

Michigan Trapshooting Association

By-Laws

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The name of the corporation shall be **The Michigan Trapshooting Association**, hereinafter referred to as the **MTA**. The Association is affiliated with the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), and its rules and regulations apply to registered trapshooting.

Section 2. Purposes

The purposes of the MTA are to: - Educate, train, and encourage shooters of all ages to promote safe handling of sporting and hunting firearms, including ammunition used with them. - Promote fellowship, fair competition, and sportsmanship throughout the State of Michigan. - Foster and encourage trapshooting at the local, state, and national levels. - Conduct and promote trapshooting tournaments and championship events. - Coordinate with the ATA and promote participation in ATA-registered shoots. - Support the advancement and development of trapshooting clubs and shooters within Michigan.

Section 3. Plural and Gender

In these By-Laws, words importing the singular include the plural, and words importing any gender include all genders.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Types of Membership

Membership in the MTA shall consist of: - Club Membership - Individual Membership - Individual Life Membership - Honorary Life Membership

Section 2. Club Membership

Any club meeting the requirements of the MTA and ATA may apply for membership. Club membership qualifications and voting privileges shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Individual Membership

Any individual may become a member upon application and payment of dues as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Individual Life Membership

Individual Life Membership shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall confer lifetime membership privileges as defined by the Board.

Section 5. Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors for distinguished service to the MTA. Honorary Life Members may be exempt from dues but shall not be entitled to vote unless otherwise determined by the Board.

Section 6. Conduct and Removal of Members

The Board of Directors may suspend or remove any member or club for conduct detrimental to the MTA, subject to notice and an opportunity to be heard.

ARTICLE III – FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Income and Funds

The MTA shall derive income from dues, tournament fees, donations, sponsorships, and other sources approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Disposals of Funds

All expenditures shall be authorized by the Board of Directors and used solely to further the purposes of the Association.

Section 3. Gift Acceptance Policy

The MTA shall accept gifts, donations, and bequests consistent with its mission and applicable laws. The Board may establish a Gift Acceptance Committee to oversee such matters.

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall be held during the Michigan State Trapshoot, at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or the Board of Directors with proper notice.

Section 3. Voting

Each Member Club shall be entitled to representation and voting as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Order of Business

The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be established by the Board of Directors and published in advance when practicable.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Authority

The Board of Directors shall have full authority over the affairs of the MTA, subject to these By-Laws.

Section 2. Composition and Terms

The Board shall consist of officers and directors elected or appointed as provided herein. Terms and qualifications shall be established by the Board.

Section 3. Meetings

The Board shall meet as necessary, including prior to major tournaments.

Section 4. Compensation

Directors shall serve without compensation, except for reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the MTA shall include a President, Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Duties

Officers shall perform duties customary to their offices and as assigned by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – DELEGATES TO THE ATA

Section 1. Selection

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Amateur Trapshooting Association shall be selected in accordance with ATA rules.

ARTICLE VIII – HANDICAP COMMITTEE

The Board may appoint a Handicap Committee to oversee handicap-related matters in accordance with ATA regulations.

ARTICLE IX – GROUNDS

Section 1. Groundskeeper

The Board may appoint a Groundskeeper to supervise and maintain MTA grounds and facilities.

ARTICLE X – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the MTA shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

ARTICLE XI – WHISTLEBLOWER AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The MTA shall maintain a Whistleblower Policy and Code of Conduct to ensure ethical behavior and compliance with applicable laws.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or the membership, as specified by the Board, provided proper notice is given.

Adopted and amended as of January 17, 2015.