

By-Laws
of the
SOUTH CAROLINA
SKEET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Skeet Shooting Association (SCSSA). And, subject to provisions of the Charter therefore issued by the State of South Carolina, these articles constitute the by-laws thereof.

Article II

This association is a non-profit organization duly organized as an eleemosynary corporation under the laws of South Carolina for the following purposes:

1. **To increase** the knowledge of sportsmen and sportswomen regarding shotguns, including their purpose and safe handling and join together those citizens of South Carolina who are interested in skeet shooting in order to promote the sport of skeet shooting and engender the highest possible degree of sportsmanship.
2. **To guide**, encourage and assist in the organization of skeet shooting clubs in the State of South Carolina.
3. **To strengthen** those clubs already organized by increasing the interest in skeet shooting through the distribution of literature and information pertaining to shooting activities throughout the State of South Carolina and the United States.
4. **To standardize rules**, policies and plans for tournament shooting; to promote inter-club shoots; to promote and provide a sponsoring and governing body for annual State Skeet Shooting Championship Tournaments.

Article III

Membership

1. Any club in South Carolina devoted to Skeet Shooting which shall have at least one skeet field and be a member of the National Skeet Shooting Association, and any sportsperson, regardless of age, who is a resident of South Carolina, is eligible for annual membership.
2. Application for membership (club & individual) shall be made as prescribed by the Officers of the Association (Officers). All applications shall be accompanied by the dues for the applicant

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for the year in which the application is submitted. If the applicant is not approved by at least one officer, the dues shall be immediately returned.

3. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on all questions at the annual and other special meetings.

4. Members may be suspended or expelled at any time by a 2/3 vote of the Officers for unsportsmanlike conduct or any other reason deemed appropriate. An expelled member may not re-apply for membership sooner than one (1) year after expulsion.

Article IV

Dues and Fees

1. Dues for each member club and each individual member shall be set by the Officers.
2. Daily fees for registered shoots shall be set by the Officers.
3. The Officers may fix such dues and fees as they may deem appropriate or desirable for the purpose of carrying out any activities of the Association.
4. Lifetime Individual memberships are available at ten (10) times the current annual rate + \$50 with a special discount of 50% for Seniors over the age of 60.

Article V

Officers

The Officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Referee, and the two duly elected National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) Directors for South Carolina. These officers shall be elected by the SCSSA general membership.

Elections for officers, other than the NSSA directors, shall be held each year during the Annual Meeting of the Association or by special election if required. NSSA Directors shall be elected through the NSSA Director election process.

The term of all officers shall be one (1) year or until their successor shall have been elected, with the exception of the President and the NSSA Directors whose terms and limits are specified below. All locally elected officers' terms will begin immediately following their election.

Any individual holding more than one office, or a NSSA Director also serving as an elected Officer, is limited to ONE vote on all matters.

Responsibilities of each officer are:

1. The **President** shall preside at meetings of the Association and shall perform the usual duties of that office. The term of the president shall be for two years. He/she may be elected to only

two consecutive terms with a minimum of four years after the end of the second term before again being eligible for election to the presidency.

2. The **Vice President** shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and, in his/her absence or disability, perform all the usual duties of that office.

3. The **Secretary-Treasurer** shall perform the usual duties of secretary by acting as secretary for all meetings, keeping a record of all the association proceedings and keeping a correct roll of the membership. He/she shall perform the duties usually incident to that of treasurer. He/she shall have custody of all funds of the Association and keep an accurate account thereof. The funds are to be deposited in such a bank as he may select.

4. The **Chief Referee** shall have intimate knowledge of and shall insure that all SCSSA & NSSA rules and regulations are administered across all clubs holding registered shoots in a standardized manner. He/she shall approve all individuals applying for the NSSA Referee License. The Chief Referee or his designate shall be employed at the annual SCSSA State Championship Tournament and at said tournament, is responsible for the procurement of and management of referees.

5. The **NSSA Directors** shall act in the best interest of the SCSSA membership concerning NSSA issues. State NSSA Directors shall be elected and serve under the terms as set forth by the NSSA.

Article VI

General

1. **Meetings:** The Association shall meet annually at, and during the Annual South Carolina State Skeet Championships. The date time, and place of the meeting shall be announced in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Special Meetings may be held at any time upon the direction of the President. These Special Meetings shall require fifteen (15) days written notice being given to the members.

2. **Voting:** The general membership is entitled to one individual vote concerning the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business as properly brought before the Association at the annual and other special meetings. For the purposes of this clause, Member Clubs are considered a part of the general membership and are entitled to vote. Member Clubs must designate a specific representative at the beginning of the meeting where the Member Clubs vote will be exercised.

3. **Quorum:** At all meetings of the Association, one-half of the Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transacting of business.

4. **Proxies:** Written proxies shall be acceptable in lieu of attendance for the purpose of establishing a quorum for transacting business. Proxies for voting purposes are not allowed and will be considered out-of-order.

5. **Roberts Rules of Order** shall govern at all SCSSA conducted meetings.

6. The order of business for all meetings of the Association shall be as follows:

- a. Roll call of Officers for the purpose of establishing a quorum
- b. Reading of the Minutes from previous meetings
- c. Report of Officers
- d. Report of Committees
- e. Amendment of By-Laws
- f. Unfinished Business
- g. Election of Officers
- h. Awarding of the Next Annual Tournament
- i. New Business
- j. Adjournment

Article VII

Registered Shoots

1. All registered shoots are to be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NSSA and SCSSA. Application to hold a registered shoot shall be made through the SCSSA.
2. Registered shoots shall not be held on the same dates at different clubs within a 50 mile radius.
3. All shooters in a registered shoot must be members of the NSSA and if residents of South Carolina, must also be members in good standing of the SCSSA. NSSA & SCSSA annual dues can be paid to the host club as part of the registration process.
4. Shooters must pay the club holding a “registered” shoot a fee for each event. Such fees will be forwarded within 15 days to this Association along with any membership dues collected.
5. Only licensed or qualified referees approved by the Chief Referee shall officiate registered shoots. Referees will be compensated in a manner agreeable with the Association, referees and the club management holding the shoot.
- 6 All clubs holding registered shoots and/or fielding club teams must be members in good standing with SCSSA and NSSA.
7. Club management is responsible for procurement and management of referees; preparation of the facilities; providing world-class targets; registration; collection/payment of monies; scoreboard management; shoot reports. The only exception is the Annual State Skeet Shoot as specified below.

South Carolina Annual State Skeet Shoot

1. The Association shall hold an Annual State Skeet Shoot (State Shoot). The location for the following years State Shoot shall be voted on by the general membership during the Annual Meeting.
2. The facilities required for a club to hold the State Shoot shall be set forth by the Officers.
3. The State Shoot shall be administered by the Officers. The Association shall set the schedule, terms, and cost of participation, as well as be responsible for procurement and management of referees, registration, collection/payment of monies, scoreboard management & shoot reports. The host club shall be responsible for providing the necessary facilities, trap help, and targets required for a successful shoot. Specific terms and requirements for food or other ancillary support will be negotiated with the host club as may be appropriate.
4. Officers may receive discounted participation in the Annual State Shoot as reflective of the Association's performance. At no time shall the fees for "Concurrent Events" and "Options" be discounted or waived.

Article VIII

Rules and Regulations

1. All "registered" shoots are to be conducted under the rules and regulations of the National Skeet Shooting and the South Carolina Skeet Shooting Association.
2. Rules and regulations can be made and/or changed by a duly called meeting of the Association.
3. Proper wearing of hearing and eye protection shall be required of all shooters, referees, trap help, and any other personnel authorized to be within the participation boundaries of a skeet field.
4. After the start of a registered shoot no participant will be permitted to fire at a practice target on the field he/she is assigned to shoot in their next event. Exceptions can be made by shoot management in the cases of machine problems, or scheduling changes.
5. Any protests must be filed by the shooter at the time of occurrence, and in accordance with NSSA rules and regulations. The SCSSA Chief Referee shall be a member of all protest committees concerning fairness and the proper application of all Rules and Regulations. In his absence, this responsibility shall be assumed by either the SCSSA President, SCSSA Vice President, SCSSA Secretary/Treasurer, or Shoot Manager in this order (re: NSSA Rules; Section IX).

Article IX
Awards and Recognition

1. The SCSSA will maintain an *Awards and Recognition Program* to honor members for their achievements and accomplishments in, and in support of, the sport of skeet shooting in South Carolina.
2. The SCSSA will maintain a South Carolina Hall of Fame where past and present award winners will be memorialized. Awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting during the Annual State Shoot, or at any Special Meeting appropriately called by the President.
3. The Awards and Recognition Program shall consist of a Hall of Fame, an Honor Roll, and other Awards and Recognitions as may be established in the future. These are subjective awards determined by nomination from the membership and measured against published criteria.
- 4 . The Awards and Recognitions Program shall also include an Annual State Team and an Annual Champion of Champions Award. These are determined entirely by numerical data as recorded with NSSA/SCSSA.
5. Criteria for Awards will be established and announced by the Officers. Any changes to the award criteria will be announced to the membership and will be effective the following shoot year.
6. The Awards and Recognition Program will be administered by the Officers through committees for each award as appointed by the President with input from the Officers. Committee members shall be selected on the basis of representation of active SCSSA member clubs and our membership in general. The only exception shall be the State Team, which shall be determined annually by the SCSSA Vice President of the Association, and the Champion of Champions Award, which will be determined by the SCSSA Secretary/Treasurer.
7. The committees will make award recommendations to the Officers for consideration based on subjective criteria as approved and published by the Association.
8. All final award decisions will be made by the Officers. If consensus is not reached by the Officers, the SCSSA President's decision will be final.

Article X
Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a vote of at least 2/3 of those present at the "Annual" or any "Special" meeting of the Association qualified to conduct business, provided that 15 days written notice of the amendment to be offered shall be given to all members. These By-Laws supersede all previous By-Laws and are effective as of 24 August 2019

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