

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

This association shall be called the CALIFORNIA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION (CSTA), and is a non-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

This Association is affiliated with the Pacific International Trapshooting Association and its purpose shall be to bring the trap shooters of the State of California into a closer relationship and is formed for the purpose of securing and maintaining proper rules and regulations for the enjoyment and development of the sport of trapshooting within the State of California.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1.

This association shall be composed of any individual who may become a member upon such terms and conditions as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Membership in the Association shall permit the member to compete for open individual prizes and enjoy all the privileges of an association member by paying the membership fees of this Association as hereinafter set forth.

Section 3.

There shall be two types of memberships in this association:

- a) Annual Membership. By payment of dues at any time during the PITA target year.

- b) Life Membership. By payment of such amount as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Credit for annual dues may be deducted from such amount at any time prior to July 1 of the current year.
- c) Memberships in this association are nontransferable and shall cease and terminate upon the death of the member.
- d) Such Memberships may be revoked at the discretion of the Board of Directors when said member does, or threatens to do, any thing detrimental to the sport of trapshooting or the safety of any person or persons.
- e) In addition to the items a) and b) above, a daily fee, as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, will be charged at trapshooting events that are conducted according to current PITA Rules.

Section 4.

CSTA May Honor Other Association Suspensions.

- a) When the PITA, ATA or CGSTA, after proper investigation and hearings, has found that a trap shooter has violated the established and published rules of trapshooting (either PITA or ATA) and has decided that, in the interest of trapshooting, the shooter should be suspended, the suspending association may then request the CSTA to honor the suspension. The request, containing details of the violation, and the findings, shall be conveyed to the CSTA Secretary by letter over the signature of the proposing Association Secretary. The procedure for any suspension or expulsion shall be as set forth under Section 5 of Article III.
- b) The CSTA Secretary, upon receipt of the request, shall confer with the CSTA President. If a Board of Directors' meeting is imminent, the request shall be brought before the Directors en banc. If a Board meeting is not imminent, the Secretary will bring the matter before the Executive Committee for action. The Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, will decide whether to abide by the request. If the decision is affirmative, the length of suspension will also be determined.

Section 5

Procedure for Honoring Suspension

Before honoring the suspension of a member under Article III, Section 4 of these By Laws, the procedure set forth below shall be followed:

- (a) The member shall be given 15 days prior notice in any action to honor the suspension submitted by PITA or ATA and the reasons for the proposed suspension. Notice shall be given by any method reasonably calculated to provide actual notice. Any notice given by mail shall be sent by first-class or registered mail to the member's last address as shown on the corporation's records.

(b) The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either by the Board of Directors or by the Executive committee for the purpose of determining whether the action to honor the suspension should take place.

(c) The Board or Committee shall decide whether or not to honor the suspension and the length of time it will remain in effect. The decision of the Board or Committee shall be final.

(d) Any action challenging the suspension must be commenced within one year after the date of the suspension.

(e) The procedure set forth in this Section 5 shall be applied in the event of a proposed expulsion of any member, director or officer.

Section 6

Failure to Pay Monies Owed to Association

(a) In the event a member fails to pay monies due CSTA or an association or club which is recognized by CSTA, such member may be temporarily suspended by order of the Secretary of the aggrieved association or club during such time as the monies remain unpaid. The diligent member shall be give oral or written notice of such proposed suspension which shall become effective 10 days after such notice is given. Upon payment of the monies owed, the member shall be returned to full and active membership in the association or club involved.

ARTICLE IV. ANNUAL CSTA STATE SHOOT AND SERIES PROGRAM.

a) This Association shall sponsor and conduct the annual CSTA State Shoot and the CSTA Series Awards shoots as well as such other shoots as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

b) The CSTA State Shoot shall be rotated among those clubs that are qualified to conduct a State Shoot according to the rules and requirements as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

c) The CSTA Series shoots will be scheduled at the same time as regular shoots and the CSTA Series Award Shoot shall be rotated among those clubs that are qualified to conduct an award shoot as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. POWERS OF ASSOCIATION

Section 1.

Powers of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors who shall be active and participating members. A quorum, as specified in Article XIII, Section 2, shall exist at a scheduled or special meetings of the Board of Directors All meetings will be held after receiving notice as hereinafter provided.

Section 2.

The officers of this corporation shall consist of the following:

- a) President.
- b) First Vice President.
- c) Second Vice President.
- d) Secretary.
- e) Treasurer.

Note-The offices of Secretary (Item d above) and Treasurer (Item e above) may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors at their meeting in conformance with Article VI, Section 3, be combined. The title of the combined offices will then be Secretary-Treasurer. Substitute the title "Secretary-Treasurer", when authorized by the Board of Directors, for the titles "Secretary" and "Treasurer" wherever they appear in this Constitution and Bylaws."

Section 3.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Officers and Directors, with the total number to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors giving consideration to representation of all gun clubs in the State of California scheduling PITA shoots as approved by this Association.

Section 4

The Executive Board of this Association shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and a Delegate-at-Large to be appointed by the President from among the elected Directors.

Section 5.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to conduct the day-to-day business of the Association within the authority delegated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

Section 1.

The President of this Association shall, prior to the annual membership meeting conducted during the State Shoot, appoint a committee consisting of a number of members of the Board of Directors sufficient in his discretion to serve as a Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to present a list of nominees for the Board of Directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2.

The Directors so elected shall take office at the first meeting following the general membership meeting but not later than July 1 and shall serve for one year.

Section 3.

The Nominating Committee shall, immediately following the election of the Board of Directors, present a list of nominees for the officers of this Association to be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the Annual Membership meeting. The time and place of such meeting shall be designated by the President and announced during the Annual Membership meeting.

Section 4.

The Officers so elected shall assume their respective offices on July 1.

Section 5.

Any vacancies on the Board of Directors that occur after the Annual Membership meeting may be filled by election by the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting. All nominations of Directors to fill such vacancies will be made by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee after due consideration and review by the Nominating Committee.

Section 6.

All Directors and Officers may be elected to serve a succeeding year. The President, First Vice President and Second Vice President shall be elected for a one-year term and may succeed themselves in that office.

Section 7.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, any Director missing three (3) consecutive meetings, without being excused, may be removed from the Board of Directors. Notice of this action will be in writing to the Director and will be ordered by the President. This section will not apply to those directors residing more than 150 miles from the designated meeting place of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1.

President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at the Annual General Membership meeting, to sign with the Treasurer for the payment of money on behalf of this Association, to appoint committees as necessary; to efficiently carry on the activities of this Association; and to see that the purposes for which this Association was organized are effected; to call meetings of the Board of Directors and to conduct such meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order as detailed in Webster's New World Robert's Rules of Order, as revised.

Section 2.

First Vice President. It shall be the duty of the First Vice President to assist the President and to assume his duties in the absence, removal, resignation or death of the President.

Section 3.

Second Vice President. It shall be the duty of the Second Vice President to assist the President and First Vice President and to assume the duties of the First Vice President in the absence, removal, resignation or death of the First Vice President.

Section 4.

Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep records of the Association, send out such notices as are required, including notices of Board of Director's meetings at least twenty-one (21) days prior to meeting date; conduct correspondence and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary. The Secretary shall retain in the corporate files a copy of all correspondence, to be delivered to the Secretary's successor. The Secretary shall approve all applications for registered shoots within the boundaries of the organization, so as not to conflict with any other shoot, then forward the application to the Pacific International Trapshooting Association, thereby complying with the regulations of that body. In the event the Secretary is unable to perform the duties of the Secretary's Office as a result of absence, removal, resignation or death, the President shall appoint a Secretary pro tem to serve until the next election of Officers as specified in Article VI, Section 3 of this Constitution and By Laws.

Section 5.

Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all moneys due the Association, and have charge of the funds of the Association, keep an accurate account thereof, and make a full and detailed report of the moneys collected and disbursed at each Board of Director's meeting and at the Annual General Membership meeting. The Treasurer shall prepare, or arrange for preparation of all financial returns to be filed with governmental agencies. In the event the Treasurer is unable to perform the duties of the Treasurer's Office as a result of absence, removal, resignation or death, the President shall appoint a Treasurer pro tem to serve until the next election of Officers as specified in Article VI, Section 3 of this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATION.

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall manage and supervise the affairs of the Association, including scheduling of registered Series shoots, preparing the Annual State Shoot Program and assist the Officers in the preparation, organization and conduct of the State Shoot and such other shoots as may be designated by the Association.

Section 2.

Any five (5) Directors of the Association shall have the power to petition the President, or Secretary, to call a Special Board of Directors meeting. It shall be mandatory for the Secretary to give proper notification to all members of the Board of Directors as defined in the duties of the Secretary described in Article VII, Section 4.

Section 3.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to remove any officer or director of duties, for cause, by a two-thirds vote of the quorum during any scheduled or special, Board of Directors meeting. Such vote must be in writing. Prior to any action to remove a Director, such Director shall be advised in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting set for such purpose.

ARTICLE IX. GUN CLUBS.

Section 1.

All regularly organized gun clubs within the boundaries of this organization which hold Pacific International Trapshooting Association registered shoots shall have a duly authorized representative as a Director of this Association. A Director may represent more than one gun club in his immediate area.

Section 2

Any club within the boundaries of this association in order to be eligible for a PITA State Shoot must hold three (3) or more PITA registered shoots annually for three (3) consecutive years immediately preceding the State Shoot date to be considered for approval by this Association.

Section 3.

No shooter shall be eligible to compete for any California Championship Trophy until the shooter has been a resident of this state for six months.

ARTICLE X. REGULATIONS FOR GUN CLUBS.

Section 1.

All clubs holding registered shoots within the boundaries of this organization shall submit an application for registered shoots to the Secretary of this Association and collect the current daily CSTA and PITA fees from each contestant, said amounts to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

It shall be the duty of an officer, or authorized representative of each gun club conducting PITA shoots, to forward to the Secretary of this organization a cashier's report showing the number of contestants paying the current daily fee, and the number of memberships sold in the Association, together with a check for the total amount.

Section 3.

Any gun club that fails to comply with the foregoing Sections 1 and 2 may be disqualified from scheduling further PITA shoots by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular, or special, meeting.

Section 4.

All official communications between gun clubs and the Pacific International Trapshooting Association must be through the CSTA Secretary.

ARTICLE XI. REGISTERED TOURNAMENTS

All registered tournaments held within the boundaries of this organization shall be governed by the rules of the Pacific International Trapshooting Association and such rules as may be adopted by the CSTA. Board of Directors in conducting the State Tournament.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The Constitution and By-laws of this Association shall be amended only at the Annual Meeting by a vote of the majority of the quorum present at said meeting.

ARTICLE XIII. QUORUM

SECTION 1

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order as detailed in Webster's New World Robert's Rules of Order, as revised, shall govern all annual and special meetings of the Association, except as herein provided.

SECTION 2

The members of this Association, present at the Annual Meeting, shall constitute a quorum. Notice of time and place of said Annual Meeting to the general membership shall be included in the State Shoot Program mailed to all members prior to the State Tournament.

SECTION 3

A quorum shall exist at any meeting of the Board of Directors when ten (10) of the duly elected officers and directors are present. A quorum shall exist at any authorized committee when a majority of the authorized members are present.

ARTICLE XIV. INSPECTION OF BY-LAWS.

The Association shall keep in its principal office the original, or a copy of these By-laws, as amended, certified by the Secretary, which shall be open to inspection upon request by any member of the Association.

ARTICLE XV. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this Association, all of its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of all of its debts and liabilities has been made, shall be distributed by the Association to or for the benefit of one or more organizations qualifying as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent possible, distribution shall be made to an organization or organizations created and operated similar to or in conformance with the aims and purposes of this Association.