

CAche Practical Shooters (CAPS) Bylaws

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ARTICLE 1 NAME AND ORGANIZATION

1.A Name

1.A.1 The club's name shall be CAche Practical Shooters (CAPS).

1.B Affiliations

1.B.1 The club will operate under the auspices of the Cache Valley Hunter Education Center (CVHEC) in Cache County, Utah.

1.B.2 The club will be affiliated with the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA). While encouraged, membership in USPSA is **not** a requirement for membership in CAPS.

1.B.3 The club will affiliate with Utah Shooters to provide all Utah Shooters information about Utah Club (CAPS, LTD (LTD Pistol), SLSPA (Salt Lake Practical Shooters Association), SUPS (Southern Utah Practical Shooters)) events.

1.C Not-for-Profit Status

1.C.1 The club shall be operated as a not-for-profit association. At the time of ratification of these bylaws it was the intention of CAPS to apply to the Internal Revenue Service for recognition as an organization to which contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.

1.C.2 All cash receipts and other payments from membership dues, matches fees and other services shall be applied to covering the cost of conducting of matches (targets, props, etc.) and/or range improvement.

1.C.3 All services provided by club members or its officers are to be voluntary and without financial compensation.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

2.A Practical Competition

2.A.1 The purpose of the club will be the promotion of safe practical firearms

competition and greater gun safety within the community.

2.A.2 This will be accomplished through club-sponsored training seminars and practical competitions.

2.B Support of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms

2.B.1 The club supports the Constitution of the United States and, particularly, the Second Amendment which expounds the right of individual citizens to keep and bear arms, "*the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.*"

2.B.2 The club will support Second Amendment rights by providing a role model for the responsible use of firearms to the media and community.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

3.A Requirements

3.A.1 Membership in CAPS is open to all reputable persons.

3.B Membership Fees

3.B.1 Membership fees are payable by January 31. Late membership renewals paid after January 31 will be assessed at a 25% higher rate, with the exception that new members choosing to join the club within one month after shooting their first CAPS match will not pay more than the base membership rate regardless of the date of their joining.

3.B.2 Fees for junior (less than 21 years of age) members shall be one-half of that for regular members.

3.B.3 Membership fees will be reviewed and confirmed or revised by vote of the members each year at the January meeting.

3.C Participation

3.C.1 Membership in CAPS is specifically **not** a requirement for participation in CAPS-sponsored training seminars or matches.

3.C.2 CAPS is sensitive to the special needs of persons with disabilities and will make every effort to provide opportunities for participation, training and competition to such persons.

3.D Standards

3.D.1 Members must not engage in activities that reflect poorly on CAPS, practical

shooting or other shooting sports. Such activities might include, but are not limited to, unsportsmanlike behavior or unsafe practices at a match.

3.E Loss of Membership

3.E.1 Membership in CAPS may be revoked for conduct unbecoming a club member.

3.E.2 A hearing will be initiated if at least three club members file a written complaint about a member's behavior. A full hearing must be given the accuser and accused at a regular club meeting provided at least fifteen days have elapsed between the time of filing of the complaint and the meeting. After both sides of the complaint have been presented, the resolution shall be based upon a secret ballot simple majority vote.

3.F Membership Benefits

3.F.1 CAPS members will have the opportunity to direct the club's emphasis through democratic means.

3.F.2 CAPS members who are also members of USPSA will be eligible for those slots for the national championships which are provided to the club. (see appendix)

3.F.3 CAPS members will receive a reduced rate for match fees, which will be 2/3 of the nonmember match fees.

3.F.4 CAPS members will receive reduced rates for club-sponsored special training seminars.

3.F.5 CAPS members will be eligible to purchase USPSA targets at the same time as the club and, thus, receive volume pricing.

3.F.6 CAPS members may receive other benefits as determined through vote of the membership in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE 4 CLUB MEETINGS

4.1 Club meetings will be held at least once per year, normally in January.

4.2 Membership fees will be set at the January meeting.

4.3 Additional meeting may be called by the executive committee as needs arise.

4.4 Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 5 GOVERNANCE

5.A Form of Governance

5.A.1 The club will be governed by a three-member executive committee.

5.B Responsibilities of Executive Committee

5.B.1 Executive Committee responsibilities will include but are not limited to: education/training, range construction/stage design, liaison with USPSA and with the CVHEC. Executive Committee members shall allocate these responsibilities among themselves.

5.B.2 Executive Committee members may, by majority vote of their number, establish committees of the club to facilitate the accomplishment of their responsibilities. Such committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

5.C Elections and Terms

5.C.1 The executive committee is to be elected annually by the club at the January meeting through secret ballot and simple majority vote. A quorum (greater than twenty-five percent of current members, including at least two members of the Executive Committee) must be present for elections to take place. Only current, dues paid, members are eligible for election to office. Only current, dues paid, members are eligible to vote. In the event that a quorum is not available, current officers will continue to serve at the pleasure of the membership.

5.C.2 The executive committee serves at the pleasure of the membership and may be changed at the annual January meeting.

5.C.3 Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by nomination and election by a quorum (greater than 25%, including two members of the Executive Committee) of members present at the meeting next following the resignation or confirmation of inability to serve of an Executive Committee member. The newly-elected Executive Committee member shall serve at the pleasure of the membership.

ARTICLE 6 MATCHES

6.A Timing and Location

6.A.1 Matches will be held once each month, regardless of weather. Match dates will be the fourth Saturday of each month unless this dates conflicts with a holiday. In the case of such conflict, the executive committee will make every effort to reschedule the match for an alternative date within the same month, taking into account matches held by the other clubs of the Utah Shooters Association.

6.A.2 Matches will be held at the Cache Valley Hunter Education Center (primary match site) or at other locations as required by scheduling or other considerations.

The Executive Committee will determine match locations and notify the membership of any changes from the primary match site.

6.B Regulations

6.B.1 All practical pistol matches shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the United States Practical Shooting Association.

6.B.2 In addition, regulations imposed by the host range facilities will also be honored.

6.B.3 As safe shooting is the most important goal of CAPS, the Match Director may also impose such regulations as he/she deems necessary for safe match operations.

6.C Requirements for Participation

6.C.1 Prior to participation in a club match all shooters must first attend a club-offered course on the basics of practical pistol shooting and range safety. Courses offered by other USPSA-affiliated clubs may be substituted for the CAPS course.

6.C.2 Participation in matches is open to all reputable persons as long as their participation is not in violation of any federal, state or local laws.

6.C.3 Junior shooters under the age of 21 may participate in matches providing that: a) the range officer is satisfied as to the minor's ability to safely participate in the match, b) a parent or legal guardian approves of such participation and is present at the time of said participation and c) the parent or legal guardian signs a USPSA waiver for participation by junior shooters.

6.D Match Fees

6.D.1 Participants must pay a match fee with one exception. Match fees for CAPS members are 2/3 of nonmember fees. A first time shooter will pay the same fee as CAPS members regardless of whether or not he/she is a CAPS member. A junior shooter (under the age of 21) will have his/her first match fee waived.

6.D.2 Match fees will be set by the Executive Committee and based upon program needs.

6.E Prizes

6.E.1 Financial or other prizes based upon order of placement at individual club matches are specifically not allowed.

6.E.2 Only simple plaques or other inexpensive mementos may be awarded for placement at club matches conducted over the course of a year. To be considered for

an award for overall placement one must: a) be a member of CAPS and b) have competed in at least five matches over the year, the average of a shooter's top five finishes will be used in calculation of overall placement.

ARTICLE 7 LIABILITY

7.1 Participation in club-sponsored events is entirely voluntary and participants must assume sole responsibility for their own actions and safety.

7.2 CAche Practical Shooters, its officers and members and the ranges where such competitions occur shall assume no responsibility for any liability that may arise from anyone's participation in club activities.

ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENTS

8.1 Amendments to the club's bylaws may be proposed at any meeting and voted upon at the following meeting.

8.2 Ratification of proposed amendments requires that a quorum (greater than twenty-five percent of members, including two members of the Executive Committee) be present.

8.3 Ratification of proposed amendments requires a two-thirds majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE 9 CLUB ASSETS

9.1 Items donated to the club become the property of the club. At the time of donation the donor relinquishes any ownership in the donated item.

9.2 In the event that the club should become inactive and/or dissolve, donors of items may reclaim their donated items. Cash donations are specifically not reclaimable.

9.3 In the event that the club should be come inactive and/or dissolve, the balance of club property will be sold and the proceeds from the sale will be held by the last elected Executive Committee.

9.4 The final distribution of club cash and/or remaining property will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee. It is suggested that the money and/or remaining property be donated to groups active in the shooting sports.

APPENDIX

USPSA UTAH SECTION BYLAWS

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- I. Section Coordinator may either be elected or appointed per USPSA/IPSC bylaws, which are controlling.
- II. The Section Coordinator may call for meetings with the sections club representatives at any time with a minimum one week lead time.
- III. The Section Coordinator shall ensure that the sections USPSA or IPSC matches are held in complete compliance with all current USPSA or IPSC rules.
- IV. The Section Coordinator shall oversee the distribution of all earned slots to the national championships in a timely manner.
- V. Bylaws may be amended by the section or its' Section Coordinator at any time provided they are submitted inwriting at least thirty days in advance of institution to all the sections club representatives and approved by said body.

UTAH SECTION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SLOT DISTRIBUTION

Slot points based on twelve month period January-December the year preceding the National Championship

I. OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SLOTS

a. ELIGIBILITY

Any competitor, who has participated in at least 5 matches in any single club during the previous twelve months using an Open Division gun, will be eligible for a slot to the Open National Championship for that club.

b. DISTRIBUTION OF OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SLOTS

Each club match will be worth 100 points. The sum of the points (Match Percent in Open Division) earned by a competitor in their five best matches shot with an Open Division gun will determine the order of eligibility for the Open National Championship. Any available slots will be offered to shooters in order from the shooter with the highest point total to the lowest point total regardless of class.

II. LIMITED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SLOTS

a. ELIGIBILITY

Any competitor, who has participated in at least 5 matches in any single club during the previous twelve months using a Limited Division gun, will be eligible for a slot to the Limited National Championship for that club.

b. DISTRIBUTION

Each club match will be worth 100 points. The sum of the points (Match Percent in Limited Division) earned by a competitor in their five best matches shot with an Limited Division gun will determine the order of eligibility for the Limited National Championship. Any available slots will be offered to shooters in order from the shooter with the highest point total to the lowest point total regardless of class.

III. DISTRIBUTION OF SLOTS FOR L10, PRODUCTION AND REVOLVER FOLLOW THE SAME GUIDELINES AS OPEN AND LIMITED.

- a.** Best 5 matches shot in any single club and single division earns that division's slot for that club. The 5 Match requirement insures club support through participation.
- b.** In the event of a tie (i.e. it is possible for two or more competitors to each have 500 points), all scores for the year in that club within that division will be added to break the tie. (Again rewards participation).

IV. SLOT DISTRIBUTION FOR MULTI-DIVISION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a.** The Section Coordinator will make a list of Utah USPSA members desiring a slot to the National Championship and will determine if they meet eligibility requirements in Ia, IIa and III above and add points for those competitors. The Section Coordinator will make a reasonable cutoff date for slot requests.
- b.** Qualifying competitors in each club will be offered slots for the division with the highest mission count participation for the year. If that individual declines, the slot will be offered for the division with the 2nd highest mission count participation for the year. This will cycle through all divisions and eligible competitors until all slots are awarded.

V. ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES AND RESTRICTIONS

- a.** Only Utah residents are eligible for a slot to the National Championship.
- b.** Any unclaimed slots will be distributed by the Section Coordinator at his or her discretion.