

Central Florida Section Bylaws Area 6, USPSA/IPSC

1. NAME

- 1.1. The name of the organization shall be the CENTRAL FLORIDA SECTION

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The members of the Central Florida Section voluntarily associate in order to achieve certain civic and athletic objectives:
 - 2.1.1. To encourage the growth of safe and practical shooting in our community by presenting an annual program of Practical Shooting matches open to all qualified shooters.
 - 2.1.2. To promote greater gun safety in our community by sharing our knowledge of safe, practical gun handling techniques and ethics with others through an annual series of educational clinics on safe, practical shooting.
 - 2.1.3. To encourage participants in this sport to develop those characteristics of self-control, honor, integrity, and civility which are the hallmarks of the Practical Shooter.
 - 2.1.4. To adopt and enforce for the betterment of the sport of practical shooting the uniform rules and regulations of the United States Practical Shooting Association.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. There shall be three types of Section membership:
 - 3.1.1. **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** – A shooter may become a Regular Member of the Central Florida Section by – (1) Receiving the title of “Safe Shooter” by a Section Club President or representative and (2) Safely completing three USPSA approved matches.
 - 3.1.2. **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP** – To be an Active Member of the Section, a shooter must meet all requirements for Regular Membership, and, in addition, be:
 - 3.1.2.1. A USPSA member in good standing
 - 3.1.2.2. A member in good standing of a USPSA affiliated club in the Section
 - 3.1.2.3. A resident of the State of Florida
 - 3.1.2.4. Only Active Members are eligible for Section Slots to the USPSA National Championships
 - 3.1.3. **CLUB MEMBERSHIP** – A USPSA affiliated club that wishes to become a member of the Section must apply to the Section Executive Committee, which will vote upon its application. If accepted, the club president will sign a copy of the Section Bylaws for the record, signifying its acceptance of, and intention to abide by, Section rules, policies, and procedures. All clubs within the Central Florida Section will maintain a roster of club members. While not mandatory that clubs collect dues from their members it is recommended.
 - 3.1.3.1. **ASSIGNMENT OF MATCH DAYS** – The Section Executive Committee shall assign a monthly match day to each Section club, and will be the sole arbiter of any scheduling conflicts between clubs. When considering assigned match days, the Section Executive Committee will take into account geographical proximity to other Section Clubs, longevity in the Section, and any other pertinent factors.

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4. SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SEC)

4.1. An Executive Committee shall govern the Section. The committee shall be composed of the following officers:

4.1.1. SECTION COORDINATOR – Shall act as chairman and be ultimately responsible for all business and accounting within the Section. He shall be elected by the club representatives.

4.1.1.1 Presides at all Section Meetings

4.1.1.2. Prior to SEC meetings, prepares and distributes the meeting agenda

4.1.1.3. Appoints members to Special Committees as may be needed from time to time

4.1.1.4. Will visit each club in the Section annually at a minimum.

4.1.2. DEPUTY SECTION COORDINATOR – Elected by the Executive Committee, he shall serve in the absence of the Section Coordinator.

4.1.3. CLUB REPRESENTATIVE

4.1.3.1. The club president or appointed representative shall represent their club at all SEC meetings

4.1.4. SECRETARY/TREASURER

4.1.4.1. Shall be appointed by the SC and approved by the SEC

4.1.4.2. Shall serve in the absence of both the SC and the DSC

4.1.4.3. Records all proceedings at SEC meetings

4.1.4.4. Maintains all Section financial records

4.1.5. SHOOTERS' REPRESENTATIVE

4.1.5.1. The Shooters' Representative is elected by the SEC and serves as the "shooters' voice" at SEC meetings

4.1.5.2. He or she shall be an active competitor who visits or competes at all Section clubs frequently enough to accurately reflect the "general mood" of the membership

4.1.6. SECTION TRAINING / SAFETY OFFICER

4.1.6.1. Appointed by the SC and approved by the SEC

4.1.6.2. Serves under the direction of the SC

4.1.6.3. Directs the production of Section training courses and programs

4.1.6.4. Ensures Section clubs are operating in a safe manner

4.2. VOTING – Voting members of the SEC are: Section Coordinator, Deputy Section Coordinator, Club Representatives, and Shooters Representative. No person may cast more than one vote.

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5. MEETINGS

5.1. REGULAR MEETINGS – The SEC shall meet not less than once each calendar year. A written notice of the meeting together with a venue and draft agenda shall be mailed to all members no less than (21) days prior to any regular meeting.

5.2. SPECIAL MEETINGS – Special meetings can be called upon the written request of three or more of the voting members of the SEC. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the request. Except in cases of emergency, at least seven (7) days written notice shall be given to all SEC members. All actions taken during an emergency meeting will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled SEC meeting.

5.2.1. ELECTION MEETING – In an election year (every other year), a special meeting will be called on or about November 15th for the purpose of nominations and election of new officers for the following year.

5.3. All amendments to bylaws must have 75% of the total votes of the affiliated clubs, in favor of.

6. ELECTIONS

6.1. The SC, DSC, and Shooters' Representative shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall be elected by the SEC at the Election Meeting. Club Representatives will make nominations from the floor.

6.2. The incoming SC shall announce his or her appointments for the positions of Secretary/Treasurer and Section Training/Safety Officer at the next Regular Meeting.

7. FINANCES

7.1. The SC is ultimately responsible for the finances of the Section. He or she will appoint a Treasurer to coordinate and monitor the finances of the Section.

7.2. Legitimate costs incurred by SEC officers in the performance of their assigned duties, properly substantiated, will be reimbursed from this Section treasury.

7.3. A financial statement will be sent to each club by the end of the calendar year.

8. CLUBS

8.1. Each club shall support the Section with annual dues in the amount of \$50.00

8.1.1. Dues shall be received by the SEC no later than the last day of February.

8.2. Each club shall submit the appropriate USPSA Activity Fees for every USPSA match directly to the national office in Sedro Woolley, and shall document and provide evidence of such submittals to the SEC.

8.2.1. The SC and Treasurer shall be responsible for monitoring club activity and submittals to the Section and USPSA to insure proper mission count for the Section membership.

8.2.1.1. National Championship Slots earned by clubs in the Section shall be pooled for the benefit of the Section (See 9.0)

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8.3. Match Scoring – Section clubs agree, as a condition of affiliation, that all USPSA matches shall be conducted and scored in accordance with the most current edition of the USPSA/IPSC rulebook.

8.3.1. Section clubs are free to conduct “special” matches (single-stack, revolver, etc.) on regularly scheduled match days provided:

8.3.1.1. They are publicized well in advance. (at least 30 days)

8.3.1.2. They are conducted in strict conformance to USPSA rules, including recognition of all USPSA competition categories.

8.3.1.3. Clubs may opt to award only that “special category” (single-stack, etc.) of participant, but will produce match results for all other USPSA recognized divisions and classes.

9. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SLOTS / SLOT SERIES

9.1. National Championship Slots earned by clubs within the Section shall be pooled, and awarded based on Individual performance in an annual “Slots Series” of matches.

9.1.1. The SEC may withhold a maximum of two (2) slots to be awarded at their discretion. Examples of these discretionary slot awards include, but are not limited to: Most involved Club President, Shooter Volunteer of the Year, Junior Shooter, etc.

9.2. The SEC shall establish the schedule for each annual Slots Series. Each Section Club shall conduct one Slots Match per year during their regularly scheduled match day.

9.3. The annual Section/State Championship shall be included in the Slots Series.

9.4. To be eligible for a Section Slot all shooters must:

9.4.1. Be an “Active Member” in good standing with the Section

9.4.2. Have a “Slot Application” (to be provided upon request) on file with the SEC. Through this application the shooter will affirm they have the wherewithal, and intent to use the slot.

9.5. A Slots Series policy shall be developed by the SEC and published to the Section prior to the commencement of each year’s Slots Series.

9.6. Section Clubs will conduct Slots Matches in strict accordance with USPSA rules and guidelines.

9.6.1 Unless Clubs have prior SC approval to the contrary, Slots Matches shall include a USPSA classifier stage.

10. SECTION / STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

10.1. The SC, SEC, and Section Clubs shall work with/assist other Sections within the state for the annual State Championship.

10.2. The SC and SEC shall ensure a “Florida State Championship” is held annually.

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11. JURISDICTION

11.1. The SEC may properly consider any and all issues pertaining to USPSA/IPSC activity in the area currently known as the Central Florida Section of the USPSA.

11.2. In the event that there is a question about the conduct of an IPSC match, the interpretation of USPSA/IPSC rules, or application of other rules or principles, the SC shall be empowered to make ruling on the issue in question, and the clubs conducting the match agree to abide by such ruling.

11.3. In cases where immediate action is not required, the SC will form a special committee of senior Certified Range Officers to advise him on the issue.

11.4. In matters of compliance with USPSA/IPSC rules and doctrine, the SC shall be subordinate to the SEC.

12. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

12.1. Club's may voluntarily terminate their membership in the Section by:

12.1.1. Written request of the Club's executive Officer/Officers.

12.1.2. Dissolution of the Club

12.2. The Section may, for good and just cause, refuse to affiliate or disaffiliate existing clubs. "Good and just causes" include but are not limited to:

12.2.1. Malfeasance in activity reporting

12.2.2. Failure to report mission counts to the Section and/or USPSA

12.2.3. Refusal to correct unsafe conditions

12.2.4. Failure to adhere to USPSA and/or Section guidelines and requirements

12.2.5. Behaviors or actions likely, in the opinion of the SEC, to bring the Section, USPSA, or sport into disrepute.

13. SECTION BYLAWS

13.1. These bylaws are an agreement entered into by the Clubs within the Central Florida Section of USPSA, Area 6, USPSA/IPSC

13.2. These bylaws may be amended at a regular meeting of the SEC provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting or written notice has been given to all voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

13.3. These bylaws were first adopted in June 2004.

14. "WRITTEN NOTICE" DEFINED

14.1. Wherever the term "written notice", "notice", or "mail" appears above, electronic mail (email) shall be equal in import, content, validity, and bearing.

14.2. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining current and distributing a SEC member roster with phone, fax, and email as available.

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BYLAWS OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA SECTION
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AGREED TO ON _____, 20__

Section Coordinator (print) Section Coordinator (sign) _____

Deputy Section Coordinator (print) Deputy Section Coordinator (sign) _____

Safety Officer (print) Safety Officer (sign) _____

Club Shooter's Rep (print) Shooter's Rep (sign) _____

Secretary/Treasurer (print) Secretary/Treasurer (sign) _____

Club Name (print) Club President (print) Club President (sign)

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