

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
WASHINGTON SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION, INC**

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PREAMBLE

The Washington Sporting Clays Association, Inc. shall be a **501 C** non-profit corporation of persons engaged in promotion and education regarding clay target sports, including safety and activities revolving around **Sporting Clays**, NSCA 5-Stand, **Super Sporting** and F.I.T.A.S.C. shooting in the state of Washington.

ARTICLE I – NAME AND FISCAL YEAR

The name of the corporation shall be the WASHINGTON SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereafter referred to as "WSCA") and is incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Code.

The fiscal year of the WSCA shall commence on January 1.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

The purpose of the WSCA shall be as follows:

- a. The promotion and encouragement of organized sporting clay shooting among residents of the State of Washington.
- b. To increase among WSCA members the knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved shotgun marksmanship education; and
- c. To forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

ARTICLE III - OFFICES

The principal office of the WSCA shall be located at the address of the Secretary. Other offices for the transaction of business shall be located at such places as the Board of Directors designates.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The elected officers of the WSCA shall be President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The terms of office shall be 2 years with the President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary being elected together and the 1st Vice-President and Treasurer elected together every other year.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

President:

The President shall preside at all Annual, Special, and Board of Director's meetings of the WSCA, and is empowered to execute all contracts and legal instruments, and have general charge and supervision of all the affairs of the WSCA and shall be a member of all committees. If the President is unable to preside, the 1st Vice-President shall preside in his/her place and if both the President and the 1st Vice-President are unable to preside, the 2nd Vice President shall preside over any said meeting.

1st Vice-President:

The 1st Vice-President shall act in place of the President in his/her absence and shall be a member of all WSCA committees. He/she shall act as liaison between member clubs and the WSCA and shall assist member clubs in the organization of clay shooting events. The 1st Vice-President shall also assist any new group in the organization of a clay shooting club under the auspices of the WSCA and the National Sporting

Clays Association (hereafter referred to as "NSCA"). The 1st Vice-President shall also perform such duties as the President or Board of Directors of WSCA may require.

2nd Vice-President:

The 2nd Vice-President shall have the responsibility for the promotion and publicity of clay shooting in general and of WSCA events in particular. He/she shall also perform such other duties as designated by the President or Board of Directors of WSCA.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep all minutes of WSCA meetings, be responsible for all correspondence of the WSCA and shall issue all notices, submit proposed shoot dates to the NSCA and shall also perform such other duties as designated by the President or Board of Directors of WSCA.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall collect all dues, and shall further act as custodian of all moneys, trophies, securities and vouchers of the WSCA, and shall preserve the receipts of moneys paid out. He/she is authorized to receive all funds due the WSCA and to place such funds in any bank or banks as the Board of Directors shall designate and shall make no disbursements other than those authorized by order of the Board of Directors of WSCA.

A detailed report of all moneys received and distributed by the Treasurer shall be submitted at the Annual State Meeting

The Treasurer shall also furnish bond in the sum of \$25,000.00 at the discretion of the Board of Directors of WSCA, the expense of which shall be paid by the WSCA. He/she shall also perform such other duties as the President or Board of Directors of WSCA may require.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of WSCA shall consist of the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the State's National Delegate's to be known as "Directors-at-large".

Each member of the Board of Directors of WSCA shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all meetings of the Board, the Annual Meeting and any Special meetings.

The Directors-at-large shall act as primary liaisons between the NSCA and the Board of Directors of WSCA.

The Board of Directors shall have all of the fiduciary powers and duties regular customary to Boards of Directors of corporations, including the supervisory direction of the financial and business affairs of this corporation, the preparation of an annual budget, and provision for adequate reserves to insure financial solvency of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of all matters covered by the Constitution and by-laws, including special meetings, and any and all other business that is reasonably presumed to fall within the powers or duties of the Board.

Recognizing that membership is fundamental to the success of the association, the board shall strive constantly to secure and maintain a membership which shall include all eligible sporting clay shooters in the state of Washington. The Board of Directors shall make an annual review of the activities during the past year and establish goals to be carried out during the ensuing year.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct investigations or hearings relative to any complaint against any member which in the opinion of the Board, is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or

any prejudicial acts that are detrimental to the best interest of the Association and to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, subject to NSCA procedures and rules, including termination of such member's membership. Board of Director Meetings may be called by the President at any time as business of the Association may dictate. Meetings can be in person or virtual (phone and/or email).

An officer position vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors of WSCA. The Directors so chosen shall hold office until the next annual election of the Board of Directors of WSCA by the membership-at-large at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Various committees shall be appointed as is deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. All committee members shall be appointed for a period not to exceed one year.

If possible, each committee shall include a board member. All members including the chairperson shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors.

All committees are directly responsible to the president. Any committee or committee member not functioning to the satisfaction of the president can be replaced or changed at any time as is deemed necessary by the president.

ARTICLE VIII - CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Membership:

Any NSCA affiliated club in the state of Washington having at least one Sporting Clays, NSCA 5-Stand, Super Sporting or FITASC course, may be a member club of the WSCA by complying with the terms set forth herein, and any terms set by the Board of Directors in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NSCA. Upon payment of the prescribed dues, any club within the State of Washington shall enjoy all the privileges of the WSCA, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all Special and Annual meetings of the WSCA.

Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of any member club holding a registered shoot to see that no shooter participates before his or her NSCA membership is verified.

It shall be the host club's responsibility to forward all money and scores due the WSCA to it within fifteen (15) days following completion of the shoot. The hosting club will be responsible for mailing award payments and informing participants of information regarding the shoot champion, runner-up, class winners and all shooters awarded punches.

Violations of the by-laws will be dealt with on an individual basis by the Board of Directors. Penalties, subject to NSCA review, may include temporary suspension of registered events, monetary fine, probationary status or expulsion from the WSCA.

ARTICLE IX - INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Any individual resident of the state of Washington who is a member in good standing of the National Sporting Clays Association (hereinafter referred to as the NSCA) shall automatically be a member of WSCA, provided said resident is not restricted from owning or operating a firearm under any federal or state laws, and unless such membership is terminated for failing to pay any amount owing to WSCA or for other

violations of the terms hereof upon vote of the Board of Directors, or pursuant to a member's election to cease being a member.

Any member in good standing shall have the privilege of discussing or speaking on any subject at any Annual or Special meeting of the WSCA and is entitled to one (1) vote at the Annual State Meeting.

ARTICLE X - MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES

Club Affiliation Dues:

Club affiliation dues will be determined by the WSCA Board of Directors. Annual Club affiliation dues may not exceed the club affiliation dues of the NSCA. The annual dues are payable in advance, by the end of the previous calendar year, and only those clubs which have paid their annual dues shall be considered in good standing.

Individual Membership Fees:

Members shall be charged a State per target fee up to the maximum allowed by NSCA for all registered events in which they shoot. State administration fees shall be used to pay the expenses of the WSCA and other activities that support clubs and members as the Board of Directors may direct from time to time.

ARTICLE XI - ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

Any member club in good standing in the State of Washington may petition the WSCA to hold the Annual State Tournament. Economic terms and conditions of the contracts with the member clubs shall be substantially the same and shall be subject to negotiation with the WSCA annually. In the event the club scheduled to host the Annual State Tournament elects not to hold the tournament, the Board of Directors of WSCA shall determine, after deliberation, which other club shall be awarded the year's Annual State Tournament without prejudice to said club's desire to host the Annual State Tournament and any future year.

As part of the selection process, WSCA and the club chosen to host the Annual State Tournament will agree that: 1) WSCA will provide a certified referee to participate on the shoot protest committee, 3) WSCA may, at its discretion, sponsor and organize various events for the benefit of the shoot participants, 4) WSCA may, at its discretion, provide door prizes to be given out at the Saturday banquet, 5) The hosting member club will manage, procure and present the awards/trophies for each of the events held and that WSCA and the club will agree on an amount payable by the hosting club, from the event entry fees, to be dedicated to the purchase of awards/trophies by the hosting member club and that WSCA may choose to add additional funds to pay for these awards/trophies as deemed necessary and appropriate by its Board of Directors. Each hosting club will not combine trophies/awards for WA residents and non-residents, 6) As voted by the board and members, the preliminary event for each year's state shoot shall be referred to as the "Gerard Loupe Memorial Prelim".

ARTICLE XII - TOURNAMENT RULES

The latest revised rules of the NSCA shall govern all tournaments sanctioned by the WSCA.

ARTICLE XIII - TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

Any member club desiring to register a tournament with the NSCA shall make its application through the Secretary of the WSCA in order that the date of said tournament may be recorded by the Secretary and the records of the WSCA be kept up-to-date.

Tournament scheduling will be done based on currently established processes as determined by the Board of Directors.

If a club chooses a shoot date and then cancels that shoot, notification to the WSCA and the NSCA is required. It is the sole responsibility of the host club to notify shooters that the tournament has been canceled.

ARTICLE XIV - ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Annual State Meeting of the members of WSCA shall be held at the Annual State Tournament, or at such other time as determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of said Annual State Meeting shall be printed in the Annual State Championship Program.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to call a special meeting of the membership at any time. Ten percent of the membership may also file a petition stating the specific business to be brought before the corporation and thus call a special meeting at any time. Notice of any Special meeting and the purpose thereof shall be sent out by the President or Secretary of the WSCA to each member in good standing at their last known email address at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be considered to be delivered when deposited in the United States Postal Service, addressed to the member at his/her last known address, with the correct amount of first-class postage on it. No business shall be transacted at such meeting except as specified in the notice.

ARTICLE XV - QUORUM

The members appearing at membership meetings in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of currently elected Board Members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of Board business.

ARTICLE XVI - VOTING BY PROXY

Voting by proxy is not permitted. All business requiring Board Member votes must be conducted with a quorum of members present either in person or via phone/email.

ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended as follows: The Board of Directors or ten percent of the members may propose an amendment. The proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to the membership in the form of an email or mail ballot. *Each member voting must state that he or she has shot registered targets within the State of Washington during the current shoot year, that he or she is a bona fide resident of the State of Washington, that individual's NSCA number and signature.* Ballots must be emailed or postmarked fifteen (15) days after the date on which they were emailed or mailed to the membership. A simple majority of the votes cast by members in good standing and emailed or postmarked not more than fifteen (15) days after the ballots were transmitted will govern the decision to pass or defeat the proposed amendment(s).

ARTICLE XVIII - STATE TEAMS

The WSCA will recognize the state team selected annually by the NSCA in accordance with the rules and regulations in effect at the time of the selection.

ARTICLE XIX - REFEREES

Each club shall have the responsibility of using qualified referees (as defined by NSCA rules) for all registered shoots.

ARTICLE XX - SHOOT PARTICIPATION

Any shooter in good standing with the NSCA and, if applicable, the WSCA and not in violation of WSCA or NSCA rules or regulations or any state or federal laws shall be allowed to come upon the grounds of any member club holding a registered open shoot and participate in that shoot, if he/she so desires. Any member club finding it necessary to deviate from this Article of the By-Laws shall obtain written permission from the Board of Directors of the WSCA.

ARTICLE XXI – PENALTIES AND SUSPENSIONS

The WSCA adopts and incorporates the Penalties/Suspension provisions of the NSCA Rules and Regulations, both current and amended from time to time by the NSCA. All complaints against a member club or an individual member under the NSCA Rules and Regulations must be in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the WSCA before any action is instigated by the WSCA. All complaints, penalties, and/or suspensions against member clubs or individual members will be addressed in executive session of the Board of Directors to protect the privacy of all parties involved.

The WSCA Board of Directors reserves the right to impose Penalties and/or suspensions against any member club or individual member after due process hearings or investigations of any complaint received and the Board finds those acts to be prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the WSCA and its members, including but not limited to, unsportsmanlike conduct.

All disciplinary decisions of the Board of Directors regarding member clubs or individual clubs may be appealed to the NSCA under the current Rules and Regulations.

Adopted at the YY WSCA Annual Membership Meeting – MM/DD/YY