

# SOUTH DAKOTA SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(Amended January 31, 1987)

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this association shall be THE SOUTH DAKOTA SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

### ARTICLE II OBJECTS

The objects of this Association shall be:

1. The promotion of public safety, law and order, the National defense; the encouragement of training and educational programs in the safe and efficient handling of small arms for citizens of good repute; 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, the National Guard, and citizens within the State who would be subject to service in the armed forces in the event of war; the encouragement of organized marksmanship activities and generally to encourage the lawful ownership and use of small arms by South Dakota citizens of good repute for self-protection and recreational purposes and to strive by all legitimate means to protect the right of citizens to own and use small arms for such purposes;
2. To promote, sponsor and encourage the sponsorship of State Championship shooting competitions and to encourage proper training of tournament officials and to determine the method of selection of State Teams to represent this State in regional and National competitions;
3. To cooperate with National Shooting Organizations in carrying out their activities; to encourage the support of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice by individuals and clubs throughout the State and to encourage the enrollment of all qualified civilian clubs with the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, and The National Rifle Association of America;
4. To cooperate with State law enforcement agencies and local police departments in all efforts to improve the efficiency of their respective members in the use of small arms in the line of duty;
5. To solicit the members clubs of this Association to cooperate with wildlife and sportsmen organizations, of good repute, in the safe use of shooting equipment for hunting and other recreational purposes; and to prevent the occurrence or tolerance of unsportsmanlike behavior within the entire jurisdiction of this Association and to promote the highest degree of sportsmanship and good fellowship;
6. To coordinate and encourage the efforts of member clubs and individuals in the fields of firearms safety, marksmanship training and recreational shooting;
7. To encourage the support and continuous promotion of competitive shooting as a major scholastic and interscholastic sport in the public and non-public school systems, both secondary and collegiate, within the State;
8. To sponsor and promote wise firearms legislation at all legislative levels of city, county, state, and nation; and to act expediently against unsound and unnecessary firearms legislation in all such legislative bodies;

9. To assist, within the ability of the Association, in the planning and acquisition of civilian-owned shooting ranges of all types benefiting the civilian marksmanship programs of the State, and to coordinate and encourage the efforts of member clubs and individuals in obtaining the cooperation and assistance of the Commanders of Defense Department installations, within the State, in the development and utilization of target facilities for the common benefit of civilian and military marksmanship enthusiasts.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. Any sportsman club, gun collectors club, conservation group, military organization, local or State law enforcement agencies with no less than ten (10) members, or less on approval of the Board of Directors, primarily domiciled within the State shall be eligible for membership in this Association upon subscribing to the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws and payment of the annual dues as set forth herein.
2. Individual membership in this Association shall be open to any citizen of the United States, eighteen years of age or older, without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin; upon payment of the annual dues as set forth herein, subscribing to the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, and subscribing to the following pledge: I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America and that I am not a member of any group which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence, and upon admission to membership I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.
3. Honorary annual, or life, membership may be extended to the Governor and other persons in the State at the discretion of the membership or Executive Committee.
4. Any individual, business, or organization, subscribing to and supporting the goals and objectives of the Association shall be eligible for membership in this Association as an associate member. This will be a non-voting membership and subject to the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, and payment of the annual dues as set forth by the membership or the Executive Committee.
5. Privileges of membership:
  - a. Only individual members and members of State Associations in which the SDSSA has reciprocal agreements may compete in State Championship tournaments sponsored or approved by this Association. This requirement may be waived for juniors at the discretion of the sponsor for the specific tournament.
  - b. Individual members shall be entitled to receive a copy of each issue of the SDSSA Newsletter, attend the Annual Meeting and all Special Meetings of this Association and vote for its Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen at the Annual Meeting.
  - c. Members of SDSSA affiliated clubs shall be entitled to receive copies of each issue of the SDSSA Newsletter upon compliance with such conditions and payment of such fees as may be set forth by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV DUES

1. The annual dues for the various memberships of this Association shall be set by the Association at its Annual Meeting.
2. No club or individual member in arrears shall be eligible to participate in the Annual Meeting, or club members or individual members enjoy any of the privileges or benefits offered by the SSSA.
3. The annual dues for the various memberships are due and payable on or before the first (1st) day of January of each calendar year.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at a time and place specified by the Executive Committee.
2. Special Meetings of this Association may be held at any time on the call of the President, or upon request by a majority of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the purpose of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than one-third of the Chief Executive Officers of the member clubs. Notice of the time, place and purpose of any Special Meeting shall be forwarded in writing by U.S. Mail by the Secretary, to all officers and to the secretaries of all member clubs and to all individual members not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The time and place of such meeting shall be designated by the President and it will be held within forty-five (45) days after the request has been filed or received by the Secretary or the President.
3. One-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at Annual or Special Meetings of this Association.
4. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the call of the President at such time and place as determined by the President or on demand in writing to the Secretary by a majority of the members of the Committee. One-third of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee may conduct its business and vote by mail.
5. The President or the Vice-President and the Secretary will conduct the meetings of this Association, but are not voting members thereof, except that the presiding officer may cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for and have general charge of the affairs and property of this Association.
2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairman of each Standing Committee. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of the activities of this Association as directed by the membership at the Annual Meeting.
3. Standing Committees shall be maintained as follows:
  - a. Competitions
  - b. Junior and College
  - c. Legislation
  - d. Hunting and Conservation
  - e. Law Enforcement
  - f. Public RelationsThe Competition Committee Chairman shall have under his/her jurisdiction the following sub-committees: Smallbore Rifle, High Power Rifle, Handgun, Shotgun, Muzzle Loading, and Archery.  
The Public Relations Committee Chairman shall have under his/her jurisdiction the following sub-committees: Women's Activities, Membership Services, and Firearms Safety.  
All other Standing Committee Chairmen may expand their Committees by the addition of not more than three (3) persons, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES (Cont.)

4. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of one year.
5. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall present a report of the activities of the Committee and its recommendations for action by the membership, to the Secretary in writing for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

1. The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of individual members of this Association present at the Annual Meeting. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and assume the duties of the office. The term of office shall be January 1 to December 31.
3. Positions vacated due to resignation or other circumstances shall be filled by appointment by the President upon approval by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association, or Executive Committee, and shall perform all other duties described herein and as usually pertain to this office.
2. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or at his/her request, and shall be a Standing Committee Chairman in charge of Public Relations.
3. **Secretary:** The Secretary will conduct all official and necessary correspondence of this Association. He/she shall keep a true and accurate record of all meetings of this Association, or Executive Committee, Compensation for this office shall be determined by action of the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Association.
4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer will have custody of the books of account of the Association, collect all fees or dues levied at the Annual Meeting, have charge of all funds of the Association and place same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the membership or Executive Committee, and shall render a detailed report of all transactions at the Annual Meeting of the Association. In addition, he/she shall be responsible for all State awards and/or trophies as determined by the action of the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Association.
5. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the objects of this Association as set forth in Article II of this Constitution and By-Laws, shall keep the membership of this Association advised, through the SDSSA Newsletter or by personal contact, of any changes in the programs affecting the activities of that Committee, shall submit a written report of the Committee's activities and recommendations for action by the Association to the Secretary for presentation at the Annual Meeting or a meeting of the Executive Committee.
6. The Chairman of the Competition Committee shall have responsibility for the coordination of all dates of matches and tournaments and for selecting appropriate sponsors, dates and sites for State Championship Tournaments. Such selections are to be submitted to the membership or Executive Committee for approval. To the extent possible, State Championship Tournaments shall be scheduled so as not to conflict with like tournaments in adjacent states.

ARTICLE IX SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

1. Any officer or member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office for cause by a quorum of a committee composed of the Chief Executive Officers of the member clubs, or his designated representative. A quorum shall be a quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of eligible clubs, acting at any Annual or Special Meeting of this Association.
2. Any member club or any individual member of this Association may be suspended or expelled from this association for sufficient cause by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Executive Committee. The member club or individual shall be entitled to a full hearing prior to the consideration of such action by the Executive Committee.
3. Charges against any officer, member club or individual member may be preferred by any member club or individual member in good standing by filing a written statement of the conditions with the Secretary or President.
4. Any member club or individual member suspended or expelled by action of the Executive Committee may appeal to the special committee as previously defined in Section 1 above. Such appeal shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary who shall notify the President who shall call a meeting of the special committee. After a full consideration of the situation a vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.
5. Any officer, club member or individual member who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association shall automatically stand suspended or expelled by this Association.

ARTICLE X STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

1. All State Championship Tournaments sponsored or approved by this Association shall be governed by the Official Rules and Regulations for such competition as adopted by the National Organization responsible for that type of competition and currently in effect.
2. Programs for all State Championship Tournaments shall be submitted to the Competitions Chairman for approval.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association may be introduced by any member club or individual member at the Annual Meeting. All members of the Association shall be notified of proposed amendments at least thirty (30) days prior to the introduction of such amendments. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members, present and voting at the Annual Meeting, shall be required to declare the proposed amendment passed, and the President shall instruct the Secretary to rewrite the Constitution and By-Laws accordingly.