

BY LAWS
of the
BRITISH SKEET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1

NAME:

The name of this Association shall be the **BRITISH SKEET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION**, the same being a non-profit organisation of the United Kingdom, having been incorporated on the 6th day of December 1987. The official abbreviation is B.S.S.A.

SEAL:



ARTICLE II

AIMS:

- (a) To promote the sport of NSSA skeet shooting.
- (b) To advise and assist on all matters relating to NSSA skeet shooting in the U.K.

- (c) To allocate and administer various U.K. and European championships.
- (d) To arbitrate on any disputes that may from time to time arise.
- (e) To assist and advise NSSA Headquarters of the requirements and state of the sport within the U.K.

ARTICLE III

- (a) The affairs of the Association shall be under the overall supervision of a Committee which shall be the governing body of the Association
- (b) The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (hereinafter called the Officers) together with not less than four (4) and not more than six (6) Committee members, plus the UK Directors of NSSA, in a non-voting capacity. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt such additional members as shall be deemed necessary and may allow such co-opted members the power to vote. Only those members duly elected at the Annual General Meeting or subsequently co-opted may attend Committee meetings (save that Officers of the Executive Committee of NSSA or their appointed representatives, shall be ex-officio members of the Committee). The Committee shall meet a minimum 4 in any calendar year and members who wish to sit in attendance to observe may be allowed to do so, if a majority of the Committee is in favour. Five (5) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. Minutes of all Committee meetings shall be supplied to the Executive Committee on request. All members of the Committee (except ex-officio members) shall retire at the AGM next following their election and may be eligible for re-election.
- (c) Any elected officer or Committee member may be removed from office during his term for cause deemed sufficient by the Committee, upon concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of a quorum at a duly called meeting. Such action may be taken at any regular or special meeting of the Committee, but only after notice has been given to the accused and to each member of the Committee, at least two (2) weeks prior thereto.
- (d) Membership of this Association shall be automatic for all NSSA members resident in the United Kingdom.
- (e) Any member may be suspended or expelled for cause at a regular or special meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Committee.
 - (i) Any member, having been suspended or expelled as above, shall receive due notice from the Secretary within five (5) days of such action.
 - (ii) Such member has the right to appear at any announced Committee meeting for a hearing prior to being penalised. Any action involving such matters or reinstatement require a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote.

ARTICLE IV

QUALIFICATIONS:

Officers and Committee members, other than ex-officio members must reside in the U.K. and must be individual members of NSSA in good standing and must be 18 years of age or over.

ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS:

Nominations for election to the Committee may be made from the floor of the AGM or in writing to the Secretary prior to that meeting. Nominations may only be made by individual members in good standing resident within the U.K. when more than six (6) nominations are received for membership of the Committee a vote shall be taken at the AGM. All elections will be on the basis of "*one vote per post per member*". Only individual members in good standing resident in the U.K. and present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote. Voting may be by show of hands or by ballot according to the will of the meeting. Elected Officers and Committee members shall hold office from 1 November thru 31 October of the following year.

ARTICLE VI

EXPENSES:

Unless previously agreed by the Committee it is understood that all members' activities for the Association shall be on a purely voluntary basis.

ARTICLE VII

GENERAL MEETINGS:

- (a) Only individual members in good standing resident in the U.K. shall be entitled to attend General Meetings and shall be entitled to speak and, with the exception of members under 18 years of age, shall have the right to stand for office and to vote. Officers of the Executive Committee or their appointed representatives, shall be entitled to attend but not to vote, at all General Meetings.
- (b) The AGM shall be held in the month of August (or as soon thereafter as possible) at a venue to be decided by the Committee.
- (c) The Committee may decide to call an Extraordinary General Meeting at such time and place and for the determination or consideration of such matters as it thinks fit and shall give at least seven (7) days notice in writing to all members resident in the U.K. and entitled to attend and vote at such a General Meeting.
- (d) On a petition signed by not less than ten (10) individual members in good standing resident within the U.K. being presented to the Secretary, an EGM shall be called within twenty-one (21) days of the presentation of such petition to consider the matter contained therein.

ARTICLE VIII

FUNDS:

The Committee shall have a bank account designated the "British Skeet Shooting Association" and the Treasurer shall keep and present to the AGM true and proper

accounts of the Committee's receipts and expenditure prepared with a year of account ending the 31st October each year or on another suitable date agreed at an earlier AGM. Cheques to be drawn on the Association's account must be signed by two officers.

ARTICLE IX

POWERS:

The Committee shall have power to make such rules as they consider will be conducive to the good of the members and the management of the sport within the U.K. but subject always to the decision of the Executive Committee or instructions there from. All such rules or alterations to them shall be presented to the next AGM for ratification.

ARTICLE X

ALTERATIONS TO ARTICLES:

- (a) Whenever possible proposed alterations to these Articles shall be published with the notice calling the AGM.
- (b) These articles are intended to govern the members of BSSA and shall be read in conjunction with and subject to the By Laws of NSSA and shall operate in so far as consistent with the same but in case of inconsistency the By Laws of NSSA shall prevail.

PROCLAMATION:

This instrument was adopted officially at a meeting of the British Skeet Shooting Association held 25th August 2003.