

NORTHERN ROCKIES SECTION
AREA 1, USPSA
BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be the **Northern Rockies Section** and shall be referred to hereafter as the section.

ARTICLE 2: Objectives

To promote greater gun safety in the section by sharing our knowledge of safe, practical gun handling techniques and ethics with others through educational clinics and an annual series of matches of practical shooting open to all qualified shooters.

To encourage participation in this sport, to develop characteristics of self-control, honor, integrity and politeness which are the hallmarks of the practical shooter.

To provide assistance to member clubs, to promote the goals, policies and rules of the United States Practical Shooting Association (hereinafter referred to as USPSA), to provide a mechanism for a championship match and a fair method of administering and dispersing USPSA National Championship Match slots.

In furtherance of these civic and athletic objectives, the members of this association have voluntarily associated together.

ARTICLE 3: Membership

All current members of the USPSA who are also members in good standing of a section affiliated club are considered section members.

3.1 Conditions of Membership

Member clubs must be affiliated with the US Practical Shooting Association, be located within the general geographical area the Executive Council specifies and must agree to abide by the conditions of these bylaws.

3.2 Membership Application

Clubs may apply for membership in writing to the section coordinator. The application must include a copy of the current USPSA club affiliation certificate, a current membership list with appropriate USPSA numbers, \$100 initiation fee and a written commitment to abide by these bylaws and the policies and standing rules of the section. The SC will review the application for eligibility under the terms of these bylaws and present the application to the executive council with his recommendation.

ARTICLE 4: Executive Council

The section shall be governed by a Section Executive Council composed of the following members:

4.1 Section Coordinator

The Section Coordinator, hereinafter referred to as SC, shall act as Chairman, preside at all business meetings and vote only to break a tie. He is elected by the member clubs, on the basis of one vote per club, or appointed, per USPSA bylaws, which are controlling. If no election is held, he shall continue in office until he resigns, or an election is held, or he is removed for cause by the USPSA President. Section Coordinators must be confirmed by the USPSA President to hold office. In lieu of a stipend, the Section Coordinator will not be charged a match entry fee at any state level match including the Section Championship and the club slot matches. The SC must have successfully completed the NROI Level 1 Range Officers Course.

4.2 Deputy Section Coordinator

A Deputy Section Coordinator may be elected by the Executive Council. He shall serve in the absence of the SC.

4.3 Club Representatives

President or designated representative of each of the member clubs in the Section shall represent his club on the Executive Council. If he cannot attend a meeting, he must designate an official representative and so inform the SC prior to the meeting.

4.4 Secretary

Appointed by the SC and approved by the voting members of the Committee. The Secretary may also serve as Treasurer.

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4.6 Stats Officer

The Stats Officer may be elected by the Executive Council and shall be responsible for tracking slot points according to policies determined by the Executive Council. He shall also confirm the USPSA classification of all those competing for slots prior to the Section Championship match.

4.7 Voting Members

Voting members of the Section Executive Council are:

1. the SC if necessary to break a tie
2. the President or official representative of each member club.

No person may cast more than one vote, although he may hold more than one post.

ARTICLE 5: Meetings [Amended 03/22/2005]

The Executive Council shall physically meet no fewer than three (3) times in each calendar year in March, April or May, July and September or October. A notice of the meeting together with a draft agenda shall be mailed to all members of the committee no less than 14 days prior to any regular meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting.

5.1 Electronic Meetings “e-mail meetings, Telephonic” (Any Electronic Correspondence)

The Executive Council shall be expressly permitted to meet electronically by e-mail or Telephonically by polling calls or by any other form of Electronic communication either single e-mail messages among the members of the Section Executive Council or by polling e-mails or calls conducted by the SC or by an individual member of the Section Executive Council and shall be referred to hereafter as electronic meetings. Such electronic meetings shall be held after written notice to the members of the Section Executive Council is given at least three (3) days prior to such electronic meetings. The notice of such meetings shall state clearly the subject(s) for discussion or vote and only that (those) subject(s) may be discussed or voted on during the electronic meetings. In the event of an electronic poll, each member shall provide the Secretary with a written memorandum of the member’s opinion expressed or vote cast within seven (7) business days after the electronic meeting. In event that a vote has to be made each vote cast via e-mail has to be done through reply to all. Such memorandum shall be permanently incorporated into the minutes of such meeting. The Secretary shall e-mail or post mail minutes of the electronic meetings, complete with the members written memorandums, to all members of the Executive Council within fourteen (14) days of the meeting. The requirements of article 5.3 apply to all meetings including electronic meetings.

5.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Section Coordinator or may be called at the written request of three or more of the voting members of the committee. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least 14 days written or telephone notice shall be given to all committee members. Special meetings may also be conducted by conference call, abiding by all considerations given above for regular meetings by conference call, save the notification period.

Notice: Whenever notice is required by these Bylaws, such notice may be given by either written notice posted

through the US Postal Service, or by telephonic fax to a number provided by the member for such purpose.

5.3 Quorum

At least one half of the voting members, other than the SC, must be present at any meeting for the Committee to conduct any business other than adjourning the meeting. All actions during an emergency meeting are subject to review during the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE 6: Elections

The Section Coordinator shall be elected each year by secret ballot of the voting members of the Executive Council at the September/October meeting. Per USPSA bylaws, the Section Coordinator is elected by only the club representative. Nominations for the office of SC must be received by the Section Secretary by August 1st; nominations from the floor shall never be in order. A simple majority is required to elect the SC. Term of office shall run January 1 through December 31.

6.1 Replacement of Members

The Executive Council may replace any elected section officer who shall miss two (2) consecutive meetings without notification to the Executive Council. In the absence of a club representative, the SC shall notify the club of the representative's failure to attend the meeting.

The Executive Council may replace any elected section officer who willingly violates USPSA/IPSC or *Northern Rockies* Section policy.

ARTICLE 7: Jurisdiction

In matters concerning compliance with USPSA/IPSC, the Section Executive Council shall properly consider any and all issues, with the exception of a Match Arbitration Committee Ruling.

The Executive Council delegates to the SC the authority to act on behalf of the Executive Council when the council is not in session. The actions of the SC on behalf of the Executive Council shall be subject to review and approval at the next Section Council meeting. The Executive Council may appeal his rulings directly to the USPSA/IPCA Area Director.

The Executive Council empowers the SC to make rulings at matches, and between the Executive Council sessions on the following matters:

- A. Questions concerning the **proper conduct** of a USPSA/IPSC match.
- B. Questions on the **proper interpretation** of the USPSA/IPSC shooting rules and principles.

- C. Questions concerning the **proper application** of section policies and procedures.
- D. Questions concerning **proper course design and administration** of matches.

The member clubs conducting the matches agree to abide by the rulings of the SC provided that the matter does not go to an Arbitration Committee.

Nothing in this article shall give the SC or any other official the authority to overrule the decision of a Match Arbitration Committee which is acting under USPSA/IPSC Rule 13.

Nothing in this article shall grant the SC or Executive Council authority over any non-approved match.

ARTICLE 8: Finances

The SC shall be responsible for the finances of the section and shall appoint a Secretary/Treasurer (see Article 4.4 & 4.5) to assist him. He shall maintain a checking account for his office expenses and a savings account called the Northern Rockies Championship Fund.

The Northern Rockies Championship Fund shall be used exclusively to aid in the production of the Northern Rockies Championship as detailed in Article 10.

8.1 Club activity Fees

Each member club of the Northern Rockies Section shall pay to the SC a Section Activity Fee in such amount as may be set by the Executive Council. A minimum of 50% of fees received by the SC must be deposited to the Northern Rockies Championship Fund as must the profit from the sale, including royalties, of any items using the Section name or sold by the Section.

Such fees shall be submitted to the SC, along with the match results, within 10 days of their matches.

When the member clubs submit their activity fees to USPSA/IPSC, they will submit a copy of the same to the SC.

8.2 Auditing Committee

Auditing Committee of three Executive Council members or their designated representatives shall be appointed by the Section Coordinator at the September/October session, whose duty it shall be to audit the Section accounts and report their findings to the Executive Council in writing within 30 days of their appointment. Should the SC fail to

complete his term of office, an Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Council within one week of the SC departure from office. Such Committee shall be subject to all the conditions of this article.

ARTICLE 9: Slot Match Series _____ [Amended 04/04/2004]

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Council to schedule a series of USPSA/IPSC sanctioned matches leading up to the Section Championship. The purpose of the series shall be to select Class and Section Champions and to determine eligibility for National Championship slots in accordance with the policy developed by the Executive Council.

Points earned in these matches and awards given will be determined by published Section policy. Changes in the policy will be published as specified in Article 12. To be eligible for a National Championship slot, a shooter must be a current member of a Section club and a member of USPSA/IPSC within 30 days after competing in his first slot match, must compete in at least one club slot match and must compete in the Section Championship Match.

9.1 Slot Points Awarded

Each club in the Section shall be entitled to hold one slot match per year. Slot matches held after the Section Championship will be counted in the following year. The points earned in the best of the next whole number over half the number of slot matches held, plus double points for the Section Championship match, will be totaled. 4 points will be awarded for finishing first in class, 3 points for second, 2 points for third, and 1 point for fourth. Only the scores of Section Members may be considered when calculating slot points. Slot points for limited class will be determined by recalculating the match results using only limited class scores.

9.2 Class Change

In the event that a competitor's class changes during the course of a slot point year, scores fired in the lower class will be recalculated in the higher class. The shooters class at the time of the Section Championship defines the class in which the competitor is eligible to win a slot.

9.3 Slots Awarded

Following the Section Championship match available slots will be awarded to the shooters who have submitted a Northern Rockies Section Slot Request to be received by the NRS Statistics Officer by September 30th of each year. The slots available are to be awarded to the applicant with the highest number of points in class, beginning with first Master, then first A, first B, C, and D. Grand Master and Master slots will be awarded as one class unless and until there are three or more shooters of each class in

the Section. Slots earned to the Limited Nationals must go to shooters who have earned eligibility using limited guns.

After all classes represented in the Section have been awarded one slot, excess slots will be awarded by drawing among all applicants. Competitors wishing to participate in the drawing must file a NRS Slot Request prior to September 30th..

All slots awarded, including those distributed by drawing, will be held by the SC for ten (10) days or until he receives a check from the recipient made payable to the USPSA National Championship in the amount of the match fee. In the event that the ten (10) day time limit conflicts with the USPSA deadline for claiming slots, the SC may require the slot recipient to claim his slot in a shorter time period to avoid missing such deadline. Under no circumstance shall the SC fail to award the slot to a shooter who submits the necessary match fee or to return it to USPSA for reissue. If the recipient fails to accept the slot by the deadline, it will be offered to the second qualified applicant, then the third, etc. If no one who is in line for it is able to accept it, the slot may be awarded by drawing using the applications received by the Statistics Officer or as may be required by USPSA.

9.4 Mission Count

All clubs in the Section agree that all USPSA Mission Count earned by all clubs in the Section shall be added to the Mission Count earned by the Section as a whole, and that all slots earned will be deeded to the Section to be distributed in this way.

ARTICLE 10: Section Championship

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Council to see that a Section Championship Match is held annually. This match will be conducted under the rules and guidelines of the USPSA/IPSC, and billed and held as a USPSA tournament or sanctioned event. The Executive Council shall act as the Championship Steering Committee. It shall approve championship policies, the selection of a host club and Match Director, his staff appointments and the terms of an agreement between the Section and the host club.

Upon the conclusion of the Championship, the Executive Council will review the Championship books.

ARTICLE 11: USPSA/IPSC Matches Defined

The clubs signing the agreement agree that any match they conduct that is not run in conformance with the published USPSA/IPSC guidelines will not be represented as an approved USPSA match. They further agree that the USPSA or IPSC logos will not be used in such a way as to create the impression that a match might be approved if in fact it is not.

ARTICLE 12: Published Policy Statements

The Section shall publish policy statements, and shall also publish any policy revisions, on the following subjects:

- A. Safety/New Shooter Policy
- B. Slots Allocation
- C. Classification System
- D. Activity Fees

ARTICLE 13: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Section in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Rules or bylaws or USPSA/IPSC, or any special rules of order which the Section may adopt.

ARTICLE 14: Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Executive Council by a majority vote of the members of the Committee, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting, or written notice has been given to all voting members at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 15: Dissolution of the Section

Should the Executive Council determine that it is desirable or necessary to dissolve the Section for any reason, all section assets shall be shared among those Clubs who were members during the last complete year of slot point competition with each share calculated using the Mission Count contributed in that year.