

BYLAWS
North Carolina USPSA Section

Article 1 – Name and Organization

1.1 Name.

The name of the organization shall be North Carolina USPSA Section.

1.2 Organization

The organization shall be organized as a non-profit non-stock corporation under the general laws of North Carolina.

1.3 Forming and Maintaining this corporation as a Non-Profit.

It is the intent and desire of the corporation that it and its bylaws, complies with the requirements of the United States Government in the forming and maintaining of this corporation as a non-profit entity.

Article 2- Organization Objectives and Purposes

2.1 Objectives

The members of this association have voluntarily joined together in order to achieve certain civic and athletic objectives, including but not limited to:

Encouraging the growth of safe and practical sport shooting in our community by presenting an annual program of practical shooting matches open to all qualified shooters.

Promoting firearms safety in our community by sharing our knowledge of safe, practical gun handling methods and techniques and ethics with others by providing, through member clubs, on-going training activities to participants in our shooting events.

Encourage participants in the sport to develop personal characteristics of sportsmanship, honor, integrity and courtesy, which are the hallmarks of the Practical Shooter.

Provide support for and/or hold an annual USPSA (United States Practical Shooting Association) Range Officer training class to support the previously stated goals of the organization. Support is defined by any or all of the following- 1. Providing monetary assistance to the hosting club; 2. Providing oversight and management of the class organization; 3. Providing any other assistance as deemed possible by the Section Coordinator.

Provide support for and/or hold an annual USPSA (United States Practical Shooting Association) Chief Range Officer training class to support the previously stated goals of the organization as deemed necessary to support the clubs and annual section match. Support is defined by any or all of the following- 1. Providing monetary assistance to the hosting club; 2. Providing oversight and management of the class organization; 3. Providing any other assistance as deemed possible by the Section Coordinator.

Provide support for and/or hold an annual Junior training camp to support the continued growth of the section. Support is defined by any or all of the following- 1. Providing monetary

- assistance to the hosting club;
2. Providing oversight and management of the class organization;
3. Providing any other assistance as deemed possible by the Section Coordinator.

Publish a newsletter or other periodic document to section members via webpage, email or other media covering the section's successes and goals as defined by the objectives covered in this section. The newsletter or other document will be managed by the Section Coordinator with input from clubs, and other appointed/elected officers as selected by the Section Coordinator.

2.2 Powers

The corporation shall have all the powers provided by law, its articles of incorporation, as amended and its bylaws.

2.3 Revenue

The corporation expects to receive the bulk of its revenue from Section Club dues and operating funds from the Section match event(s).

Article 3 Membership

3.1 Membership.

A. Active Member.

To become an active member of the Section, a shooter must meet the following requirements.

- (1) A resident member is a USPSA member whose home of record listed by USPSA is North Carolina. Furthermore, the member must be in good standing and participate in matches sanctioned by USPSA as Level 1 or higher held within the confines of the Section by a club in good standing.
 - a. For purposes of National Slots, a resident member status is required for slots awarded as a 1st place slot award as noted in Article 10.
- (2) A non-resident member is any USPSA member whose home of record listed by USPSA is NOT North Carolina. Furthermore, the member must be in good standing and participate in matches sanctioned by USPSA as Level 1 or higher held within the confines of the Section by a club in good standing.

A member who has resigned their membership in USPSA, or has been suspended or removed from USPSA membership by the USPSA Board of Directors, or Director of National Range Officer Institute is not an active member as defined by this definition.

B. Club membership.

A USPSA affiliated club, located within the boundaries of North Carolina, that wishes to become a member of the Section must apply to the Section Coordinator. The Section Coordinator will provisionally accept the club and provide the Section Bylaws. A vote by the executive committee will be held via email/phone/US Mail. If accepted, the club will agree to the Section Bylaws, signifying its acceptance of and intention to abide by Section rules, policies and procedures. Failure to abide by the Section Bylaws may result in an action to remove the club from the section. Action to remove a club may be started by any member of the executive committee and requires a majority vote. Removal of membership from the section results in loss of national slot rights for the year of removal until such time the executive committee approves a change of circumstance. Membership in the section requires the club participate in the mandatory meeting held annually. A club who does not attend and does not provide either

a proxy vote form, or any other kind of representation may be removed from the section without further notice.

A club that is removed from USPSA membership is automatically removed from section membership without action from the section. There is no appeal process within the Section Bylaws for this removal. As such, a club that is later re-admitted to USPSA will follow the same process as a new club to become a section member.

C. Assignment of Club Match days.

The Section Coordinator shall coordinate the monthly match days for each Section club and shall attempt to resolve any scheduling conflicts between clubs in the Section. Because of many of the factors involved in setting match dates at some ranges, no club shall be excluded from the Section because of conflicts of match dates.

Article 4 Club Activity Fees

4.1 Club Activities Fees.

A. Section Fees.

Shall be paid in accordance of the *Sectional Fees Provision*.

B. Club Monthly Match Fees.

Each club within the Section shall send their monthly match results and fees to USPSA according to the current USPSA regulations.

Article 5 Executive Committee

5.1 Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee shall govern the Section. The Committee shall be composed of, but is not limited to, the following officers.

A. Section Coordinator.

The Section Coordinator shall act as chairman and conduct all business meetings. The clubs select him or her, or appointed per USPSA/IPSC bylaws, which are controlling.

B. Club Representatives.

The designated representative of each USPSA affiliated clubs within the Section shall represent his/her club on the Executive Committee. Only affiliated clubs in good standing with the section and USPSA shall be used in constituting membership in the executive committee. If a representative cannot attend a meeting, he/she must designate an official representative and so inform the Section Coordinator prior to the meeting. For the purposes of club representation, a USPSA Steel Challenge and USPSA Practical Shooting club will be treated as separated clubs.

C. Deputy Section Coordinator. (Optional)

The Executive Committee MAY elect the Deputy Section Coordinator. He/she shall serve in the absence of the Section Coordinator. This position, if filled, must come from the opposite side of the section from the Section Coordinator. The selection of this position may be made by the Section Coordinator subject to an Executive Committee override.

D. Section Training Officer. (Optional)

The Executive Committee shall elect the Section Training Officer. He/she shall serve under the direction of the Section Coordinator, who shall approve his/her selection of assistants, He/she shall assist clubs in the production of their clinics and courses. This position will be filled only if the Executive Committee deems it necessary.

E. Secretary/Treasurer.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Section Coordinator and approved by the voting members of the Executive Committee.

F. Special Counsel. (Optional)

Each Club representative, as well as the Section Coordinator may choose one person as Special Counsel to participate at scheduled meetings, but without vote. This position will be filled only if the Executive Committee deems it necessary.

G. Past Section Coordinators.

Past Section Coordinators may participate at meetings, but without vote.

I. Voting Members.

Voting members of the Section Executive Committee are the Section Coordinator and the designated representatives from each club. No person or club may cast more than one vote. A voting member is further defined as a representative of a club in good standing with the section and USPSA. In absence of good standing, the club shall not be recognized as a voting member nor be counted towards the 50% required to conduct business.

Article 6 Meetings and Conduct of Meetings.

6. 1 Meetings.

The Executive Committee shall conduct a meeting no less than once each year, typically during the annual Section Championship Match. A notice of the meeting together with a draft agenda shall be mailed via US Postal Service or electronic mail (E-Mail) to all Executive Committee members no fewer than 14 days prior to any regular meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting. In lieu of an in-person meeting, a teleconference call MAY be held. In the event of a teleconference call, call recording may be permitted via a majority vote of the executive committee.

Special meetings may be called by the Section Coordinator and may be called upon the written request of three or more of the voting members of the Executive Committee. The purpose of such called meetings must be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days written or telephonic notice shall be given to all committee members.

At least one half of the voting members must be present at any meeting for the committee to conduct business. All actions taken during an emergency meeting are subject to review at the next regular meeting.

6.2 Conduct of meetings

The meeting will follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Exceptions to Robert's Rules of Order as accepted by the organization:

1. Meetings may be held via teleconference, web meeting, conference call, or other means outside of an in-person meeting.
2. Proxy votes held by a member of the executive committee shall constitute a vote and be counted towards the presence of voting members. As an example, but not limited to- If there are 16 club presidents that are members of the executive committee, and 7 members are present with 1 proxy vote this shall constitute a 50% presence to conduct business.

Article 7 Terms and Elections

7.1 Terms.

The term of office of the Section Coordinator and all other positions elected or approved by the Executive Committee shall be two years. It is desired that all positions not end at the same time.

7.2 Elections.

Elections for the Section Coordinator are to be held biyearly. Typically, during the State Sectional Match. Elections MAY be held via electronic means via EMAIL or phone calls. If the current Section Coordinator is seeking re-election and other candidates are also seeking the election the online or surveys will be managed by the Treasurer/Secretary.

Article 8 Finances

8.1 Finances.

The Section Coordinator is responsible to the Executive Committee and the Section for the finances of the Section. He may appoint a Secretary/Treasurer to assist him/her, as per Section 5E of these Bylaws. He/she shall maintain an account ledger listing his/her office expenses. An accounting of funds spent and available shall be made available upon request of any member of the Executive Committee and annually at the Executive Committee meeting. Responsibility for any monies remaining in the Section account at the change of Section Coordinators shall be *transferred* to the Section Coordinator Elect at the beginning of his/her term.

Examples of Allowable Expenses are, but not limited to: Postage, Printing, Long Distance Telephone calls, and faxes for Section business only.

Examples Specifically Not Allowed: Travel meal, match entry fees, and hotel/motel expenses to club, Section, Area, and National Matches are not allowable expenses. (each club will provide one free match entry to the Section Coordinator per year to help offset the cost of traveling to the match)

8.2 Finances

Each club within the Section shall, on the Thirty First day of the month of January of each year, pay to the Section Coordinator or to the Section Treasurer, a Section Activity Fee in the amount of \$50.00. The fee will be used to conduct the business of the Section. If the Section Activity Fee is not paid within **THIRTY** days of the due date, the club will be considered in arrears and **MAY** be removed from membership in the Section. Notification of the dues will be provided via US Postal Service mail and an electronic mail of the dues notice. Prior to removal from membership, the Section Coordinator will contact the Club Contact as noted on USPSA. Removal from membership, will affect the club's ability to receive national slots and participation in any Section objectives. A club in arrears less than 60 days may be required to pay an additional \$10 late fee, in addition to being omitted for the calendar year's nationals slot considerations. A club in excess of 60 days in arrears will require a re-admission vote by the executive committee and the late fee.

8.3 Club Types and Finances

For the purposes of club representation, a USPSA Steel Challenge and USPSA Practical Shooting club will be treated as separated clubs. As such a Steel Challenge club is also provided the same rights as a USPSA club per these bylaws.

Article 9 Jurisdiction

9.1 Jurisdiction.

A. USPSA/IPSC Rules and Policies.

In matters concerning compliance with USPSA/IPSC rules and policies only, the Section Coordinator, who represents the President of USPSA, shall not be subordinate to the Section Executive Committee. The Committee may, however, appeal his/her rulings on these matters directly to the USPSA President.

B. Jurisdiction of the Executive Committee.

(1). Selection of the Section Coordinator per Article 5.

(2). The Executive Committee shall have the authority to select a Section member to host the annual championship match. They will assist the Match Director to produce a quality match. Each affiliated club within the Section is encouraged to design, build, and staff a stage for the Sectional Championship. Typically, the Annual Championship is offered to a range for two continuous years. If refused, this honor is to be decided by the Executive Committee with the assistance and approval of the range owners and the affiliated club. In absence of an Executive member meeting or vote to select a club to host the Section Annual Championship Match, the Section Coordinator may select the range for the Section Annual Championship Match.

(3). Any active USPSA club may petition the Executive Committee to host the Annual Championship. Key items for range selection are range size, number of shooting bays, facilities, parking, and proximity to hotels, major highways, and restaurants.

(4). The Section Executive Committee may properly consider any and all other issues pertaining to USPSA/IPSC activity in the Section.

C. Match Director for the Annual USPSA Practical Shooting Championship.

(1). The appointed match Director shall have complete responsibility for the Match According to the USPSA/IPSC rulebook or Steel Challenge Rule Book as the case may be, including all decisions, prizes, money's, stages, printing, range master, range officers, and etc.

(2). He or she will work with the Section Coordinator and Treasurer, for management of the funds for the Annual Championship. Any remaining funds from the section match shall be used to accomplish the objectives of the section.

(3). He or she will also be responsible for accounting for all prizes, and the coordination of the income and expenses related to the match with the Section Coordinator and Treasurer. Additionally, a full financial accounting, showing income and expenditures for the Match shall be sent to each member of the Executive Committee within 90 days of the Match completion.

C. Match Director for a Sectional Steel Challenge Championship.

(1). The appointed match Director shall have complete responsibility for the Match According to the Steel Challenge Rule Book, including all decisions, prizes, stages, printing, range master, range officers, and etc.

(2). He or she will work with the Section Coordinator and Treasurer, for management of the funds for the Annual Championship. Any remaining funds from the section match may be used to accomplish the objectives of the section.

(3). He or she will also be responsible for accounting for all prizes, and the coordination of the income and expenses related to the match with the Section Coordinator and Treasurer. Additionally, a full financial accounting, showing income and expenditures for the Match shall be sent to each member of the Executive Committee within 90 days of the Match completion.

(4). As an incentive to build a Steel Challenge event, the first year a club hosts the event will receive an amount of funds that will be determined in the future to pay for the props to host the event. The first year event for a club will receive special funding to be determined in conjunction with the Executive Committee and/or Section Coordinator.

E. Delegation of Authority to the Section Coordinator.

(1). The Section Executive Committee delegates to the Section Coordinator the authority to act on behalf of the Committee when it is not in session.

(2). The actions of the Section Coordinator on behalf of the Committee shall be subject to review and approval at the next Committee meeting.

Article 10 USPSA National Championship Slots

10.1 Distribution of Slots to USPSA National Championships.

Slots to the Open, Limited, Single Stack, Pistol Caliber Carbine, Carry Optics, Revolver, Production and Limited 10 National Championships will be received by the Section Coordinator and distributed to each club in good standing. Slots will be distributed to the Club President or the representative as identified by the club President. Slots will be awarded in accordance with each club's mission count. The Section Coordinator may use his or her discretion to combine slot allocations in the following circumstances:

1. A club has less than 1 allocated slot and does not want the slot.
2. Combine slots less than 1 with other clubs to provide a slot to clubs that desire a slot.
3. Use partial slots for clubs that have 1 slot to provide a slot to a club with a mission count below 1.

Examples of the mission count values.

Mission counts for open for 4 clubs:

Club A 0.65

Club B 0.35

Club C 1.45

Club D 0.55

The Section Coordinator may combine Club A and B to provide either club with a Slot. Club D may get the .45 from Club C to provide Club D with a slot.

The current year's NC State Resident Section Open, Limited, Single Stack, Pistol Caliber Carbine, Carry Optics, Revolver, Production and Limited 10 Champions will be awarded a slot to their respective National Championships, if the section was awarded a slot for that division. If the Champions decline their slots, or win a slot by other means (e.g. the Area 6 Championship); they shall return the slot to the Section Coordinator as soon as possible for redistribution. These slots shall be redistributed by the Section Coordinator and not by the Champion's Club President or by the Champion.

Additional slots, when available, can be obtained by following USPSA/IPSC guidelines.

Slots received by clubs may not be sold, raffled or auctioned. If the slots are not used within the club, then they are to be returned to the Section Coordinator for reissue to the next eligible club.

In the event the Section Coordinator is awarded a national match slot for his/her use as the Section Coordinator from USPSA Headquarters, that slot may be provided to any member in good standing at the sole discretion of the Section Coordinator.

10.2 Distribution of Slots Steel Challenge Events

In the event slots to Steel Challenge events are required to have slots, further guidance will be provided by the Executive Committee as required.

Article 11 Match definition

11.1 USPSA/IPSC Matches Defined.

The clubs signing this agreement agree that any match they conduct that is not run in conformance with the published USPSA/IPSC rules and guidelines will not be represented as an approved USPSA or IPSC match.

Article 12 Published Policy Statements

12.1 Published Policy Statements.

The Section shall, from time to time, publish and periodically update policy statements that may include, but are not limited to the following subjects:

- A. Safety/new Shooter Policy.
- B. Slot Allocation.
- C. Classification issues.
- D. Any news of information regarding training or events of interest to the Section membership.

Article 13 Club Classification

13.1 Club Classification.

The National Classification System shall be the only official system recognized in this Section for club, championship or tournament level matches. Clubs may follow USPSA/IPSC procedures to request an increase/decrease for an individual’s classification to ensure that individual is competing in the correct class.

In the past club classifications were used for non-classified members. With the change to weekly classification changes, this practice is to be discontinued.

Article 14 Amendment and Bylaw Publication

14.1 Amendment of Bylaws.

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Committee by a majority vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting or written notice has been given to all voting members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

14.1 Publication of Bylaws.

Documentation of the Bylaw changes shall be maintained by the Section Coordinator with copies to the Section Secretary/Treasurer. These shall be published to the Section Website and provided by the Section Coordinator and/or Treasurer upon demand by a member, a USPSA Board Member, Club President, or any other member of USPSA as requested. The Bylaws and all updates shall be provided to the USPSA Area Director on an annual basis.

Accepted, approved and enacted this ___ day of _____, in the year ____ by the below listed representatives of the Clubs in the North Carolina Section.

President (Representative) _____
Club: _____

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Club: _____

President (Representative) _____

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Club: _____

President (Representative) _____

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President (Representative) _____

Club: _____

Section Coordinator _____

Per USPSA Bylaws I attest that these Bylaws have been provided to the USPSA Area Director on this date _____. Furthermore, I attest that the final copy has been provided to each of the club presidents/ representatives and to the responsible parties for publishing in the organizational history and website.

Section Coordinator _____