

BY-LAWS OF NORTH MOUNTAIN SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 309, Muncy Valley, PA 17758-0309

Article I – Purpose:

The organization shall be known as: “THE NORTH MOUNTAIN SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.” 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 the shooting sports target games and 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 and to 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

Article II – Membership:

SECTION 1: Life Membership:

A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

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

B. FEES:

- (1) A one-time fee of \$250.00 will be charged. This fee may be paid in four equal installments over the period of one year.
- (2) Upon revocation, death, or member's decision to leave the Association, their name will be removed from the Association rolls.
- (3) Fee will be placed in an Escrow Account, and interest earned will be part of the Association's normal treasury.

C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (1) May be elected to any office of the Association
- (2) Vote on any Association matters.

- (3) Use of all Association facilities.
- (4) Pay to the Treasurer the annual cost of insurance coverage per member.
- (5) Attend the Annual Meeting as stated in Article II Section 7.
- (6) Attend two (2) Regular Association meetings per year, one of which may be the Annual Meeting.
- (7) Any Life Member notified of falling behind one (1) year of the payment specified in (4) above may be removed as a Life Member at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

SECTION 2: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

A yearly fee as 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, and is valid from January 1 to December 31.

SECTION 3: FAMILY OF MEMBERS:

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. Upon turning eighteen (18), children or grandchildren must apply for annual membership for the next full membership year. Youth who regularly participate in Association activities are encouraged to apply for Junior Membership.

SECTION 4: JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:

Youth ages eight (8) to seventeen (17) are eligible to apply for Junior Membership. Junior members shall pay an annual fee 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:

Six (6) Life Members present at any duly organized meeting of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 7: SUSPENSION/EXPULSION:

Any member convicted of a felony or intentional violation of Conservation or Game Laws of the Commonwealth, or found to have intentionally damaged or 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 action. Such action may be to have some or all privileges suspended or to be expelled from membership as determined by a 2/3 vote of 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 and Directors and fill 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 three (3) year terms on a staggered basis, with three (3) members normally elected each year. Only Life Members will qualify for nomination to the Board of Directors. In order to be eligible, Life Members must also:

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

SECTION 3: QUORUM:

Six (6) 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 person so appointed shall serve only to complete the unexpired term of their predecessor.

ARTICLE IV – MEETING PROCEDURES:

SECTION 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The order of Business for all meetings shall be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Roll Call 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.
- Election 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 of 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 of the business and affairs of the Association, Shall preside at all meetings, Perform the duties of such position and such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors, Shall ex-officially be a member of all committees.

SECTION 5: VICE-PRESIDENT:

In the absence of the President or their inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall perform duties assigned him or 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:

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

SECTION 7: TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Have charge and be responsible for all funds and securities and the financial documents of the Association.
- (b) Pay all obligations of the Association.
- (c) Make a financial report at all meetings.

- (d) Deposit all funds (within a timely manor) of the Association in a Bank or other Depository designated by the Board of Directors.
- (e) Deliver to their successor all monies, books, records, and paper pertaining to their office.
- (f) Execute a bond, which will be borne by the Association.
- (g) 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. The Audit Committee will be appointed at the January meeting and shall meet to conduct the audit not later than the final week 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 membership. 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 on 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 membership at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII – EXPENDATURE OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS:

Expenditure of Association funds of \$ 500.00 or more shall require prior approval of the membership at an Association meeting or of a 2/3 of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITEES:

All Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President. The Chairperson shall appoint members to the committee to serve with him or her in performing the required duties. Committees shall perform the necessary duties and other such 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 carried by the National Rifle Association or such other insuring agency, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS:

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors, and ratification by the General Membership at three (3) consecutive meetings.

Add to bylaws under purpose:

To be a qualified amateur sports organization exclusively to foster national or international amateur shooting sports competition, and primarily to conduct national or international competition in the shooting sports or to support and develop amateur athletes for that competition

Add as schedule A to by-laws

- a. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and/or scientific purposes under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- b. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees,, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be in the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted by to be carried on by (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code , or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- c. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code , or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to the state or local government, for a public purpose.