

NORTH MOUNTAIN SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NMSA BY-LAWS:

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE:

The organization shall be known as: “THE NORTH MOUNTAIN SPORTSMEN’S ASSOCIATION, INC.” or “NMSA.” The purpose of the organization shall be to foster the development of international, state, and regional shooting sports competition.

- A. To recruit youth and adult amateur athletes among shooting sports target games. To train, develop and support them in the international, state, and regional as well as Olympic form of that competition and to raise funds for that purpose.
- B. To create and maintain a shooting facility where such training, development and support can take place.
- C. To train, develop and support instructors and coaches to do the above as well as conduct competitions.
- D. To support amateur athletes and provide financial support for travel and competition expenses.
- E. Provide facilities for members of the association to enjoy recreational shooting activities and adult training in the safe and responsible use of firearms. **HUNTING IS NOT PERMITTED.**

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP:

SECTION 1: - LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum of two years as an annual member.
- Attend minimum of 50% of all regular Association meetings.
- Sponsorship by two life members in good standing.
- Acceptance by closed ballot of 2/3 of life members present at Association Annual meeting.

B. FEES:

- A one-time fee of \$250 will be charged. This fee may be paid in four equal installments over the period of one year.
- Upon revocation of, death, or member’s decision to leave the Association, their name will be removed from the Association rolls.
- Fee will be placed in an Escrow account, and interest earned will be part of the Association’s normal treasury.

C. DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- May be elected to any office of the Association.
- Vote on any Association matters.
- Use of all Association facilities.
- Pay to the Treasurer the annual cost of insurance coverage per member.
- **ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING AS STATED IN ARTICLE II SECTION 7.**
- Attend two (2) Regular Association Meetings per year, one of which may be the Annual Meeting.
- Any Life Member notified of falling behind one (1) year of the payment specified above may be removed as a Life Member at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

SECTION 2: - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

A yearly fee is established by the Board of Directors will be charged for an annual membership. Annual membership is available to all individuals, provided the applicant is accepted by a 2/3 vote of the members present at

any duly organized meeting. Annual membership entitles holder to the use of any readily available Association facilities as determined by the Board of Directors. Annual Memberships are valid from January 1st to December 31st.

SECTION 3: FAMILY OF MEMBERS:

There Shall not be more than 2 family members on the board of directors at any given time. Member's spouses as well as children and grandchildren of members who are under age eighteen (18) will have privileges extended to them only when accompanied by a member. Anyone eighteen (18) and older must apply for an annual membership for the next full membership year. Youth who regularly participate in Association activities are encouraged to apply for a Junior Membership.

SECTION 4: JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:

Youth ages eight (8) to seventeen (17) are eligible to apply for a Junior Membership. Junior members shall pay an annual fee of established by the Board of Directors. Junior members have no vote in matters of the Association and are not eligible to hold office. Junior members may participate in activities of the Association and use facilities with the appropriate level of supervision as established by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5: SPECIAL MEETINGS:

A Special Meeting of the Association shall be held subject to the call of the President, or it shall be the duty of the President to call a meeting of the Association upon the request of ten (10) Life Members. Notice of a special meeting shall be made at least one week prior to the meeting.

SECTION 6: QUORUM: Life Members present at any duly organized meeting of the Assoc. shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 7: SUSPENSION/EXPULSION:

Any member convicted of a felony or intentional violation of Conservation/Game Laws of the Commonwealth, found to have intentionally damaged/stolen Association property, acted in an unsafe manner on Association property or otherwise not conforming to Association rules and regulations may be subject to disciplinary determined by a 2/3 vote from the Board of Directors at a Board of Directors meeting.

SECTION 8: ANNUAL MEETING:

At the November meeting a Nominating Committee shall be appointed to nominate a Slate of Officers and Directors. The Annual Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of December, wherein an election shall be held to elect all Officers, Directors, and any vacancies.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SECTION 1: GENERAL POWERS:

To oversee the affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors by a 2/3 vote may, for cause, remove any officer or member of the Association.

SECTION 2: NUMBER, TERM AND QUALIFICATION:

The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) Life Members. Board members are elected for a three (3) year term on a staggered basis, with three (3) members normally elected each year. Only Life Members qualify for nomination to the Board of Directors. To be eligible, Life Members must also:

- Attend four (4) scheduled events (minimum 4 hours each).
- Attend over 50% of regular meetings.
- Attend Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3: QUORUM: Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4: REMOVAL:

A Director may be removed for cause or for missing four (4) consecutive meetings by a 2/3 vote of Life Members present at any regular meeting.

SECTION 5: VACANCIES:

A vacancy of the Board of Directors may be filled at any meeting by a 2/3 vote of the Life Members present. The member so appointed shall serve only to complete the unexpired term of their predecessor.

ARTICLE IV – MEETING PROCEDURES:

SECTION 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

- Roll Call for Board of Directors
- Presentation of the minutes from the previous meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Approval of the Budget (Annual Meeting Only)
- Committee reports
- Old Business
- Elections of the Board of Directors (Annual Meeting Only)
- New Business
- For the Good of the Club (Association)
- Adjournment

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS:

SECTION 1: NUMBER:

The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. Each of whom shall be elected from a list of nominees made at the Annual Meeting by the Nominating Committee and the General Membership.

SECTION 2: ELECTION AND TERM:

The Officers the Association shall be elected by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. Each Officer will assume their duties at the First Regular Meeting following election and shall continue in office until their successor is duly elected.

SECTION 3: REMOVAL: The Board of Directors may remove any Officer for cause upon a 2/3 vote of its membership.

SECTION 4: PRESIDENT:

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association subject to control of the Board of Directors, shall supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Association and preside at all meetings. Perform the duties of such position and other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors. Ex-official all committees.

SECTION 5: VICE-PRESIDENT:

In the absence of the President, their inability, or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall perform duties assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors. Upon the death, resignation or removal of the President, the Vice-President shall become the President.

SECTION 6: SECRETARY: The Secretary shall:

- Record and preserve the minutes of all meetings.
- Preserve and keep all records/files of the Association.
- Deliver all files, records, and materials of the Association to their successor.
- Perform duties of a secretary and other such duties assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7: TREASURER: The Treasurer shall:

- Have charge and be responsible for all funds and securities as well as the financial documents of the Association.
- Pay all obligations of the Association.
- Make a financial report at all meetings.
- Deposit all funds (in a timely manner) of the Association in a Bank or other depository designated by the Board of Directors.
- Deliver to their successor all monies, books, records, and papers pertaining to their office.
- Execute a bond, which will be homed by the Association.
- All accounts must be audited annually. Committee Chairpersons shall submit to the treasurer by the January meeting. A complete accounting of all income and expenditures for inclusion in the annual audit. An Audit Committee will be appointed during January's meeting with the audit conducted no later than the end of February.

SECTION 8: VACANCIES:

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors by a 2/3 vote of its members. A person so appointed shall serve only to complete the unexpired term of their predecessor.

ARTICLE VI – FISCAL YEAR:

The Fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end the last day of December. Committee Chairpersons shall submit to the President prior to the November meeting a proposed budget for their activities for the upcoming year. The total budget for the Association shall be established by the Board of Directors and presented to the members at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII-EXPENDITURE OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS:

Expenditure of Association funds of \$500.00 or more shall require prior approval of the members at any meeting or a 2/3 vote from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES:

All Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President. The Chairperson(s) shall appoint members to the committee to serve with him/her in performing the required duties. Committees shall perform the necessary duties and other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. Special Committees may be appointed by the President as required. All Committee Chairpersons shall serve until their successor is appointed by the President.

ARTICLE IX – INSURANCE:

Insurance coverage shall be determined by the Board of Directors and carried by The National Rifle Association or other such insuring agency.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS:

These BY-LAWS may be altered, amended, or repealed as well as new BY-LAWS may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors, and ratification by the general members at three (3) consecutive meetings.

