



**BYLAWS  
OF  
THE SPRINGFIELD TACTICAL SHOOTERS CLUB**

A United States Practical Shooting Affiliated Club.

**ARTICLE I - NAME AND ORGANIZATION:**

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be THE SPRINGFIELD TACTICAL SHOOTERS CLUB (*hereinafter referred to as the "club."*), whose current principal address is that of the elected and serving club President or USPSA designated representative, which is available through the USPSA National Office at P.O Box 811, 702-A Metcalf Street, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284.
- 1.2 The club is organized as non-profit and non-stock. It shall be in existence in perpetuity or until formally dissolved by the action of competent authority.
- 1.3 The club is organized to support and promote safety, training, education and competition in the sport of practical shooting, and to support the individual right of every person to keep, bear and use arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. Such goals may be defined and redefined from time to time as necessary by the Board of Directors.
- 1.4 The club may affiliate with any organizations that share with the club the interests of support and advancement of the sport of practical shooting and support of the individual's right to keep and bear arms.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 The members of this club have voluntarily associated together to achieve certain civic, educational, and athletic objectives, which are:
  - **TO** encourage the growth of safe practical handgun, rifle, and shotgun shooting in our communities by presenting an ongoing program of training and competition in practical shooting matches open to all qualified individuals without discrimination;
  - **TO** promote greater firearm safety in our community by sharing our formal knowledge of safe, practical gun handling techniques and ethics with others through an ongoing series of educational courses on safe firearm handling and shooting open to all qualified individuals without discrimination;

- **TO** encourage participants in our sport to develop those characteristics of self-control, honor, integrity, politeness and generosity, which are the hallmarks of the practical shooter.

### **ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, ELECTIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 The Officers of the club shall be a President, who shall also be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Match Director, a Chief Range Officer, and a Chief Statistics Officer. All officers must be members of the club in good standing. These seven (7) officers comprise the club Board of Directors. These offices shall be filled according to these bylaws.
- 3.2 Election of club officers shall be held annually during the last two (2) weeks of December. No election shall be necessary for qualified and Board approved nominees who are unopposed for a club officer position. Vote (if necessary) shall be by secret ballot unless all members present shall consent to such other method of voting. Voting of proxies shall not be allowed.
- 3.3 The term of each office shall be for one (1) year, and new terms shall be effective on the first day of January of each year.
- 3.4 A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors, with election of a club member in good standing, for the unexpired portion of the term.
- 3.5 Nominations for club officer positions shall be accepted in writing annually during the first two (2) weeks of December. Any qualified club member in good standing is eligible for nomination. Nominee qualification is subject to final approval of the sitting Board of Directors.
- 3.6 Club officers shall not receive any salaries or compensation for their services. Reimbursement of club business expenses incurred in the performance of a club officer position shall be made upon the surrender of all pertinent receipts to the club Secretary and/or Treasurer for payment (subject to review by the club President).
- 3.7 Any officer elected may be removed by the Board of Directors upon an affirmative vote of three-quarters of the entire board of directors, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the club would be served thereby.
- 3.8 President - The President of the club shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership, enforces order and strict compliance with the club bylaws, and shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and these bylaws. He/She shall take no part in debate while occupying the chair, except by consent of a majority of the members present. He/She shall be an *ex-officio* member of all regular and special committees. In the event of the death or resignation of the President, the Vice President, if there shall be one, or if not, the Secretary and/or Treasurer, shall have all powers of, and be subject to all restrictions upon, the President, until the Board of Directors

fills the vacant President position under Section 3.4 of this article. The President, or his appointee, is required to attend all regularly scheduled or special meetings.

- 3.9 Vice President - The Vice President shall serve as President *pro-temp* whenever the President is unable or unwilling to so serve, and shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.
- 3.10 Secretary and Treasurer - The Secretary and/or Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, and the minutes of meetings of the general membership; see that all notices are duly given, be custodian of the club records, shall have the charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the club, receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the club from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such money in the name of the club in such banks, trust companies or other depositories, and in general perform all the duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.
- 3.11 Match Director (**Qualified Range Officer**) - The Match Director shall plan, design, execute, and control club stages and monthly matches. He/She shall have charge and custody of all club props, tools, supplies, and equipment to including their organization, maintenance, and requisition for replenishment. He/She shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.
- 3.12 Chief Range Officer (**Qualified Range Officer**) - The Chief Range officer will control and ensure range safety and has *absolute authority* in all matters of safety and his/her authority extends to include all competitors, spectators, and other persons in vicinity of the range. He/She is responsible for the fair and equitable application of all procedural and scoring rules. The Chief Range Officer is also charged with the responsibility of performing new shooter orientation and safety check. He/She shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.
- 3.13 Chief Statistics Officer - The Chief Statistics Officer shall have overall responsibility for club stage/match scorekeeping and the publishing of results. He/She shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

#### **ARTICLE IV – DUES AND FEES**

- 4.1 Annual membership dues and competition match/USPSA activity administration fees shall be the only allowable fees collected from club members. Since this club is organized as non-profit, no part of these fees shall inure to the benefit of any individual but shall belong entirely to the organization and shall be disbursed strictly for education, benevolent, social or welfare purposes and operation of the functions of this organization.
- 4.2 The club Board of Directors shall recommend the amount of the annual membership dues to the membership at a December meeting. A majority vote of the members present at the meeting will be required to adopt the recommendation of the Board.
- 4.3 Annual dues shall be paid to the club Secretary and/or Treasurer by the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of February of each year and failure to pay annual dues by this date will result in the removal

of the nonpaying party from the club membership list. Payment of the full annual dues by a delinquent member shall result in reinstatement with full club benefits and privileges.

- 4.4 New members joining throughout the course of the year shall have membership dues prorated by the months remaining in the current membership year.

## **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1. Individuals who participate in two (2) consecutive club matches shall be required to become club members. For purpose of definition, shooting in the same division twice within a month's time shall be considered participating in the month's match.

- 5.2 The types of membership shall consist of Annual Individual or Family, Officer, and Honorary Life Memberships.

- An Annual Individual Member is any member whose current annual dues have been paid.
- An Annual Family Membership shall include husband, wife, and children under age 18 living at the same address whose current annual dues have been paid. Family membership dues shall be one and one-half (1  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) times the current annual dues for individual memberships.
- An Annual Officer Membership is conferred on those individuals elected and serving in a voluntary capacity as an officer of the club for the length of their elected term.
- An Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on an individual who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, has contributed to the club or the shooting sports in general, in some outstanding manner. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote of the club Board of Directors shall be required to bestow such membership.

- 5.3 Qualifications for admittance to membership of the club are that the prospective member be dedicated to the objectives of the club, agree to compliance with these bylaws, be twenty-one (21) years old or older, be legally able to own and possess a firearm, have a properly completed and signed "Springfield Tactical Shooters Club Membership Agreement & Release" form along with the appropriate annual fee submitted to the STS club President, USPSA designated representative, or club Secretary and/or Treasurer. Minors under the age of twenty-one (21) who is part of a Family Membership, a "Consent for Possession of Handgun by Juvenile, Appointment of Temporary Guardian" form will be completed, signed and returned along with the regular membership agreement and release form if the parent or legal guardian will not be present during club activities and competition.

- 5.4 Acceptance to membership shall be automatic upon the recommendation of any member of the Board of Directors, unless overruled by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. Acceptance of application for membership shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be granted upon payment of dues except in the case of failure to meet qualifications herein or conflict with membership policies set by the club Board of Directors. No individual may be denied membership based on religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, handicap, or ethnicity.

- 5.5 **In addition to the payment of the annual membership fee, each club member is required to complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of voluntary work for the club annually.** Completion of the required work hours will be on the honor system and must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current fiscal year. Extra hours worked within the course of a membership year do not carry over into the next membership year. Work hours may consist of almost any voluntary time dedicated to club activities. For example, club Officer duties, Range Officer officiating, stage/match setup or teardown, stage design and creation, prop room organization/maintenance, activity planning/initiation, or other duties as deemed appropriate by the club President are all considered valid time spent for work hours. ***Work hours may not include time spent pasting targets, setting steel, or picking up spent brass, as these duties are required of all shooters.*** Members' failing to complete required work hours within the course of a membership year, may be subject to termination of membership as deemed necessary by the club Board of Directors.
- 5.6 Each club member, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of club Officers and on issues submitted to the members by the Officers/Board of Directors, which issues may be submitted to the membership in meeting or by mail ballot.
- 5.7 Upon acceptance to membership, each member shall have all privileges conveyed by these bylaws, by policy of the Board of Directors. They may attend any meetings of membership and/or the Board of Directors (except Executive Sessions,) and at such meetings may have voice and vote in the affairs of the club business, except for those votes reserved exclusively for the Board of Directors by these bylaws.
- 5.8 Each club member will be given a copy of these club bylaws.
- 5.9 The Board of Directors shall have the authority, by two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote, to recommend to the members that an individual member be disciplined or removed from membership without refund of dues. Recommendation by the Board for discipline or removal of a member shall state a cause, which cause for such recommendation shall be deemed beyond question if the cause involves willful violation of club safety rules or range rules during club shooting activities, or if the cause involves the physical injury of any club member or any other person involved in club shooting activities.
- 5.10 Any member for whom disciplinary action is recommended by the Board shall be notified of the recommendation and the cause in writing at least ten (10) days prior to a general membership meeting at which such recommendation will be placed before the members, and such member shall have a reasonable opportunity to respond to such recommendation and cause, orally and/or in writing, to the members present.
- 5.11 Two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at any scheduled club meeting may take such disciplinary action as recommended by the Board or such other disciplinary action as the members may deem appropriate. Such disciplinary action may include sanctioning, suspension of the privilege of participation in club activities, or removal from membership. Sufficiency of cause for member discipline shall be at the sole discretion of members present and voting, and may extend to infractions as minor as unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct unbecoming a club member.

## **ARTICLE VI – ANNUAL MEETING**

- 6.1 The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and club members shall be held without other notice than this bylaw, during the month of December of each year. Notwithstanding this provision, the club Secretary and/or Treasurer shall make a good faith effort to post an announcement of the annual meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII – QUORUM**

- 7.1 At any meeting of the Board of Directors, 4 of the 7 Directors shall constitute a quorum
- 7.2 At any meeting of the membership, 20% of the membership shall be considered a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SLOT DISTRIBUTION:**

- 8.1 Distribution of any annual slots awarded to the club by the Illinois Section Coordinator, based on the Illinois Section bylaws (for match activity fees which are paid to the USPSA National Office by the club,) for the USPSA United States National Championships matches shall be determined by club Board of Directors. Those club members, in good standing, who in the majority opinion of the club Board of Directors are most dedicated in performing voluntary duties for the club over the course of a year, above and beyond what is required by these bylaws, shall receive one (1) National Championship slot (of their choice, if more than one championship is available) of the available slots in order of ranking by the Board.

## **ARTICLE IX – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 9.1 Liability - No director, officer, club, or member of this organization shall be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the organization.
- 9.2 Fiscal Year - The fiscal year of the club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.
- 9.3 Parliamentary Authority - The rules contained in the current edition of 'Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised' shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order, which the club may adopt.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

- 10.1 These bylaws may be amended, revised, or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all of the members present at a meeting which is designated for that purpose.

## **ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION**

- 11.1 In the event of the dissolution of the club, club members shall have the opportunity to bid for purchase of items of club property, which property shall be sold to the highest bidder.

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The Board of Directors, for the best available price, shall sell any club property remaining unsold after such bidding and sales. Revenue generated by such sales shall be deposited in the club accounts. Upon dissolution, club assets remaining after payment of all club liabilities shall be divided equally among all current club members in good standing.

*Adopted by majority vote of the club membership on:*

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*Date*

*Club President:*

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*Signature*