

Bylaws for the *Minnesota Section*

Approved October 28 2001

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this organization will be "THE MINNESOTA SECTION OF THE UNITED STATES PRACTICAL SHOOTING ASSOCIATION/ IPSC", herein after referred to as the "Section".

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

2.1 - It is the purpose of this organization to unite the clubs within the Section as well as the individual USPSA members within the Section.

2.1.1 - This organization will be guided by the purposes laid out by the USPSA bylaws.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERS

3.1 - Members of the Executive Committee.

3.1.1 - One representative from each of the USPSA affiliated clubs within the Section.

3.1.2 - All past Minnesota Section Coordinators are allowed to participate in meetings without vote.

3.1.3 - Section Coordinator

3.1.4 - Special committee Chairpersons, as needed appointed by the Section Coordinator and approved by the Executive Committee. Allowed to participate in meetings without vote.

3.1.5 - Deputy Section Coordinator without vote.

3.1.6 - Secretary and/or Treasurer without vote.

3.1.7 - Each member of the Executive Committee may bring one individual whom may give counsel and participate in meetings without vote.

3.1.8 - All voting members of the Executive Committee must be current USPSA members.

ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS

4.1 - Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held not less than once in the calendar year. Other regular meetings may be called at a time and place of the Section Coordinator's choosing by providing 14 days notice to the other members of the Executive Committee. Regular meetings may be in person or by electronic means.

4.2 - Emergency meetings may be called by the Section Coordinator or by petition of ½ of the Executive Committee members at any time without written notice.

4.2.1 - All actions taken during an emergency meeting are subject to review at the next regular meeting.

4.3 - At least one half of all voting members of the Executive Committee must be present at any meeting to conduct business.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

5.1 - Section Coordinator, elected by the voting members of the Executive Committee. The Section Coordinator, in addition to his duties spelled out by the USPSA bylaws, has the following duties:

5.1.1 - Shall act as Chairperson and conduct business at all meetings of the Section Executive Committee

5.1.2 - In the event that there is a question about the interpretation of USPSA/IPSC rules, or the principles the Section Coordinator shall be empowered to make a ruling on the issue in question.

5.1.3 - In matters of USPSA/IPSC rules and doctrine, the Section Coordinator will not be subordinate to the Executive Committee.

5.1.4 - Conduct a walk through of the stages prior to any match held that eventually determines the champion of the Minnesota Points Match Series, for compliance of the USPSA/IPSC rule book. Note: If the Section Coordinator is not available, he may appoint a CRO to conduct a walk through.

5.2 - Deputy Section Coordinator, serving at the sole discretion of the Section Coordinator, appointed by the Section Coordinator and approved by the voting members of the Executive Committee. The Deputy Section Coordinator has the following rules:

5.2.1 - In the absence of the Section Coordinator, shall fulfill the duties of the Section Coordinator.

5.2.2 - If the Section Coordinator is removed from office or steps down, the Deputy shall finish the term of the Section Coordinator for that year, pending approval of the USPSA President.

5.2.3 - To be considered for the position of the Deputy Section Coordinator, the candidate must meet the same requirements as the Section Coordinator as spelled out in the USPSA bylaws.

5.3 - Secretary and/or Treasurer, serving at the sole discretion of the Section Coordinator, appointed by the Section Coordinator and approved by the voting members of the Executive Committee. The Secretary and/or Treasurer has the following duties:

5.3.1 - Receives and disperses funds for the Section.

5.3.2 - Keeps records of all information including assets and funds received and dispersed for the Section.

5.3.3 - Make available financial records and reports on financial records and assets at all regular meeting of the Section.

5.3.4 - Responsible for recording the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings.

5.4 - Nominations, Election and Term of the Section Coordinator Position

5.4.1 - Nominations for Section Coordinator will be made by Match Directors, Club Presidents or members of the Executive Committee at the annual meeting.

5.4.2 - Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting. If this meeting cannot take place due to Article 4.3, the election will be held at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

5.4.2.1 - Voting by ballot shall be the preferred method for the election of Section Coordinator.

5.4.3 - The winning candidate must receive a majority of the vote. If no candidate receives a majority, a run off vote between the 2 highest candidates will be taken.

5.4.4 - The term of the Sectional Coordinator shall be one year from January 1st to December 31st of the year following the election.

5.5 - Removal of Officers from the Executive Committee

5.5.1 - The removal of the Section Coordinator will be within accordance to the USPSA bylaws.

5.5.2 - The removal of any other officer within the Section requires a majority vote of the voting members of the Executive Committee or by the Section Coordinator (acting alone). Removal can be for any reason and is effective immediately.

ARTICLE 6: CLUB ACTIVITY FEES

6.1 - Each contestant in a USPSA sanctioned or approved match may be assessed an activity fee, determined by the Executive Committee and following USPSA bylaws. These fees are to be collected by the host club and forwarded to the Section.

6.1.1 - This fee is to be calculated from the activity reports submitted to the USPSA main office.

6.1.2 - This activity fee is to be forwarded not less than yearly, by each individual club within the Section. This fee is to be received by the Section Secretary and/or Treasurer no later than the March 1st following the year end activity report received by the Section Coordinator.

6.1.3 - The activity fees collected are to be used to cover the day to day costs of running the Section as well as for trophies that are given to individual class champions as determined from the Minnesota Section Points Match Series.

ARTICLE 7: MATCHES, AWARDS AND SCHEDULING

7.1 - Club Level Matches

7.2 - Minnesota Section Points Match Series

7.2.1 - Each affiliated club will be encouraged to hold one match per calendar year to help in the determination of the Section Division Champions and Section Class Champion. Any conflicts in scheduling may be mediated by the Section Coordinator. No points matches shall be scheduled during any Nationals or Area 3 Match. If it is scheduled it will not be considered a series points match.

7.2.2 - Points towards the title of Section Division Champion or Section Champions shall accrue in the following manner for each competitor:

7.2.2.1 - The match percentage of Section Points Matches and the Minnesota Sectional Match or Tournament will be called "Section Points". These "Section Points" will be used through out the Points Match Series. The "Section Points" from the Minnesota Sectional Match or Tournament will be doubled.

7.2.2.2 - The Sectional will only count the highest simple majority of the Matches from the total number of Points Matches scheduled for the points match series. In addition the doubled section points from the Minnesota Sectional will always be added to the section points total.

7.2.3 - Awards will be given at the annual meeting.

7.2.3.1 - A competitors national class ranking on the day of the Minnesota Sectional Match shall be used in determining his/her classification for the Series.

7.2.3.2 - All Divisions will be recognized at Section Points Matches and the Minnesota Sectional, however, if there is not a minimum of three (3) competitors within a division, no award or slots will be given for that division by the Section.

7.2.3.3 All Classes within a Division will be recognized at Section Points Matches and the Minnesota Sectional, however, if there is not a minimum of three (3) competitors within a Class, no award will be given for that Class by the Section. This may also apply to other national recognized categories as well.

7.2.4 - The Section Division Champions will automatically win one of the slots to the US Nationals as per USPSA guidelines. If the champion is unable to attend the US Nationals, it will be continually passed down to the next highest available overall division finisher.

7.2.5 - To be considered for the title of Section Division Champion or Section Class Champion:

7.2.5.1 - The competitor must be a member of the USPSA

7.2.5.2 - The competitor must be a resident of the Section.

7.3 - Minnesota Sectional Match or Tournament

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to see that a Minnesota Sectional Match is held annually. This match is to be held under the rules and guidelines of the USPSA/IPSC, and billed as a USPSA/IPSC match.

7.3.1 - Location will be determined by the Section Coordinator and based upon range viability and range resources with recommendations by the Executive Committee.

7.3.2 - Section Coordinator is the Match Director and may delegate responsibility as needed.

7.3.3 - The Minnesota Sectional Match shall be considered a not for profit match.

7.4 - Slots for National Championships

After slots to the Nationals have been reserved for the Section Division Champions, the remainder will be given to the section affiliated clubs based on their activity report from the previous calendar year. All unused slots will be returned to the Section Coordinator for redistribution.

7.4 - Match Dress Code

While a dress code is not specifically dealt with by the USPSA, items (shirts, button, etc.) with controversial slogans or sayings should not be displayed. Anyone wearing these items may be asked to remove such items or leave the range facility. This should be handled by the local club affiliate, however, in extreme cases corrective action may be taken by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 8: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9: LIABILITY

No officer or member of the Section shall be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Section.

ARTICLE 10: COMPENSATION

No compensation will be due any member of the Executive Committee for travel or other expenses relating to the attendance of any Meeting, Match or other activity.

ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENTS AND EFFECTIVE DATE

11.1 - These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Executive Committee by a majority vote of the members present, provided:

That notice of the nature of the proposed amendment shall have been given at the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

-OR-

That a written copy of the proposed amendments shall have been provided with notice of the meeting

11.2 - Amendments of these by-laws shall become effective immediately upon adoption unless otherwise designated by the Executive Committee

Ken Rex, Section Coordinator

Nancy Huspek, Deputy Section Coordinator

Ward Tilbury, MG&F

Todd Waytsek, St. Cloud

Jon Huspek, MAPSA

Chuck Butler, Faribault

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AMENDMENTS AND EFFECTIVE DATES

Article 4.1 - replaced 'phone' with 'electronic means' - Approved 5/8/04

Members present:

Tim Ubl - Section Coordinator

Bob Mills - SCAPSA

Charles Butler - Faribault

Travis Ahrens - AF

Jeremy McCutchen - CMPS

Joe Clem (by proxy) - Oakdale