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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be the ALASKA SPORTING CLAYS ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "AKSCA") and is incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Code.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

The mission of the AKSCA is "to promote and govern the sport of sporting clays throughout the State of Alaska in a way which is beneficial to all who enjoy and participate in the game. The AKSCA is dedicated to the development of the sport at all levels of participation. AKSCA vows to create an atmosphere of healthy and safe competition and meaningful fellowship within its membership."

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The primary function of the Alaska State Clays Association (AKSCA) is to work with the National Delegate (s) and member clubs to enhance and grow the sport

The AKSCA is responsible for the approval of the location(s) and dates for all registered shoots in the State of Alaska.

The AKSCA is responsible for the approval of the location(s) and dates for annual Alaska State Shoot.

ARTICLE IV. NSCA RULES, REGULATIONS OR BYLAWS

In compliance with the official rules and regulations of the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA), the by-laws are subordinate to any rule, regulation or by-law of the NSCA. If any conflict arises, the conflicting provision in these AKSCA by-laws shall be not enforceable to the extent necessary to comply with the rules, regulations and by-laws of the NSCA.

ARTICLE V. OFFICE LOCATION

The principal office of the AKSCA shall be located at the address of the Secretary. Other offices for the transaction of business shall be located at such places as the Board of Directors designates.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The elected officers of the AKSCA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Up to six (6), but with a minimum of three (3) other at-large board members shall be elected by the general membership during the annual elections.

The terms of office for all officers and board members shall be one year. Nominations for the Annual elections for all Officers and Board members will be conducted at the Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Main Event of the Alaska State Sporting Clays Championships.

The election of officers and board members shall be conducted via mail in ballot, based on the nominations at the Annual Meeting. Other more efficient methods of election may be used, such as electronic voting or email ballots, subject to one ballot submission per registered individual member.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

President:

The President shall preside at all Board of Directors' meetings of the AKSCA, is empowered to execute all contracts and legal instruments, has general charge and supervision of all the affairs of the AKSCA and shall appoint members of all committees and shall direct the Nomination Committee for upcoming elections. If the President is unable to preside, the Vice-President shall preside in his/her place and if both the President and the Vice-President are unable to preside, the Secretary shall preside over any said meeting.

Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall have the responsibility for the general promotion of clay shooting. He/she shall aid any new group in the organization of any clay shooting club under the auspices of the AKSCA and the National Sporting Clays Association (hereinafter referred to as "NSCA"). He/she will be responsible to channel all news concerning AKSCA to any news outlets deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The sponsoring club shall give news pertaining to registered shoots to the Vice-President for release pursuant to Article VIII (b) herein. He/she will chair the standing fund raising and State Shoot committees.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep all minutes of AKSCA meetings. He/she shall issue all notices, and submit proposed shoot dates to the NSCA, and shall perform such other duties as the President or Board of Directors may require.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies, trophies, securities and vouchers of the AKSCA, shall collect all dues, and shall preserve the receipts of monies paid out. He/she is authorized to receive all funds due the AKSCA and to place such funds in the AKSCA account, and shall make no disbursement other than those authorized by vote of the AKSCA at the Annual State Meeting or by order of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall submit to the members at the Annual State Meeting a detailed report of all monies received and distributed by AKSCA during the prior year. The Treasurer shall submit to the directors at regularly scheduled board meetings a report of receipts and expenditures since the prior board meeting.

Board Members

The Board members will serve as working committee members to execute the business of the AKSCA.

ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers, Board members and one representative from each member club in good standing. Each member club shall appoint their representatives.

Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Board, the Annual State Meeting and any special meetings. Vote by proxy shall be according to the provision of Article XVII herein only.

Any member of the Board of Directors who has a Conflict of Interest, either for financial or personal reasons shall reveal their Conflict of Interest and shall exclude themselves from any related votes.

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs of the AKSCA and may properly assume such other duties as are not specially assigned to or performed by any committees as may in their judgment be necessary.

The Board of Directors shall have full charge of all matters covered in the Constitution and By-Laws, including special meetings, and any and all other business that is reasonably presumed to fall within the powers or duties of the Board.

The Board of Directors shall approve all expenditures of AKSCA funds by a majority vote of all attendees at a scheduled meeting. AKSCA funds may be used to enhance and grow the sport in Alaska through grants for range development, youth program developments, or assisting in promoting state and zone championship events, or other programs approved by the AKSCA Board of Directors. AKSCA funds may not be used for the payment of personal services, an honorarium, or personal expenses of any member of AKSCA.

The Board may adopt policies for the management and administration of AKSCA business.

A vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors even if there is less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors so chosen shall hold office until the next annual election of the Board of Directors by the membership-at-large.

ARTICLE IX. CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Membership:

Any gun club within the State of Alaska that is in good standing with the NSCA shall become a club member of AKSCA upon application and payment of the prescribed dues. A club member shall enjoy all the privileges of the AKSCA, and shall be entitled to one vote at all board and member meetings of the AKSCA.

(b) Responsibilities:

It shall be the host club's responsibility to forward all money due the AKSCA to the Treasurer within fifteen days following completion of the shoot. Failure to comply will authorize the AKSCA to assess and collect a penalty of up to \$100 per violation (in addition to the overdue fees) from the member club.

ARTICLE X. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Any resident of the State of Alaska shall be eligible for membership in the AKSCA, provided said resident is a current member in good standing with the NSCA and is not restricted from owning or operating a firearm under any state or federal laws.

Any member in good standing shall have the privilege of discussing or speaking on any subject at any annual or special meeting of the AKSCA and is entitled to one vote on the election of officers at the Annual State Meeting.

Each member is responsible to maintain safe and proper conduct in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the AKSCA.

ARTICLE XI. ANNUAL DUES

Club Affiliation Dues:

Club affiliation dues with the AKSCA shall be \$25.00 annually. The annual dues are payable in advance and only those clubs which have paid their annual dues shall be considered in good standing. Payment of annual dues shall be made to the Treasurer and are due and payable by January 31st of each year.

ARTICLE XII. FEES

Every shooter shall be charged an AKSCA fee of \$4.00 per 100 targets¹ for all targets shot at NSCA registered shoots. The aforementioned fee is in addition to any applicable NSCA fees charged.

In an effort to encourage and enhance youth participation in the shotgun sports, up to \$0.50 of the per 100 targets fee may be designated to be expended directly to assist in the youth efforts. Determination of the use of funds for youth shooting shall be by vote of the Board of Directors, with a recommendation from a Youth Shooting committee, or from organizations whose purpose is the development of youth shooting.

ARTICLE XIII. ANNUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The AKSCA Board of Directors shall determine by majority vote the venue and dates for all State Sporting Clays championship events. Any club in good standing with the NSCA and

¹ Editor's Note: Under NSCA Rule No. I-C-4-b, AKSCA's per target fee may not be greater than \$0.03. Unless this NSCA Rule is changed, Article IV of these Constitution and By-Laws provides that the NSCA rule controls and limits the per target fee to \$3.00 per 100 targets.

AKSCA that desires to host State Shoot events shall submit a written proposal to the AKSCA President by October 31 for the next year's championships. The proposal shall contain, at a minimum, the following elements;

- 1) Accessibility to the Anchorage population base.
- 2) Experience level of club in hosting State championships, Zone shoots, US Open, or other large venue shoots.
- 3) Experience level of key staff, including shoot promoter, shoot officials, chief referees, target setter(s), and other.
- 4) Club resources available for events to include number of fields/stations, number of machines (including breakdown by type), ability to run concurrent events, etc. Additional information may include number of towers, elevated shooting stands, and other.
- 5) Club amenities available to provide shooter comfort to include clubhouse, restaurants/catering, weather shelters, water coolers, outhouses, RV parking, and other.
- 6) Proposed pricing structure for events to include target costs, money back to shooters, and other.
- 7) Any known date restrictions or other potential conflicts.

The AKSCA Board shall consider these elements in the selection process. The Board should select the venue and dates for by November 30 for the next year's State championships.

ARTICLE XIV. NSCA RULES GOVERN SHOOTS

The latest revised rules of the NSCA shall govern all registered shoots and championships sanctioned by the AKSCA.

ARTICLE XV. REGISTERED SHOOT SCHEDULING

Any member club desiring to register a shoot with the NSCA shall make its application through the Secretary of the AKSCA in order that the date of said tournament may be recorded by the Secretary and the records of the AKSCA be kept up-to-date. Shoot dates will be selected and awarded by the Board of Directors.

Before the beginning of each shooting year, the Board of Directors shall establish a schedule of shoots for that year through such other procedures that the President may decide. In establishing the schedule, the Board shall attempt to honor traditional Shoot Dates for shoots that have been previously regularly scheduled on an annual basis. After the annual schedule of shoots has been selected, the remaining open dates can be used for additional registered shoots upon petition to the AKSCA.

If a club chooses a shoot date and then cancels that shoot, notification to the AKSCA and the NSCA is required. It is the sole responsibility of the host club to notify shooters that the tournament has been canceled.

ARTICLE XVI. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Annual State Meeting of the AKSCA shall be held during the Annual State Tournament. Notice of said Annual State Meeting shall be printed in the Annual State Championship Program.

Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held during the months of March through October to maintain Association business. Monthly meetings shall be scheduled by the President based on Quorum, and shall be noticed a minimum of three (3) days in advance. Notice may be distributed by mail, electronic means or any other efficient methods.

Special meetings of the AKSCA may be called at any time by the President or upon written request to the President by any two officers or board members. Notice of any special meeting and the purpose thereof shall be sent out by the president or Secretary of the AKSCA to the Board of Directors at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Notice may be distributed by mail, electronic means or any other efficient methods.

ARTICLE XVII. QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of all business at any regular, special, or Annual State Meeting of the members shall one-tenth of the members entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy. A quorum for the transaction of all business at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII. VOTING BY PROXY

Any member, or any member of the Board of Directors, may be represented by written proxy in the event he/she is unable to attend any regular, special or called meeting.

ARTICLE XIX. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended as follows:

The proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to the Secretary of the AKSCA at least forty five (45) days prior to the Annual State Meeting. The Secretary of the AKSCA shall then notify each member of the Board of Directors at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual State Tournament stating exactly what amendment(s) in the Constitution and By-laws is contemplated. The proposed amendment(s) will be presented to the membership at the Annual State Meeting for discussion and a majority vote during Annual Elections will govern the decision to pass or defeat the proposed amendment(s).

ARTICLE XX. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll call and seating of Board members
2. Reading of Minutes (at Annual State Meeting reading of the previous Annual Meeting shall be read)
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Committees
5. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws
6. Unfinished business
7. Nomination of Officers (Annual State Meeting only)
8. Awarding next Annual State Tournament (October meeting)
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

ARTICLE XXI. STATE AWARDS

To qualify for eligibility on the AKSCA All-State awards, the shooter is required to participate in the Annual State Tournament and must have a minimum of 500 in state registered targets.

All-State awards shall be determined by a special committee appointed by the President. An individual shall receive only one All-State award, which will be assigned as follows: Open(5 from any class); Each State Class(1); Lady Concurrent(1); Concurrent based on age(1 ea.); and any other State Award deemed appropriated by the Board of Directors.

Plaques or other appropriate awards will be presented to the All-State members at the Annual State Meeting.

ARTICLE XXII. REFEREES

Each club shall have the responsibility of using qualified referees for all registered shoots.

ARTICLE XXIII. SHOOT PARTICIPATION

Any shooter in good standing with the NSCA and, if applicable, the AKSCA and not in violation of AKSCA or NSCA rules or regulations or any state or federal laws as described in Article X herein shall be allowed to come upon the grounds of any member club holding a registered open shoot and participate in that shoot, if he/she so desires. Any member club finding it necessary to deviate from this Article of the By-Laws shall obtain written permission from the President of the AKSCA.