

**BYLAWS OF THE  
NEBRASKA MARKSMANSHIP ASSOCIATION**

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***Article I - Name, Location & Purpose***

Name: The name of this corporation shall be the NEBRASKA MARKSMANSHIP ASSOCIATION, also known by the initials "NMA."

Location: The principal office of the NMA shall be in the City of Omaha, in Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska. The corporation may have other offices as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine, or as the affairs of the corporation shall make necessary.

Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, pistol, and shotgun shooting events within the State of Nebraska in support of nationally recognized shooting programs. The NMA shall be the primary point of contact within the State of Nebraska for the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), and, as such, shall be the official sanctioning body within the State of Nebraska for NRA and CMP shooting events. The NMA may also serve as the primary state point of contact for other similar national or state associations, as required.

***Article II - Membership***

Classes of Members: The NMA shall have three classes of membership. Those classes shall be:

Regular. Any person, either a resident or nonresident of the State of Nebraska, who is 18 years of age or over.

Junior: Any person, either a resident or a nonresident of the State of Nebraska, who is under the age of 18 years.

Clubs. Any rifle, pistol or shotgun club located in the State of Nebraska and duly affiliated with the National Rifle Association or the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Eligibility for Membership: Any person mentioned above may become a member upon payment of dues and execution of the NRA pledge which is set forth as follows: "I certify that I am a citizen of the United State of America and that I am not a member of any organization or group which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of an act of violence, and if admitted to membership, I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship." Shooting clubs may become members upon showing an affiliation with the National Rifle Association and payment of dues. The Executive Committee may from time to time set additional standards for membership as state and federal laws and the welfare of the corporation may dictate.

Dues. Membership dues shall be set by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee at any regularly scheduled or special meeting. Dues shall be payable for each year in advance.

Voting: Each regular, junior and club member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted for a vote of the members. Voting of the members shall be appropriate to the issue at hand. Voting for election of officers should be by secret written ballot, except in cases when an officer is running unopposed. Other voting may be will normally be done verbally.

Membership Cards. The Executive Committee may provide for the issuance of membership records to dues-paying members in good standing, evidencing membership in the corporation, in a form as determined by the Executive Committee.

Termination of Membership: The Executive Committee may, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing. Any member may resign by submitting his or her written resignation to the Secretary. Dues previously paid shall not be refunded to terminated or resigned members, unless the Board of Directors agrees by majority vote to do so. If any member fails to pay required dues by the end of the next month following the date referenced on the renewal notice or membership card, then such membership shall terminate without further action of the corporation.

Membership Required. Membership in the Nebraska Marksmanship Association will be required to compete in state championship matches as sanctioned by the NMA. Membership in other state associations will also fulfill this requirement if the other state's association recognizes Nebraska Marksmanship Association membership in their state matches. The Executive Committee may waive the membership requirement on an event-by-event basis or require payment of an additional fee for non-association member competitors.

***Article III - The Executive Committee***

Executive Committee: The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the NMA and the appointed discipline leads. There shall be a total of nine (9) members of the Executive Committee: four (4) elected officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and five (5) discipline leads (for Pistol, High-Power Rifle, Small Bore Rifle, Shotgun, and Air Rifle). Officers shall be elected by the voting membership as discussed below, and discipline leads shall be appointed by majority vote of the Executive Committee, also discussed below. No elected officer shall serve in a dual capacity as discipline lead.

Approval of State Championship Matches. The Executive Committee shall approve, by simple majority vote, requests from individual clubs to hold state championship shooting matches, and shall set forth any special provisions, if any, relating to the requested match. This function is limited to approval of the matches, and any special provisions. The NMA does not assume any liability that may arise from the match. It is the responsibility of the hosting club to safely conduct the match in accordance with NRA, CMP, or other national association rules, and to assume all liability arising from the conduct of the match.

#### **Article IV - Officers**

Officers: The officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Qualification and Term of Office: Officers shall be members of the corporation and shall possess at least one valid NRA or CMP shooting classification designation. The term of office for elected officers shall be for two years, with one-half the officers being elected each year. The officers' terms shall commence as of the day they are elected or appointed and expire on the day their successors have been duly elected or appointed and found qualified. No person shall serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office, unless the Executive Committee shall approve otherwise by a two-thirds majority vote.

President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall supervise and control all business and affairs of the corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the members, at meetings of the Executive Committee and meetings of members. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officers of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other Instruments which the Executive Committee or Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Executive Committee to other officers or agents of the corporation. The President shall perform all duties incidental to his office and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

Vice President. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting he shall have all the same powers of and be subject to the same restrictions as the President. The Vice President shall perform other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Executive Committee.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation. He shall receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with these bylaws. He shall perform all duties incidental to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned to him the President or the Executive Committee.

Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Executive Committee in a proper manner provided for that purpose, shall see that all notices are duly given In accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law; shall be custodian of the corporate records. The Secretary shall keep a register of the name and post office address of each member and other similar information as required to carry out corporate business. The Secretary shall perform all duties incidental to the office of Secretary and such other duties as assigned to him by the President or by the Executive Committee. The office of Secretary may be combined by the office of Treasurer as deemed necessary by the President or by the Executive committee.

Removal: Any officer may be removed from office prior to the end of their term by a recall petition from the members. If one-fifth of the voting members of the association ask for a recall election, a ballot will be distributed to all voting members for this purpose only. For a recall to be successful two-thirds of the voting members must vote in favor of the recall.

Vacancy: If any elected officer shall resign, be removed, or otherwise be unable to serve the remainder of the term of office, the Executive Committee shall prescribe the means to temporarily fill the vacant position until an election can be conducted to permanently fill the vacant office.

## **Article V - Discipline Leads**

Discipline Leads: The discipline leads shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, whereupon they shall become members of the Executive Committee. There shall be five major disciplines leads recognized for purposes of this special membership. Additional discipline leads may be designated by the Executive Committee for purposes of emphasizing special attention of a specific area or organizing the major disciplines into sub-categories. However, these additional discipline leads will not have voting privileges or other powers of Executive Committee membership.

Qualification and Term of Office: Discipline Leads shall possess an NRA or CMP classification in the discipline for which they are serving. Discipline Leads should have an active interest in their discipline, and should normally participate in competitive events associated with that discipline. However, it not mandatory that they actively do so. The term of office for discipline leads is one year, and they shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or until a new lead is appointed by the Executive Committee. No discipline lead shall serve in a dual capacity as an elected officer.

Disciplines: The five major disciplines represented on the Executive Committee shall be Pistol, High-Power Rifle, Small-Bore Rifle, Shotgun, and Air Rifle. Other subcategories of disciplines may be tracked within these major disciplines. For example, High-Power Rifle might be further sub-divided into NRA National Match Competition, NRA Long Range Rifle, CMP Excellence-in-Competition matches, CMP John C. Garand and CMP Military Rifle Matches. The Executive Committee may recognize or organize other discipline sub-categories, as necessary and appropriate. Other discipline leads may be appointed for each sub-category. These additional discipline leads shall not be members of the Executive Committee in a voting capacity.

## **Article VI - Meetings of Members**

Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held at such place and at such times as may be set by the Executive Committee for the election of directors and officers and for other business as may come before the meeting.

Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, acting together with at least two other members of the Executive Committee, or by majority vote of the Executive Committee, as required to address specific corporation business.

Rules. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all corporation meetings.

Place of Meetings. Annual and special meetings shall be held at such place as designated by the Executive Committee. Notice of special meetings shall be provided by mail or electronic mail not less than 10 days before the date of such meeting.

Quorum. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of two-thirds of the filled positions, including either the President or the Vice President. A quorum of general members at a special meeting of members shall consist of at least a quorum of the Executive Committee and at least 5% of the current membership. A quorum at the scheduled annual meeting shall consist of those members of the Executive Committee present and those general members that are present.

Action by the Executive Committee. Any action or business required to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing is received by a simple majority of the Executive Committee members. Such consent may be obtained using electronic mail. Additionally, any action or business required to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be decided by a "non-face-to-face" meeting, such as by voting using phone calls, or electronic mail, provided that a written record is made and forwarded to the Secretary.

## **Article VII - Committees**

Formation and Terms. Committees may be designated and appointed by the Executive Committee and those committees shall have the powers as necessary to carry out their duties. Each member of such a committee shall continue to serve on the committee until such time as the duties of the committee are ended, or until replaced by the Executive Committee, or until he or she resigns. Vacancies may be filled in the same manner as original appointments

Chairman. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the President when the committee is formed.

Rules. Each committee should adopt rules for governance that are not inconsistent with these bylaws or other rules adopted by the Executive Committee. Written minutes of all committee meetings or other reports shall be submitted to the Executive Committee.

#### ***Article VIII – Contracts, Checks, Deposits, Books***

Contracts. The Executive Committee may authorize any officer or other agent of the corporation, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument In the name of and on behalf of the corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Checks, Drafts and Deposits. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of Indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Executive Committee. All funds of the corporation shall be deposited to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories by the designated officer or agent of the corporation.

Books and Records. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its member and Executive Committee meetings.

#### ***Article IX - Amendments to the Bylaws***

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted to the Secretary not less than 30 days prior to the date on which they will be considered. The Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws adopted at any annual meeting of the members by majority vote of the members present.