

# **New Mexico Skeet Shooting Association**

## **By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE**

To promote, advance, and coordinate the sport of registered skeet shooting in the State of New Mexico.

### **ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1. Individual Membership**

Any resident of the State of New Mexico who is a member in good standing with the National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) is eligible for membership in the New Mexico Skeet Shooting Association (NMSSA). Upon payment of NMSSA dues, a one year, annually renewable, membership is granted.

#### **Section 2. Club Membership**

Any group of individuals associated together, located in New Mexico, for the purpose of promoting skeet shooting that owns or operates at least one skeet field and is a member of NSSA in good standing is automatically a member in good standing with NMSSA.

### **ARTICLE 3. DUES**

#### **Section 1. Individual Dues and Daily Shooting Fees**

The annual dues for each NMSSA member is determined by the NMSSA Board of Directors and is payable on or before November 1 each year. Each eligible member can pay NMSSA dues to any NMSSA club which will in turn send it to the NMSSA Secretary-Treasurer along with the member's name.

#### **Section 2. Club Dues**

Club dues are here-by-established as a daily fee per shooter for registered shoots. Fee is determined by the NMSSA Board of Directors. It is also the responsibility of each club holding registered' shoots to determine the NMSSA membership~ status of shooters before allowing

participation in registered shots. NMSSA member clubs will collect NMSSA annual dues from the members and submit names and dues to the NMSSA Secretary-Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE 4. MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Annual Meeting**

The State Association shall hold its regular annual meeting for the transaction of business in conjunction with the annual State Shoot. The official program for the annual State Shoot shall include the time and place of the annual meeting.

### **Section 2. Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the association may be held upon call of the President, or upon demand, in writing, signed by at least 25% for the membership of the association. The time and place of all special meetings shall be designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of time and place of such meetings will be given to all member clubs of the association at least two weeks in advance. It is the member club's responsibility to notify club members.

### **Section 3. Quorum**

At any annual or special meeting of the association, 20% of the individual members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

### **Section 4. Proxies**

Voting by proxy at any annual or special meeting of the association is not authorized.

## **ARTICLE 5. BOARD OF DIRECTS**

### **Section 1. Members**

The NMSSA Board of Director shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, the State Director(s) to NMSSA, and one representative from each member club. No individual classed as a professional NMSSA is eligible for membership on the NMSSA Board of Directs. No individual is allowed to serve as a director for more than one club.

### **Section 2. Term of Office**

The officers are elected at the annual meeting and serve until the end of the NSSA shoot year, 31 October of the following year.

Terms of non-officers directors shall commence and cease upon notification to the Secretary-Treasurer of their names by member clubs. The State Referee term begins when elected by the Board of Directors and ends on the 31 of October the following year to be the same as the NSSA shoot year.

### **Section 3. Vacancies**

If an Officer is unable to perform the assigned duties, the Board will vote to replace the officer with a club member from the Board. The club, whose member is chosen, will appoint a member to the Board. If a club member of the Board is unable to perform the assigned duties, the respective club will appoint a new member to the Board.

### **Section 4. Powers**

The NMSSA Board of Directors shall supervise the sport of skeet shooting in the State of New Mexico within the framework of the NSSA rules. NMSSA shall coordinate shoot schedules, pass on applications for registered shoots, settle all disputes within its jurisdiction, and see that NSSA rules are strictly enforced at all registered shoots held under its sanction. Clubs which fail to send in shoot reports and money within fifteen days are subject to having their remaining shoot schedules suspended until compliance is achieved. The NMSSA Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct all business of the association.

### **Section 5. Regular Meetings**

The Board of Directions shall meet annually during the State Shoot.

### **Section 6. Special Meetings**

The Board of Directions shall meet upon the call of the President or upon written request of the Secretary-Treasurer signed by at least half of the membership of the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer or the President shall notify each Director of the time and place of the meeting at least 15 days prior to such meeting.

### **Section 7. Quorum**

At any Regular or Special meeting of the Board of Directors fifty percent or more members shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. Number and Election**

1. NMSSA shall have their officers who are designated as President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer. These Officers are elected annually by a majority popular vote of the members of the Association at its annual meeting and assume their duties at the conclusion of the State Shoot.
2. The out-going Board of Directors, at its discretion, may nominate a slate of officers for election at the annual meeting. Additional nominations shall be solicited and accepted from the floor.

### **Section 2. Duties**

1. President- The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and its Board. The President is an ex-officio member of all regular and special committees and shall perform other duties as are usually attached to his office,
2. Vice-President- The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in case of the President's absence or inability to perform the duties. Perform other duties as delegated by the President.
3. Secretary-Treasurer - The secretary-Treasurer is the Chief Operation Officer of the Association and is in charge of its day-to-day business including the approval of shoot dates requested by member clubs, have custody of the books and records of the Association, and deposit and disburse association funds to pay the obligations of the Association. This includes financial reports and meetings of the Board and at the annual meeting of the membership, handle official correspondence and handle other duties as are usually attached to the office.

### **Section 3. Removal**

Any elected officer, director, or State Chief Referee may be removed from office during the term for cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors, upon concurrence of at least 75% of the members of the Board. Such action may be taken at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, But only after notice has been given to the

accused and to each member of the Board of Directors at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

#### **Section 4. Vacancies**

In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or disability of any officer, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors pursuant to Article 5, Section 3, herein, for the balance of the term.

#### **Section 5. Compensation**

No officer or director shall receive any compensation from the Association funds unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 6. Notices**

Unless otherwise specified in the By-Laws or by the Board of Directors, any written notice required in connection with any Association business shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer using United States First Class Mail to the Officer/Director at the address shown in the latest NSSA Annual.

### **ARTICLE 7. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Section 1. Order**

The order of business at all meetings of the Association or Board is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of previous Minutes
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Committees
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Election of Officers (Annual Meeting)
8. Adjournment

#### **Section 2. Rules**

Unless they conflict with these By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall

govern at all meetings.

## **ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended at any Regular or Special meeting of the Board of Directors by 75% of all Board members.

## **ARTICLE 9. REGISTERED SHOOTS**

### **Section 1. Approval**

No skeet shoot may be registered in the State of New Mexico except upon application of a member club in good standing, made in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Association officers shall have the power to approve or disapprove any shoot. If a club wishes to contest such a decision, a poll of the Board shall be taken, and the majority vote shall be conclusive.

### **Section 2. Daily Fees**

Clubs shall collect a daily fee from all registered shooters competing in any registered shoot in New Mexico and forward the money and a copy of the NSSA shoot report to the Secretary-Treasurer with fifteen days after completion of the shoot. The daily fee is set by the Board of Directors. Failure to comply will result in the club's shoot schedule being suspended until NMSSA requirements are met.

### **Section 3. Purses**

Clubs shall have the decision concerning purses (optional or mandatory) for all shoots except the State Shoot.

## **ARTICLE 10. STATE SHOOT**

### **Section 1. Award of Shoot location**

Each NMSSA club in good standing in the State of New Mexico may submit a bid to host the State Shoot. Applications must state whether the shoot is open or closed. The State Board will award the site.

### **Section 2. Responsibilities**

The President of the Board of Directors and two officers of the Host Club (designated by the Host Club) will form a committee that is

responsible for the State Shoot Program, appointment of required committees, and other necessary business pertaining to the operation of the State Shoot. The Host Club will publish and distribute and State Shoot Program.

The Vice-President of the Board of Directors and two members of the Host Club (designated by the Host Club) will form a committee that is responsible for ordering Trophies for the State Shoot. Trophies will be purchased using no more than 90% of the current years funds collected, and on hand six weeks prior to the State Shoot.

### **Section 3. Traveling Trophies**

All existing travelling trophies are retired. No new traveling trophies are authorized.

### **Section 4. Champion of Champions Event**

The State Shoot will include a Champion of Champion Event. To be eligible for the event, a shooter must have been reported as winning a single gun event (i.e. 12ga, 20ga, 28ga, or 410ga) at a NMSSA sanctioned event during the previous State Shoot up to the beginning of the current State Shoot. Also eligible are reported HOA Champs of any NMSSA sanctioned event of 50 targets or more per gun and three guns or more during the same time period. The previous year's winner of the Champion of Champions is automatically eligible for the event to defend the title. Eligibility is determined by the Secretary-Treasurer based on shoot records received from member clubs. The Champion of Champions event is scored using the first round of each gauge.

### **Section 5. State Team**

The New Mexico Skeet Shooting Team shall consist of the top 5 shooters, the high lady, high junior (including sub-junior) and the most improved shooter of the NMSSA, as determined by the averages in the averages in the NSA Annual. Target minimum for the period detailed in Section 4 above is:

12 gauge - 500  
20 gauge - 500  
28 gauge - 500  
410 bore - 500

Shooters must also have 300 doubles targets for the current shoot year.

At least 300 in each gauge must have been shot in New Mexico.

### **Section 6. Referees**

Referees will be provide and, certified/or trained by the host club.

### **ARTICLE 11. STATE CHIEF REFEREE**

The Board of Directors shall annually elect a State Chief Referee from among the NMSSA members in good standing. The duties of the Chief Referee shall include supervising referees at the State Shoot and other duties as required of the State Chief Referee.

These By-Laws were amended and accepted by a special meeting of the Board of Directors at the, Thunderbird Shoot, held at the High Desert Sportsmen, in Albuquerque, NM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2013.