

BYLAWS of the WISCONSIN SECTION USPSA/IPSC

ARTICLE 1: NAME- The name of this organization shall be the WISCONSIN SECTION, affiliated with the United States Practical Shooting Association/IPSC, herein referred to as the “Section”.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES- The members of this organization have voluntarily associated together in order to achieve certain civic and athletic objectives.

- 2.1 To encourage the growth of safe and practical shooting in our community by presenting an annual program of practical shooting matches open to all qualified shooters.
- 2.2 To promote greater gun safety in our community by sharing our knowledge of safe, practical gun handling techniques and ethics with others through an annual series of educational clinics on safe practical shooting open to all qualified shooters.
- 2.3 To encourage participants in this sport to develop the characteristics of self-control, honor, integrity, and politeness; which are the hallmark of the Practical Shooter.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP- There shall be two types of Section memberships.

3.1 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1.1 To become a member of the Section, a shooter must meet the requirements for the membership and be (1) a USPSA member, (2) a member of a USPSA affiliated club within the Section, and (3) a resident of Wisconsin State.

3.2 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 3.2.1 A USPSA affiliated club that wishes to become a member of the Section must apply to the Section Executive Committee, which will vote on its application. If accepted, the club’s application will signify its acceptance of and intention to abide by the Section rules, policies, and procedures of these Section Bylaws.

The following clubs are currently members of the Section:

- 1) WI-08 Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
- 2) WI-10 Appleton Rifle and Pistol Club
- 3) WI-13 Schultz's Rod and Gun Club
- 4) WI-16 Fox Valley Practical Shooters
- 5) WI-17 Holmen Practical Shooters
- 6) WI-18 Ripon Practical Shooters
- 7) WI-19 Winnequah Gun Club

ARTICLE 4: ASSIGNMENT OF MATCH DAYS- The Section Executive Committee shall assign a monthly match day to each Section club and shall have the power to resolve any scheduling conflicts between clubs.

ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- The Section shall be governed by an Executive Committee. The committee shall be composed of the following officers:

5.1 SECTION COORDINATOR

- 5.1.1 The Section Coordinator shall act as Chairman and conduct all business meetings.
- 5.1.2 He/she is elected by the clubs or appointed per USPSA/IPSC Bylaws, which are controlling.
- 5.1.3 The Section Coordinator shall serve for a term of one (1) year beginning the next calendar year (January 1st).
- 5.1.4 The Section Coordinator shall not serve concurrently as a Club Representative.
- 5.1.5 The Section Coordinator shall appoint a Deputy Section Coordinator to fulfill his/her duties in time of absence.
- 5.1.6 The Deputy Section Coordinator selection shall be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

5.2 DEPUTY SECTION COORDINATOR

- 5.2.1 The Deputy Section Coordinator shall be appointed to fulfill the duties as Section Coordinator only in the event the Section Coordinator should resign from office or become unable to fulfill the duties of the office prior to the completion of his/her current one-year term.
- 5.2.2 The Deputy Section Coordinator shall only serve until a replacement Section Coordinator is elected.

5.3 CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

- 5.3.1 The President or designated representative of each of the USPSA affiliated clubs within the Section shall represent his/her club on the Executive Committee.
- 5.3.2 If he/she cannot attend a meeting, he/she must designate an official representative and so inform the Section Coordinator prior to the meeting.
- 5.4 SECRETARY/TREASURER
 - 5.4.1 In the event one is needed, the position shall be appointed by the Section Coordinator and approved by the voting members of the Executive Committee.
- 5.5 SPECIAL COUNCIL
 - 5.5.1 Each club representative, as well as the Section Coordinator, may choose one person, such as special council, to participate at scheduled meetings without vote.
- 5.6 VOTING MEMBERS
 - 5.6.1 Voting members of the Section Executive Committee are: the Section Coordinator and the President or official representative from each club. The Deputy Section Coordinator shall have the tie breaking vote. No person may cast more than one vote.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS- The Executive Committee shall meet no less than twice in each calendar year. A notice stating the time and place of the meeting, together with a draft agenda, shall be mailed to each member no less than 14 days prior to any regular meeting.

- 6.1 SPECIAL MEETINGS
 - 6.1.1 Special meetings may be called by the Section Coordinator and shall be requested by the written or electronic (email) request of three or more of the voting members of the committee.
 - 6.1.2 The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call.
 - 6.1.3 In cases of an emergency, at least three days written, telephone, or electronic (email) notice shall be given to all committee members.
 - 6.1.4 One half of the members eligible to vote must be present at any meeting for the committee to conduct official business.
 - 6.1.5 All actions taken during an emergency meeting are subject to review at the next regular meeting.

6.2 SPRING MEETING

- 6.2.1 Held no later than April 1st.
- 6.2.2 Open to all Section members.
- 6.2.3 The Audit Committee will report their findings of the Section Finances as per 8.2.2.
- 6.2.4 Wisconsin Sectional Championship and Wisconsin Points Series progress will be discussed.

6.3 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6.3.1 Held no later than December 15th.
- 6.3.2 Open to all Section members.
- 6.3.3 The Section Coordinator shall be elected at this meeting.
- 6.3.4 The Audit Committee will be chosen and collect all necessary paperwork as per 8.2.2.
- 6.3.5 Plans for Wisconsin Section Championship and Section goals will be discussed.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS- The Section Coordinator for the following year will be elected at the Executive Committee meeting held in December. The following procedure shall be followed:

7.1 SECTION COORDINATOR

- 7.1.1 Notice of the elections shall be at least thirty (30) days. Except in the case of resignation, in which case 5.2.1 shall apply.
- 7.1.2 Elections shall take place no later than December 15th of each year.
- 7.1.3 Nominations will be made from the floor.
- 7.1.4 Nominees shall be elected by secret written ballot of the voting members of the Executive Committee to serve for one year or until their successors are elected.
- 7.1.5 The winning candidate must receive a majority vote. If no candidate receives a majority, a run off vote between the two (2) highest candidates will be taken.
- 7.1.6 The term of the Section Coordinator shall be one (1) year from January 1st to December 31st of the year following the election.

7.2 ISSUES, RESOLUTIONS, AND PROPOSAL

- 7.2.1 Unless otherwise designated, all voting shall be by a show of hands.
- 7.2.2 A simple majority of the show of hands shall determine the winner of the voting issue, resolution, or proposal.

ARTICLE 8: FINANCES- The Section Coordinator is responsible for the finances of the Section. He/she shall maintain a checking account for his/her office expenses and a savings account called the: Section Championship Fund.

8.1 SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP FUND

8.1.1 Funding for the Section is through the \$10.00 fee per shooter at the Section Championships and the Wisconsin Points Series entry fees.

8.1.2 This money shall be used to provide start-up loans for the Section Championship, trophies for the Points Series, and such other purposes as the Executive Committee may approve.

8.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE

8.2.1 An Auditing Committee of three (3) Executive Committee members or their designated representatives shall be appointed by the Section Coordinator at the Annual Meeting.

8.2.2 Their duty shall be to audit the Section accounts and report their findings to the Executive Committee at the spring meeting.

8.2.3 The audit will take place within the last 30 days of the term of office.

ARTICLE 9: JURISDICTION- The Executive Committee may properly consider any or all issues pertaining to USPSA activity in the area currently known as the Wisconsin Section of the USPSA.

9.1 In the event that there is a question about the conduct of a USPSA match, the interpretation of USPSA/IPSC rules, or application of rules or principles, the Section Coordinator is empowered to make a ruling on the issue in question, and the clubs conducting the match agreed to abide by such ruling.

9.2 In cases where immediate action is not required, the Section Coordinator will form a committee of senior Certified Range Officers to advise on the issue.

9.3 In matters concerning compliance with USPSA/IPSC rules and doctrine, the Section Coordinator shall not be subordinate to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 10: MATCHES, AWARDS, AND SCHEDULING DEFINED-
The clubs applying to this Section agree that any match they conduct that is not run in conformance with the published

USPSA/IPSC rules and guidelines will not be represented as an approved USPSA/IPSC match.

10.1 CLUB LEVEL MATCHES

10.2 WISCONSIN POINT SERIES

- 10.2.1 The Section will organize a Point Series Championship for the purpose of increasing participation at Section clubs, to determine Point Series Champions, and for the distribution of National slots.
- 10.2.2 Point Series rules shall be determined by the Executive Committee and carried out and enforced by the Point Series Coordinator.
- 10.2.3 The Executive Committee shall appoint an individual member as Wisconsin Point Series Coordinator.

10.3 WISCONSIN SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 10.3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to see that a Wisconsin Section Championship Match is held annually. This match is to be held under the rules and guidelines of the USPSA/IPSC, billed and held as a USPSA sanctioned match.
- 10.3.2 The Executive Committee shall act as the Championship Stealing Committee. It shall approve championship policies, selection of a host club and Match Director, staff appointments, and the terms of an agreement between the Section and the host club.
- 10.3.3 Upon conclusion of the Sectional Championship, the Executive Committee will audit the championship books.

10.4 USPSA NATIONAL SLOTS DISTRIBUTION

- 10.4.1 Slots will be distributed according to guidelines set forth in the Point Series rules.

ARTICLE 11: PUBLISHED POLICY STATEMENTS- The Section shall publish and periodically update policy statements on the following subjects:

- 11.1 SAFETY/NEW SHOOTER POLICY
- 11.2 POINT SERIES RULES
- 11.3 BYLAWS of the WISCONSIN SECTION

ARTICLE 12: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY- The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order- Newly Revised shall govern the Section 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 Section may adopt.

ARTICLE 13: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS- These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Executive Committee by a majority vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting or a written/electronic (email) notice has been given to all voting members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.