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THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE
OHIO STATE TRAPSHOOTING
ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization is an Ohio non-profit corporation with the name of Ohio State Trapshooting Association, Inc., hereafter referred to as "Association."

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to encourage and promote the sport of trapshooting, to preserve and protect wildlife and its environment, to govern the Annual Trapshooting Tournament held by the Association each year in the State of Ohio, all in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, and further to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship by all members.

ARTICLE III

ZONES

For the purpose of establishing areas within the State of Ohio for the election of Directors, Delegates and other positions within the Association, and for the further purpose of determining geographically similar areas subject the regulations of this Constitution, the State of Ohio shall be divided into four zones designated as Northwestern Zone, Northeastern Zone, Southwestern Zone and Southeastern Zone comprising the adjacent counties in the State of Ohio as set forth in the addendum to this Constitution. The Board of Directors has the power to change the zone maps as needed.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Association shall be composed of organized gun clubs within State of Ohio and of individual members who are residents of the State of Ohio, all as more specifically set forth hereafter.

Any group of trapshooters organized for the purpose of participating in and promoting the sport of trapshooting in the State of Ohio having proper shooting grounds located within Ohio as well as any individual owner or operator of an organization of trapshooters shall be deemed an organized gun club and shall be eligible for Club Membership in this Association. Any such club desiring membership in the Association shall be required to submit a written application to the Association for membership and thereafter upon approval of a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association such club shall become a club member. Member club officers shall be eligible for election to Association office. Each member club shall designate an officer for purposes of voting and other membership rights. Only clubs holding memberships in the Association shall be entitled to hold trapshooting tournaments sponsored by the Association and registered with the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America.

Any individual who is a resident of the State of Ohio and is of good moral character and standing in his community may become a Regular Member of the Association. Every individual who is a resident of the State of Ohio and a member in good standing of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, is hereby designated a member of the Association.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of members of the Association for the purpose of election of members of the Board of Directors of the Association or as Delegates to the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America. Each Regular Member who is a member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America and who has been a resident of the State of Ohio for the previous six (6) months shall be eligible to compete in all Association events. A Regular Member who fails to meet such residency requirements shall be ineligible for awards requiring such residency.

ARTICLE V

DUES

Dues may from time to time be determined and set by action of the Board of Directors, which shall notify the membership thereof. Members who have not paid such dues shall not be in good standing as members of the Association and shall not be permitted to participate in tournament events.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held during the Annual Association Tournament. The date, time and place of the Annual Association Tournament and the Annual Zone Tournament shall be determined at least sixty (60) days in advance by the Board of Directors, notice hereof to be given at least thirty (30) days in advance to the members of the Association.

Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President and shall be called upon written request of a majority of the Board of Directors or ten percent (10%) of the members of the Association. Notice of such special meeting shall be given to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such special meeting setting forth the date, time and place thereof as well as the purpose of such meeting. Only business connected with such a purpose shall be transacted at such special meeting. The order of business at the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Report of officers.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Election of Directors and Delegates.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

Such meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the “Roberts Rules of Order” insofar as the same are not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DELEGATES

The management of all affairs of the Association is vested in a Board of Directors composed of nine members. A majority of such Board present at any meeting shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Board of Directors.

Each Association zone shall be entitled to representation by two members of the Board of Directors of the Association residing in such zone, one of such Directors to be elected each year at an annual election held during the Annual Zone Tournament by members of the Association residing in such zone. By September 1st (correspondence must be delivered via electronic correspondence or mail to the State Secretary), the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of two residents of such zone who shall have been members of the Association and of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America for the last five successive years. Such Nominating Committee shall by December 31st at 11:59 p.m. (by mail or electronic correspondence) propose the name of not more than six nominees for the position of such Director to be filled from such zone, each of whom shall have been members of the Association the last five successive years. In the event the position of Director to be filled is presently held by a Regular Member, the nominees shall be Regular Members. All such Nominating Committees shall promptly submit such nominations to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Association. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot for such zone containing the names of such nominees and providing also a space for the name of one write-in candidate. Any member who is a write-in candidate must also be a resident of the zone in which the election of Directors is being held. Such ballots shall be supplied to members to be used in the election of such Directors at the Annual Zone Tournament. In the event a nominee is not available who meets the particular required type of Association membership, the Nominating Committee may submit as a nominee any member regardless of the type of membership held, provided such member otherwise qualifies as herein set forth.

In addition to the Directors elected from each Association zone there shall be elected at the Annual meeting of the Association a Director known as Director-at-Large. The Board of Directors shall nominate one member for the position of Director-at-Large. In addition, at such Annual meeting two additional nominations may be made from the floor by members for the position of Director- at-Large.

At said Annual meeting of the Association nominations shall be made from the floor by members for the position of Delegate and Alternate Delegate or Delegates of the Association to the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America. Only members who qualify as a Life Member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, as defined in the By-Laws of such organization, shall serve as such Delegates.

All elections of the Association shall be by secret ballot. In any election in which there are more than two nominees for the election to office, the nominee with a plurality of votes shall be elected in the event no nominee shall receive a majority of votes cast. The term of Director-at-Large shall be for one year. All other Directors shall serve for a term of two years. No Director shall serve for more than six (6) years in succession.

The immediate Past President of the Association shall remain a non-voting member of the Board of Directors for the year following his presidency, in the event his term as an elected Director has expired. The terms of the Delegate and Alternate Delegate or Delegates to the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America shall be for one year. The terms of all Directors shall commence on the first day of the Association's fiscal year following such election. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors for whatever cause shall be filled by election of a qualified member by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Should this newly elected Director be filling a vacancy of one (1) year or less, said Director may subsequently run for election a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms. Should this newly elected Director be filling a vacancy of more than one (1) year, said Director may subsequently run for election a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.

Any Director who resigns from the Board of Directors, shall not be permitted to run for election to the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year following the end of the vacated term.

The incoming Board of Directors may meet at any time after the Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the Association for the forthcoming fiscal year.

Each newly constructed Board of the Ohio State Trapshooting Association that takes office September 1st of every year, may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish board members for disorderly behavior as ruled on by the Board, and with the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the sitting Board it may expel a member if behavior is deemed detrimental to the organization.

ARTICLE VIII

INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS

In administering the affairs of the Association, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct any investigation concerning a complaint against any member accused of conduct inimical to the best interests of the Association. The President shall appoint a committee of three

members of the Board of Directors to investigate such complaint. Such committee shall report its findings to the Board of Directors promptly upon completion of such investigation. In the event of a finding by such committee against a member of unsportsmanship conduct, conduct inimical to the best interests of the Association, acts in violation of the Constitution of the Ohio State Trapshooting Association or the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, such member shall be notified in writing of such complaint and findings and shall be given adequate opportunity to prepare and present to the Board of Directors such response or answer to such findings as the member shall deem proper. Following the presentation of such information by the member charged or accused, action may be taken by the Board of Directors appropriate to such findings as the Board of Directors shall make after presentation of all evidence including suspension of privileges of membership of such member, other penalties determined or revocation and termination of membership.

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All officers shall be members of the Board of Directors with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer. Additional Vice Presidents may be elected by the Board of Directors in the event of the determination of the Board of Directors of the need therefore. Prior to assuming the duties of their office, the Treasurer shall furnish bond to the Association acceptable to the Board of Directors, the expense thereof to be borne by the Association. An Executive Committee of the Board of Directors composed of the officers of the Association shall carry on the regular duties of the Association.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, to call when he deems necessary meetings of the Executive Committee, to appoint such committees as he may deem advisable to efficiently carry on the duties of the Association, to see that the purposes for which the Association was organized to be carried into effect, to do such things as may be necessary to implement the policies adopted by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and to sign in behalf of the Association all documents requiring execution other than checks.

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in his absence.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate written account of all proceedings of the Association, to collect dues, to receive and notify all members of information pertaining to meetings, elections and other Association activities, to issue all notices of meetings, to deliver to his successor in office all property of the Association in his/her possession, including books, papers and all correspondence, and to certify to the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America a record of all Club Members whose Club is eligible for registered trapshooting tournaments.

The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds of the Association and disburse the same as he/she may be authorized to do by any vote of the Directors or by order the Executive Committee. He/she shall report at each meeting a full statement of all receipts and disbursements during the year. Further, upon direction of the Executive Committee the Treasurer shall make investments in securities of United States Government and/or make investments in FDIC insured accounts, and otherwise maintain bank accounts as directed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer of the Association shall furnish a financial report to the membership at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors may propose amendments to this Constitution, which shall be submitted to the membership of the Association at least thirty (30) days in advance of the vote thereon held at the Annual Zone Tournament in each Zone. An affirmative vote in any single calendar year of a majority of members voting shall be required to approve such amendment.

ARTICLE XI

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AND FISCAL YEAR

The Annual Association Tournament as well as the Annual Zone Tournament shall be held at such time and location as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association having due regard for the various locations as well as convenience of such time and location to the members.

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held during the annual Association Tournament.
The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on the first day in September each year.

ARTICLE XII

INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Members and officers of the Board of Directors of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding in which such member shall become involved by reason of holding such official position with the Association.

ARTICLE XIII

LIQUIDATION

In the event of liquidation of the Association corporation, all of its remaining assets, after payment or provision for all liabilities, shall be distributed to or for the benefit of one or more organizations described in section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, and as amended, organized and operated for the purposes of similar to or in conformance with those of the Association, as determined by the Board of Directors.