

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
OF THE
WISCONSIN SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME

1. The name of the association shall be the Wisconsin Sporting Clays Association, hereinafter referred to as the "WSCA".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the WSCA shall be as follows:

(a) The promotion and encouragement of organized sporting clays shooting among residents of the State of Wisconsin;

(b) To increase among WSCA members the knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved shotgun marksmanship; and

(c) To forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

ARTICLE III - OFFICES

1. 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, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", designates.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of the WSCA shall be the President, Vice -President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

(a) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasure shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board at the Annual Fall Meeting.

(b) The term of office for the officers shall be two years. Such terms to be elected in odd numbered years.

(c) Individuals nominated to hold offices, as noted above (a), may be drawn from any individual N.S.C.A. membership persons in the state.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS

1. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and is empowered to execute all contracts and legal instruments, have general charge and supervision of all affairs of the WSCA and shall be a member of all committees. The President should elect an audit team of three to annually audit the Treasurer's books.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall have the responsibility for the general promotion of clays shooting. He/She shall aid any new group in the organization of any clay shooting club under the auspices of the WSCA. In the event that the President is unable to preside, the Vice-President shall preside in his/her place.

3. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep all minutes of WSCA meetings, shall issue all notices, submit proposed shoot dates to the National Sporting Clays Association hereinafter referred to as the "NSCA", and shall perform such duties as the President or Board may require. In the event that both the President and Vice-President cannot preside, the Secretary shall preside in their place.

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall collect all dues, shall be the custodian of all monies and vouchers of the WSCA and shall preserve the receipts of monies paid out. He/She is authorized to receive all funds due to the WSCA and place such funds in any bank or banks as the Treasurer shall desire. He/She shall make no disbursements other than those authorized by vote of the Board.

(a) The Treasurer shall provide a detailed report of all monies received and distributed at the Annual Meeting of the Board.

(b) The Treasurer shall furnish bond in the sum of \$5,000 at the discretion of the Board, the expense of which shall be paid by the WSCA.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, North-Zone Director-at-Large, South-Zone Director-at-Large, NSCA Elected Delegates, and one Club-Appointed Director from each member club in good standing.

2. NORTH-ZONE & SOUTH-ZONE DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

The duties of the North-Zone and South-Zone Director-at-Large shall be to act as a liaison between the NSCA membership at large, in their respective areas, and the Board.

(a) The North-Zone Director shall represent that area north of State Hwy 21, and its extension in both an easterly and westerly direction to the state lines. The South-Zone Director shall represent that area south of State Hwy 21, and its extension in both an easterly and westerly direction to the state lines.

(b) The North-Zone and South-Zone Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of individual N.S.C.A. members at the WSCA Annual Meeting at the WSCA State Tournament. Only residents of each respective area shall vote for their respective representative.

(c) Elected officers, the NSCA Elected Delegate and NSCA Appointed Representative, Club-Appointed

Directors and other club management personnel are not eligible for nomination for the positions of North-Zone or South-Zone Director.

(d) The term shall be two year. Such terms to be elected in odd numbered years.

3. NSCA ELECTED & APPOINTED DELEGATES

The duties of the NSCA Elected Delegate and Appointed Representative shall be to act as a liaison between the NSCA and the WSCA Board.

(a) The NSCA Elected Delegate and Appointed Representative shall be determined by the current NSCA policy.

(b) The term shall also be determined by current NSCA policy.

4. CLUB-APPOINTED DIRECTORS

The duties of a Club-Appointed Director, hereinafter referred to as "Club Directors" shall be to act as a liaison between the club which appointed them, and the shooters from that club, and the WSCA.

(a) Each member club in good standing shall appoint one Club Director.

(b) Their term shall be for one year, unless the club notifies the WSCA, in writing, of a change in the appointment.

(c) In the event that the Club Director is unavailable, a member club may send a substitute representative to any Board meeting. Such substitute shall have the same authority as the regular Club Director in any business at said WSCA meeting.

5. POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Board, including the Annual State Meeting, the Annual Fall Meeting, and any special meeting. Vote by proxy shall only be according to the provisions of ARTICLE XV.

(a) The Board shall have the general charge of the WSCA's affairs and properly assume such other duties as are not specifically assigned or performed by any committees.

(b) The Board shall have the authority to conduct investigations or hearings relative to any complaint against any shooter or club, who in the opinion of the Board, is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or any other acts that are detrimental to the best interests of the WSCA and take such action as the Board deems appropriate.

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(c) The Board shall have full charge of all matters covered in the constitution and By-Laws, including special meetings and all other business that is reasonably presumed to fall within the powers or duties of the Board.

(d) A vacancy occurring on the Board, if an officer, shall be filled by majority vote of the Board. The officer so chosen shall hold the office until the next general election. Similarly a Director-at-Large shall be filled by a vote of remaining Board members until the next general election at the WSCA State Tournament.

ARTICLE VII - CLUB MEMBERSHIP

1. Any gun club in the state of Wisconsin, having at least one sporting clays course, which is also a member of the NSCA, shall be eligible for membership in the WSCA.

(a) Any club applying for membership will be considered a probationary member, pending formal approval by the Board. The WSCA will refund the application fee to any club that is not approved by the Board.

(b) The Board shall have the authority to suspend or revoke the membership of any member club, for good cause. Such suspension or revocation shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - SANCTIONED EVENTS

Any member club, in good standing, may host a WSCA sanctioned event, upon approval of the Board, at the Annual Fall Meeting. Sanctioned events may consist of "registered events", those registered with the NSCA, requiring membership in the NSCA for participation or "open events", those not registered with NSCA, which are open to any participants. NOTE: "NSCA Fun Shoots" shall be classified as "open events" for WSCA purposes.

1. EVENT RULES

Any registered (NSCA) event must be governed by current NSCA rules.

(a) It is recommended that NSCA rules be used to govern open events.

(b) If a club hosts an open event and plans to deviate from NSCA rules, such changes should be in the event program or posted at the club.

2. SAFETY RULES

All WSCA member clubs must strictly abide by all NSCA safety rules at times, regardless if hosting a registered or open event.

3. REFEREES

Each club shall have the responsibility of using qualified referees (as defined by NSCA rules) for all registered events. Referees are not required for open events sanctioned by the WSCA.

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4. FEES

Each Participant in any WSCA sanctioned event shall be charged a fee of one cent per target.

(a) The WSCA fee is in addition to any other applicable fees.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the host club to collect any such fees and forward them to the Treasurer within 15 days of the event.

5. SHOOT REPORTS

It shall be the responsibility of any club hosting a WSCA sanctioned event to prepare a shoot report for each sanctioned event hosted at their club.

(a) The shoot report shall include all pertinent information about the event, including the number entries, and the amount of WSCA fees received.

(b) The shoot report shall also include the name, hometown, and score(s) of each participant, along with any awards received

(c) Each concurrent (as defined in Article XVII) entry shall also be indicated on the shoot report.

(d) It shall be the responsibility of the host club to forward shoot reports within 15 days of the event.

6. LATE FEES

The Treasurer shall fine any club \$25.00 for failure to forward the WSCA fees collected and/or shoot report within 15 days of a sanctioned event.

7. CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT

Any club wishing to cancel a scheduled sanctioned event must notify the WSCA at the earliest opportunity available. It shall be the responsibility of the host club to notify the shooters of said cancellation. Any club failing to notify the WSCA of a cancelled event and failing to forward a shoot report indicating that the event was cancelled, shall be subject to the above stated fine.

ARTICLE IX - ANNUAL DUES

1. Club affiliation dues with the WSCA shall be \$25.00 annually. The annual dues are payable in advance and only those clubs which have paid their annual dues shall be considered in good standing. Payment of the annual dues are due and payable prior to or at the Annual Fall Meeting.

2. Any club failing to pay their dues prior to or at the Annual Fall Meeting shall be given until November 15th to pay their dues and still be considered a member in good standing for the next year.

3. No club shall be given any privileges of a club in good standing until their annual dues are paid.

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ARTICLE X, ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

1. The Annual State Tournament will be hosted on a pre-scheduled, rotational basis. Any member club in good standing that has demonstrated both consistently responsible management practices and possesses the

physical facilities to host a major, state-level tournament may request being placed on the WSCA State Tournament schedule.

(a) The future rotational schedule shall be reviewed, updated and voted upon each fall at the Annual Fall meeting of the Association.

(b) Under normal circumstances it would be envisioned that no member club might expect to repeat as State Tournament Host within any five year period.

(c) In the event a pre-scheduled State Tournament host club is unable to assume the scheduled tournament responsibilities it may be withdrawn from the rotation without prejudice as to future re-scheduling.

(d) To be considered "State Tournament Capable" any W.S.C.A. Club must meet the requirements of the State Shoot Course Criteria as set forth by the Course Criteria Committee and approved and periodically updated by the W.S.C.A. Board of Directors.

2. The economic terms of entry fees, events purses and options shall be determined, and annually updated by the WSCA Board of Directors and agreed upon by the host club.

3. It will be the responsibility of the WSCA to prepare the content and distribute the programs for the Annual State Tournament.

4. The WSCA shall provide added money, herein referred to as the "WSCA Added Money", to be awarded at the State Tournament.

(a) Only residents of Wisconsin shall be eligible to win the WSCA Added Money.

(b) The President shall appoint a committee to determine the distribution of the WSCA Added Money, to allocate any other awards deemed appropriate, and to provide support to the host club as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XI - ANNUAL TEAM EVENT

1. The selection of the site for the Annual Team Event shall be done 3 years in advance on a rotation basis from all member clubs of the W.S.C.A., based upon seniority of membership in the W.S.C.A. Ties will be decided by total number of registered targets thrown the previous 2 years. No club will be allowed to re-apply until all other clubs have had an opportunity to host this shoot. A club that turns down an opportunity to host will be considered to have hosted the shoot

(a) If a club should be eligible for both events in the same given year, the club must choose which event it wishes to hold at the time of the event scheduling at the Annual Fall Meeting. Such choice is irrevocable.

ARTICLE XII - TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

1. Any member club, in good standing, desiring to sanction a tournament with the WSCA, shall make its application to the Secretary no less than 15 days before the Annual Fall Meeting.

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(a) The application shall include the desired dates, number of targets in each event, whether the event is registered (NSCA) or an open event, and the preference of their choices for hosting such events.

(b) All NSCA events in Wisconsin must be sanctioned through the WSCA, through the continued cooperation of the NSCA Delegates.

2. SELECTION OF EVENT DATES

Selection of shoot dates for the upcoming year shall be awarded at the Annual Fall Meeting. The date of the meeting shall fall within the period from September 15 to October 31 and shall be determined by the President.

- (a) All previous member clubs shall be notified at least 30 days in advance of the Fall Meeting.
- (b) Applications for shoot dates shall accompany such notification.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection of shoot dates shall be based on the previous year's schedule, with clubs having first choice for "WSCA Traditional Shoot Dates". A "WSCA Traditional Shoot Date", hereinafter referred to as a Traditional Date, is defined as a date selected by a member club to host a WSCA event on a date on which they held a WSCA sanctioned event during the previous season. NOTE: For WSCA purposes the same date refers to the same weekend and day of week during the previous shooting season.

- (a) Once the Traditional dates have been selected, the remaining open dates shall be selected by clubs which have not had any previous selections. Clubs with previous membership in the WSCA shall have preference.
- (b) Any club may only choose one date for a WSCA sanctioned event in any given month during the period from May 1 to September 30, except under the provisions of ARTICLE XII (3)(d). NOTE: This does not prohibit a club from hosting a WSCA open event in conjunction with a registered (NSCA) event.
- (c) Any Club that submits a written application, but does not have a representative at the meeting, shall be granted any selections that it would have received if a representative was present. However, if any of that club's selections are not awarded, the said club will not be offered any preference in choosing alternate dates at a later time.
 - (1) Clubs that have submitted a written application, but did not have a representative at the Annual Fall Meeting, shall be provided with the complete results of the selections within 15 days after the Fall Meeting, along with a "Late Selection Application". Said clubs will have 15 days to submit this application for review. The President shall appoint a committee to review such late applications and award any further events to said clubs.

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- (d) After the provisions of (a), (b), and (c) of this article have been completed, any remaining dates may be requested and approved. Selection shall be based on seniority in the WSCA.
- (e) Any club that fails to submit a written application for shoot dates prior to the Fall Meeting and fails to send a representative to the meeting to submit its selections, shall forfeit the right to preferential choices for the selection of shoot dates. Clubs that fail to submit their applications or attend the Fall Meeting, shall be

provided with the complete results of the selections within 15 days after the Fall Meeting, along with a "Late Selection Application". Said clubs shall have 15 days to submit this application for review as in (c) (1).

(f) After November 30, no shoot dates shall be awarded or amended without the approval of the selection committee. The selection committee shall use the established criteria of the WSCA to determine any conflicts in scheduling of WSCA events.

(g) A scheduled WSCA event may be cancelled at anytime, but it is the responsibility of the host club to notify the Secretary at the earliest opportunity available.

3. DETERMINING CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULING

Any conflict in selecting event dates shall be determined in the following manner:

(a) No event shall conflict with the Annual State Tournament or the Annual Team Event.

(b) No event shall conflict with a Traditional Date unless the club requesting the conflicting event is over 100 miles from the club hosting the Traditional date.

(c) If neither club involved in the conflict has a preference, the selection committee shall decide the outcome of the conflict, considering the interests of the WSCA, with a majority vote.

(d) The only exception to (a), (b), and (c) shall be that if a club with preference agrees to allow another club to hold an event that is in conflict.

(e) After the Fall Meeting, no WSCA sanctioned event may be scheduled without the approval of the selection committee. The selection committee will notify the WSCA officers of any events approved after the Fall Meeting.

4. APPEAL

Any club that is denied, by the selection committee, a request for hosting a WSCA sanctioned event, any appeal the denial to the entire Board.

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(a) Any such appeal must be made in writing to the Secretary. Within 15 days the Secretary shall mail a copy of the appeal to all members of the Board.

(b) Board members shall have 7 days to respond in writing as to their vote on the appeal.

(c) Within 7 days, thereafter, the Secretary shall inform all Board members as to the results of the appeal.

ARTICLE XIII - ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. ANNUAL STATE MEETING

The Annual State Meeting of the WSCA shall be held during the Annual State Tournament. Notice of said meeting shall be printed in the Annual State Tournament Program.

(a) The purpose of this meeting shall be to address any WSCA business as deemed necessary by the Board, the general membership of the WSCA, and the election of the North-Zone and South-Zone Directors-at-Large.

2. ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The Annual Fall Meeting shall be held between Sept. 15 and October 31, as determined by the President.

(a) Notice of this meeting shall be sent out one month prior to its scheduled date.

3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the WSCA Board may be called at any time by the President, or upon written request to the President by any two elected officers or by any three member clubs in good standing.

(a) Notice of any special meetings and the purpose thereof shall be sent out by the President or Secretary to each Board member at least 15 days prior to the date of said meeting.

(b) No business shall be transacted at such meeting except as specified in the notice.

ARTICLE XIV - QUORUM

1. A quorum for the transaction of all business at the Annual State Meeting, Annual Fall Meeting, or at any special meeting, shall constitute a majority of those present.

ARTICLE XV - VOTING BY PROXY

1. Any member of the board may be represented by written proxy in the event that he/she is unable to attend any regular or called meeting.

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(a) The President may secure a vote on any resolution pertaining to WSCA business, except amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, by sending a letter ballot on the subject to be voted on, and the vote on such matters shall be counted within ten days after the date such letter has been mailed. At such time, all Board members shall be notified of the results of any such action voted on.

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. The Constitution and By-Laws may only be amended as follows:

(a) The proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, fall Meeting, or any Special Meeting.

(b) The Secretary shall then notify each Board member at least 15 days prior to said meeting of exactly what amendments are being contemplated.

(c) Any proposed amendment shall be presented to the membership and a majority vote will govern the decision to pass or defeat the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XVII - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll call and seating of Board members.
2. Reading of the minutes (at the Annual State Tournament, the Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous Annual State Meeting).
3. Reports of Officers.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Election of Officers (Annual Fall Meeting).
8. Awarding of next Annual Tournament.
9. New Business.
10. Adjournment.

ARTICLE XVIII - STATE TEAMS

1. The WSCA All-State Team shall consist of the following:

1st TEAM

- 5 Open Members
- 1 Concurrent from each NSCA Division
- 1 Person from each of the NSCA Classes

2nd TEAM

- 5 Open Team Members
- 1 Concurrent from each NSCA Division
- 1 Person from each of the NSCA Classes

All person will be picked by using NSCA criteria. If NSCA should fail to pick a team, it shall be the job of the All-State Committee to do so.

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2. Eligibility for the WSCA All-State Team shall be as follows:

(a) A shooter must shoot at least 1000 targets in WSCA sanctioned events, with at least 100 targets being shot at a minimum of five different WSCA member clubs.

(b) Any shooter must participate in the Wisconsin State Shoot in that year to qualify for any State Team. Exemptions may be granted by the All-State Committee at their discretion.

(c) Exceptions for Juniors and Sub-Juniors: Junior and Sub-Junior shooters must shoot only a minimum of 500

targets in WSCA sanctioned events, with at least 100 targets being shot at a minimum of three different WSCA member clubs.

3. Definitions of the concurrents shall be the same as those prescribed by the NSCA and may be modified by the All-State Committee from year to year.

4. Plaques or other appropriate awards shall be presented to all members of the WSCA All-State Team at the Annual State Tournament.

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