

BY-LAWS
OF
ILLINOIS SKEET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE ONE - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: The membership of this Association shall be open to regularly organized skeet clubs whose rules are in conformity with the rules of the NSSA (National Skeet Shooting Association) and also conform with the rules of the ISSA (Illinois Skeet Shooting Association).

Application for membership in this Association shall be made in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer. The application accompanied by the annual fee of 25.00 and an initiation fee of \$10.00 shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the applying club, and shall set forth the following information: The name of the club, the names of its officers, number of active members on its roster, together with a request for membership and a statement of willingness to be bound by the By-Laws of the Association. The President shall then notify a member of the Board of Governors requesting him/her to contact the applying club, inspect their facilities, meet with one of their officers and report to him/her. When a favorable report signed by the inspecting Governor is submitted to the President, he/she shall present same to the Board of Governors for their acceptance or rejection.

SECTION 2: The appointed delegates of affiliated clubs shall constitute the Board of Governors of this Association.

- a. The appointed delegate or alternate delegate shall be a regular member of the affiliated club which they represent.
- b. Each affiliated club shall notify the Secretary/Treasurer 48 hours prior to any meeting with the name of the delegate or alternate delegate and will have the authority ~~power~~ to vote for that affiliated club only.
- c. There shall be no proxy votes allowed.

SECTION 3: In order for a club affiliated with the Illinois Skeet Shooting Association to have voting power in the Association, it must have held at least one registered open skeet shoot during the preceding year and have thrown 5,000 registered targets in that year.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. The governing body of this Association shall be the Board of Governors.

SECTION 2. At least one-half of the Governors or their alternates of the Membership Clubs must be present to constitute a quorum of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 3. The duties of the Board of Governors shall be to carry out the purposes of the Association in compliance with its By-Laws. The Board shall meet from time to time as it may deem necessary and the Secretary/Treasurer shall call special meetings by the order of the President or upon the request of five (5) members of the Board. It shall prescribe rules for its own regulation, for its government and for the government of the Association and shall define the duties and powers of its committees, which committees it shall appoint at such time and in such manner as the Board may deem necessary.

The Board may exercise any of the powers or take any action under this constitution or the By-Laws adopted in accordance therewith, with the assent of a majority of the Governors, which assent may be expressed at a meeting of the Board or without a meeting of the Board or without a meeting by a vote or resolution or by an instrument or separate instruments in writing signed by a majority of the Governors.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors shall elect by the delegates present, a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 2. All officers may be elected to succeed themselves in office but not to exceed two years, with the exception of the Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 3. All officers with the exception of the Secretary/Treasurer shall serve without pay. The Secretary/Treasurer's annual salary shall be established at the Fall Meeting by the Board of Governors.

SECTION 4. All officers will retain their status as Club representatives and members of the Board with full power to vote as representatives and members of the Board with full power to vote as such. (Subject to Article IV, Section 2, paragraph 2)

SECTION 5. Stationary and membership certificates shall be of the design of the State of Illinois as now on file with the Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Fall Meeting of the Association shall be no later than the 2nd Saturday in November of each year. . The Spring Meeting will be held no later than May 31st, of each year. The time and place for each meeting shall be voted upon by the attending Board of Governors.

SECTION 2. The Meetings may be attended by any member of an affiliated Club in good standing. Current ISSA Membership dues, fees or money from any source shall have been paid in full to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meeting. A member in good standing shall be heard on all business open to general discussion.

At the meetings of the Board of Governors, there shall be only one (1) voting member from each club. Only the appointed Delegate or his/her Alternate may make motions and vote. In the absence of the Delegate, his/her Alternate may assume the Delegate's duties. No officers may vote unless:

- a. He/she is the designated delegate for his/her club
- b. There is a tie. Then the highest ranking officer present may cast one vote.

Voting shall be by majority rule of the duly appointed delegates or alternates. The Secretary/Treasurer shall verbally and visually check that the delegate is the only delegate voting from that particular club, and that no officer is casting a vote.

SECTION 3. The election of officers shall take place at the Fall meeting. The installation of President and Vice-President shall take place immediately. The Secretary/Treasurer shall assume office within two weeks subsequent to election. Upon resignation of any officer the office shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE V

OFFICER'S DUTIES

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, to call special meetings of the Board at his/her discretion and he/she shall call such special meetings whenever requested by any five (5) Board members. There shall be an annual review of the Secretary/Treasurer's report at the fall meeting, collectively by the present board members. Acceptance of the report shall be voted on by the present board members.. The President shall discharge such other duties as are or may be imposed upon him/her by the By-Laws of the Association. In the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer, the President shall temporarily assume the Secretary/Treasurer duties.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to discharge all duties of and exercise all the powers of the President in his/her absence, disability or resignation.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors and to keep the minutes of the proceedings, which shall be filed and preserved as the property of the Association; to preserve all letters, records and data of interest; to carry on the correspondence of the Association; to notify members of their election or expulsion; to send newly elected members copies of meetings; to keep a record of the names and addresses and date of election of all members; to keep a record of all duly accepted schedules and a record of each tournament; to write to the NSSA requesting registered shoot dates for the clubs and return in writing to the club permission or rejection of such dates. All checks are to be signed by the Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 4. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be to collect the dues and other revenue due the Association from every source and to deposit same in the name of the Association in a banking institution approved by the Board of Governors; to report thereon at each regular meeting of the Board; to pay all bills for which appropriations have been made or which have been approved by the Board; to make a full report in writing at the Fall Meeting of the Association.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to file each year with the Department of State, Springfield, Illinois all information required by law governing the incorporation of Illinois Skeet Shooting Association, Inc.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to communicate the minutes from the previous meeting to the Board of Governors, either electronically or "hard copies", one month prior to the scheduled meeting. It is the responsibility of the board member to read the minutes and to come to the corresponding meeting with questions/comments or be ready to accept/reject the minutes. The Secretary/Treasurer shall not be required to read the previous minutes to the Board of Governors.

SECTION 7. Any officer may be removed from office for good and sufficient cause by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. The dues of each affiliated club shall be \$25.00 for each year. No registration date will be accepted unless dues are paid.

SECTION 2. All money due the Association from this source shall be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association on or before the Fall Meeting for the next year.

SECTION 3. Dues not paid to the Secretary/Treasurer by the end of the current calendar year shall be reported to the Board of Governors for action. Action is subject to the Board of Governors, but will include suspension from the Association and may additionally include

loss of protected shoot date and/or non-inclusion of proposed club tournaments in the organizations tournament schedule for the coming year

SECTION 4. The financial activities of the Association shall be kept at a minimum covering only the routine expenses of the Secretary/Treasurer, the printing of tournament schedules, the purchasing of trophies, etc. No moneys of funds of the Association shall be expended and in indebtedness incurred except by order of the Board of Governors, except such as is required for routine business of the Secretary/Treasurer which shall be allowed by the Board if approved by the President and Vice-President at the following regular meeting.

SECTION 5. No other fees shall be levied upon members without a three-fourths majority vote of the Board present at the Fall and Spring Meetings or Special Meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 6. The Association's financial records shall be reviewed annually by the attending Board of Governors.

SECTION 7. The Board of Governors will establish the entry fees for the State Shoot.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1. Any club may be expelled from the Association for non-payment of dues and for other good and sufficient causes by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Governors, or any club may resign from the Association by tendering its resignation to the Board of Governors.

SECTION 2. A club having been expelled by the Board may be re-instated by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors. A club having resigned may be reinstated under the conditions governing membership.

SECTION 3. With the expulsion or resignation, a club will automatically be dropped from hosting any tournament until such time as it shall be fully restored to membership in the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

STATE SHOOT

SECTION 1. The management of the Annual State Shoot shall be entrusted to the State Shoot Committee appointed by the President. State Championship Skeet Shoots shall be held only at sites offering seven or more regulation skeet fields. Proposals submitted to the Board of Governors, at the Fall Meeting will be voted on the Board of Governors and awarded at this meeting.

SECTION 2. A shooter must be a bona fide resident of the State of Illinois for a period of not less than three months before being eligible to compete for the State Championship honors. In cases where residencies of shooters are divided between two or more states, the state in which the shooter legally votes shall be considered his/her state of residence. Non-resident shooters shall be eligible to compete for monetary awards but not for championship honors or added money bonuses provided by the State Association.

SECTION 3. To be eligible to compete in the Illinois State Championships events a shooter must be a current member of the NSSA. Classification of shooters will follow the NSSA rules.

SECTION 4. That any club awarded the State Shoot shall cover the ISSA by a rider in the club's existing Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance policy or by another Public Liability and Property Damage policy acceptable to the ISSA office in the amount not less than \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 for which the ISSA agrees to pay a fee for the three-day State Shoot. Said rider or policy to be delivered to the ISSA Secretary at least 45 days before the date of the said State Shoot.

In the event the Club awarded the State Shoot does not supply the Illinois Association office with the above requested policies within the time stated, the State Association will procure the necessary insurance at rates available and invoice the host club accordingly and the host club will immediately reimburse the State Association for the cost of said policy.

SECTION 5. The official protest committee of the State Skeet Championship Shoot shall consist of those members of the fully appointed State Shoot Committee who are in attendance providing there are at least three present. If less than three are present, the ISSA highest official present shall appoint other members of the protest committee from shooters available at the shoot, avoiding host club members.

SECTION 6. Subject to approval each year by the ISSA Board of Governors, the ISSA may recognize one International Style State Skeet Championship Shoot per year. No regular skeet shall be shot at this event. Medal awards only will be paid for by the ISSA, and shooters will pay all applicable fees. The International State Shoot Committee, comprised of International Shooters and accepted by the Board of Governors shall govern this shoot.

SECTION 7. The names of the winners of the immediate past year's State Skeet Championships shall be listed in each current year's State Shoot program.

SECTION 8. No affiliated club may use any name or names conflicting or misleading with the Illinois Skeet Shooting Association.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

All proposed alterations or amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing at least 30 days prior to the Fall Meeting. All clubs will be notified of any proposed change 15 days prior to the Fall Meeting. Any proposed changes will be a part of the agenda to be considered. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors present to alter or change the same.

ARTICLE X

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. The order of business at the Fall Meeting shall be as follows:

- (1) Roll Call
- (2) Acceptance of Delegates
- (3) Acceptance of Minutes
- (4) Financial Report
- (5) Reports of Officers
- (6) Reports of Committees
- (7) Unfinished Business
- (8) New Business
- (9) Selection of Next State Shoot Date
 - (a) Assign Individual Club Dates
- (10) Election of Officers and Establish Salary of Secretary/Treasurer
- (11) Appointment of the State Shoot Committee by the President
- (12) Set minimum target requirements for State Team Selection for coming year
- (13) Club of the Year Award
- (14) Selection of meeting place for the next Spring and Fall ISSA Meetings

SECTION 2. Procedure at Meetings: Robert's Rules of Order of Parliamentary Procedure will govern all proceedings at meetings of this Association not otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI

The following By-Laws of the Association may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors present.

ARTICLE XII

SECTION 1. Any affiliated Club or Clubs of the Association may individually or

collectively manage and operate an open registered tournament , provided said tournament has been approved by the Board of Governors and further provided that date selected for said tournament does not conflict with official schedule of registered inter-club tournaments.

SECTION 2. The Association shall endorse open tournaments only if conducted under the rules of the National Skeet Shooting Association and the ISSA.

SECTION 3. The Association shall require the collection of a State registration fee to be determined by the Board of Governors at the Fall Meeting each year, for each and every registered shoot held in the State. These fees are to be remitted to the Secretary/Treasurer with the Shoot Reports, within seven days after the registered shoot is held. In all cases, this is in addition to the National registration fee

SECTION 4. All classification procedures in Illinois registered shoots shall follow NSSA rules.

SECTION 5. It is the sole responsibility of the shooter to provide current classification and averages, as determined by NSSA rules, at the time of shoot registration. . When this information is not provided, the shooter shall be classified in the highest class, without exception.

SECTION 6. In all registered skeet shoots in Illinois, host clubs shall appoint a protest committee, all names being posted before the start of each shoot, consisting of three shooters (preferably none from the host club membership) representing other ISSA affiliated clubs.

SECTION 8. Hand loads may be used in all Illinois registered shoots including the State Championships, subject to NSSA rules.

SECTION 9. Illinois State Teams consist of First, Second, and Honorable Mention. Target requirements for each year will be set at the Fall Meeting by the Board of Governors. Participation in the State shoot is a prerequisite for consideration to a State Team.

ARTICLE XIII

CLOSED CLUB REGISTERED SHOOTS

SECTION 1. Closed club shoots will be allowed each year on dates proposed by the host club, at the Fall Meeting. No shooter will be allowed more than 100 registered birds per day in any one gauge at closed club shoots. No club may hold more than one closed club registered shoot per year. Closed club shoots may be of more than one day duration.

SECTION 2. Each club is allowed one protected date when the program reads at least two days or more duration.

AMENDMENT I

The following rule, having been discussed at the spring meeting of the Illinois Skeet Shooting Association, has been amended into the bylaws of the ISSA on March 15, 2009

Any shooter found to have been consuming alcohol at any time during the day of a shoot and then proceeding to participate in an event at the shoot, will be charged with a major safety violation, ejected from the shoot, and will be banned from shooting in any registered event at any Illinois gun club for one year. The ISSA will report any violation to the NSSA Executive Committee and the violation will be placed on record at both the ISSA and the NSSA levels. If a second offense occurs, the shooter will be banned for five years from shooting registered targets in Illinois. After a third offense, the shooter will be banned from shooting registered targets in Illinois for life.