

NEW JERSEY STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

Name

The organization shall be known as the New Jersey State Trapshooting Association.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this Association shall be the encouragement of trapshooting and the promotion of good fellowship

ARTICLE III

Member Clubs

Section 1. Any duly constituted and regularly organized gun club in the State of New Jersey shall be eligible to membership in this Association upon the majority vote of the Board of Directors and upon payment of an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) which fee shall be due and payable within 30 days after the beginning of the fiscal year of the Association.

Section 2. Each club admitted to membership shall elect or appoint an official delegate to the State Association who will be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The official delegate or alternate shall present to the Board of Directors of the Association satisfactory credentials showing his authority to act for the member club he represents.

Section 4. Member clubs shall conduct at least one ATA registered shoot each year. Failure to do so shall result in the forfeiture of membership in the Association. Reinstatement can only be accomplished by formal application for same and a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and further, by the payment of an additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Section 5. All member clubs shall file with the secretary of the Association, on or before April 15 of each year, a complete list of officers, with their addresses.

Section 6. A complete list of member clubs in a good standing shall be printed in the official program for the annual state shoot.

ARTICLE IV

Association Governing Body

Section 1. The officers and directors of this Association shall consist of a president, two vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, six directors, and an ATA delegate and up to two alternates, all elected at the annual membership meeting. The immediate past president shall serve as director at large provided; they are a member in good standing of the ATA and a NJ resident. This group, plus a delegate from each member club, shall make up the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 2. Officers and directors (other than member club delegates) shall be elected by ballot at the annual membership meeting of this association, each for a term of two years. The ATA delegate and alternates shall be elected each year.

Section 3. The above-mentioned elected officers and directors shall constitute the *Executive Committee* of this association. It is the function of this committee to transact such business as may be necessary between meetings of the Association Board of Directors.

Section 4. *The* Secretary and Treasurer shall be the only officers who may receive compensation for their services. The salary shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Normal expenses of the secretary or treasurer on behalf of the Association shall be approved by the President. Expenses incurred by any other officer or committee on behalf of the Association must have the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Association: to execute all contracts and other legal documents, and to have general charge and supervision over all committees.

Section 2. In the absence of the president, the vice presidents (in order of rank) shall discharge his duties.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Association in proper books to be provided for that purpose or via electronic means. They shall issue all notices of meetings and shall perform such other duties as the president or the Board of Directors may require.

The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees; be custodian of all money, trophies, securities, and vouchers of the Association and shall preserve all receipts for money paid out. They are authorized to receive for the Association, all funds due the Association, contributions to the annual shoot, etc. (and) shall deposit all funds to the credit of the Association in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors may designate, and shall make no disbursements for other than incidental expenses, such as postage, printing, etc. unless authorized to do so by a vote of the Association at the annual meeting, or by order of the Board of Directors.

A detailed report of all monies received and disbursed shall be made at the annual meeting of the Association.

The Treasurer shall receive daily from each entrant participating in the annual state and state zone shoots and all registered shoots the sum of (one dollar), amateur and professional, resident and non-resident.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and collect from the clubs holding the annual state and state zone shoots and all registered shoots all money due the Association, at the close of said shoots. The revenue so derived shall become the property of this Association and remittance shall be made to the treasurer immediately upon the close of such shoots, in legal tender of the USA or by check or money order.

The Treasurer, before entering upon (his/her) duties, shall furnish a bond at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

All requests for the withdrawal of funds shall be accompanied by a statement in duplicate to the president and/or one vice president, setting forth the purpose for which said money is to be used. A copy is to be kept by each signatory, who, after signing the original, shall return the same to the treasurer and this is to serve as a voucher to accompany the yearly financial statement, to be submitted at the next annual meeting of the Association.

All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and/or such other officer as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the delegate to the ATA to represent this Association at the annual meeting of the ATA. The delegate shall have full power and authority in the premises to do all acts and things which (he/she) may deem necessary or proper in the furtherance of the best interests of the Association. (He/She) shall make a full and complete report of all proceedings at such annual meeting of the ATA to the Board of Directors, which report shall be submitted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the annual meeting of the ATA.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs of the Association and may properly assume such other duties as are not specifically assigned to, or performed by, any of the officers or committees. They may create and appoint such committees as may, in their judgement, be necessary.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have full authority to conduct investigations or hearings relative to any complaints against any shooter, or unsportsmanlike conduct, prejudicial to the best interests of the Association. The Board shall have full power to discipline such behavior in accordance with its findings. It further has the right to refuse any individual entry in any tournament given under its auspices.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall prepare the program to be used by member clubs holding the annual state or state zone shoots, but the member clubs may, at the

discretion of the Board, have programs printed and mailed. Any expense in connection therewith shall be borne by the Association.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of all matters not fully covered by the Constitution and By-Laws, or not otherwise taken care of by resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 5. Any vacancies that occur on the Executive Committee between annual meetings shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment, with appointees to serve until the next annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VII

Supervision by the State Association

Section 1. This Association shall have complete supervision over the annual state, state zones, and registered ATA tournaments.

Section 2. The Association shall have full power to decide what clubs may be acceptable as member clubs and further shall have full power to regulate all dates for ATA registered shoots given by member clubs.

Section 3. No ATA registered shoot shall be held by member clubs on any date or dates conflicting with those of the state shoot or the state zone shoots.

Section 4. Solicitations by member clubs for zone shoots or for the annual state shoot shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Association by September 1 prior to the year in which they will be held. Site decisions shall be made by the Board of Directors. Should they fail to meet, by the executive committee.

No member club shall be considered as a site for the annual state shoot that does not, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, have adequate shooting facilities, hotel accommodations, lavatories, and other facilities in keeping with the size and nature of the state shoot.

Section 5. The program for the state shoot and state zone shoots, including all charges and options shall be prepared by the Board of Directors (see Section 3, Article VI). This includes charges for shells, for practice targets and other considerations which might reasonably fall within the responsibility of the State Association.

Section 6. The State Association shall be entitled to all revenues from the annual state shoot and the annual zone shoots, except those involved in the sale of shells, the throwing of targets, and the sale of food and refreshments.

ARTICLE VIII

Zones

Section 1. The State of New Jersey shall be divided into two zones - North and South.

Section 2. The dividing of the zones shall be:

Northern Zone: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren

Southern Zone: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, and Salem

ARTICLE IX

State and Zone Shoots

Section 1. There shall be held in each zone an annual tournament, to be known as the New Jersey Northern Zone or New Jersey Southern Zone Shoot. The dates and member clubs to which these zone shoots are awarded, shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Zone shoots shall consist of a minimum of (200) sixteen yard targets, (50) pairs of doubles targets and (100) handicap targets.

Section 2. At each annual zone shoot, the winners of the sixteen yard, doubles, handicap, and all around on the (400) targets, (or more) shall be designated as New Jersey Zone Champions in the events so won.

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ARTICLE X

Competitive Regulations

Section 1. All registered ATA shoots held in New Jersey shall conform in every respect with all rules and regulations of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

Section 2. Only member clubs shall be sanctioned to hold ATA registered shoots.

Section 3. All member clubs are required to use accepted procedures in checking all traps prior to each registered shoot, and set them in conformance with the latest ATA rules and recommendations. Failure to do so is grounds for suspension of registered shooting privileges. It is the intent of the Association to ensure that shooters have uniformity of targets, and uniformity between fields.

ARTICLE XI

Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held and the annual state shoot.

Section 2. Notice of such annual meeting shall be printed in the official program.

Section 3. At meetings of the Association's Board of Directors each elected officer and director shall have one vote; the ATA delegate (or alternate) shall cast one vote, and each member club of the Association in good standing shall have one vote.

Section 4. At the annual membership meeting of the Association, each New Jersey resident with a paid-up membership in the ATA shall have one vote.

Section 5. Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the president or secretary of the Association, or, upon written request to the president by not less than seven of the member clubs in good standing.

Section 6. Notices of such special meeting and the object thereof shall be sent to the member clubs in good standing, at their last known addresses, by the secretary of the Association, not less than 10 days prior to the date fixed for such meeting.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in the following manner: Any proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the secretary of the Association, in writing, not less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting or any proposed special meeting of the Association. The secretary shall then notify each member club at least 10 days prior to such meeting, stating what change is contemplated, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at such meeting to pass such amendment or alteration.

ARTICLE XIII

In the event of liquidation of this corporation, all of its remaining assets, after payment or provision for all liabilities, shall be distributed to or for the benefit of one or more organizations described in Section 501 © of the Internal Revenue Code as amended, organized and operated for purposes similar to or in conformance with those of this corporation, as determined by the Board of Directors. The above reference to Section 501 © of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, refers to such section now in force and as it may hereafter be amended, as well as to any corresponding provision of a subsequent United States Tax Law.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Report of Officers
4. Report of Committees
5. Unfinished Business
6. Election of Officers and Directors
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE II

Quorum

Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business

ARTICLE III

Finances

There shall be a perpetual reserve fund of not less than \$250.00 and as much in addition thereto as the Board of Directors may decide to be necessary or advisable for the financial security of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this Association shall be from (October 1) of one year to (September 30) of the ensuing year, both dates inclusive.