Secretary: Burke Nelson