

**AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS OF THE  
ALABAMA STATE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I.  
NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Alabama State Trapshooting Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “ASTA” or “Association”).

**ARTICLE II.  
OBJECTS**

The objects of this Association are as follows: (1) to promote the sport of trapshooting in Alabama; (2) to guide, encourage, assist and support gun clubs in the state of Alabama which promote trapshooting; and (3) to act as the sanctioning body for the annual Alabama State Trapshooting Championship.

**ARTICLE III.  
MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP.

A. Active Members: Amateur shooters who (1) are members of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (hereafter referred to as the “ATA”); (2) have been legal residents of the State of Alabama for a minimum of six months; and (3) have competed in one or more registered trapshoots in the State of Alabama in the last calendar year are eligible to be a member of the ASTA and shall have all the rights and privileges of membership.

B. Inactive Members: Any person who has been an active member of the Association for five (5) years and due to disability is no longer able to shoot, may make a written request to the Board of Directors to be placed on inactive membership and

shall have the same privilege as an active member. Inactive members must continue their membership in the ATA or be a life member of the ATA.

C. Honorary Membership: Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, and such honorary membership may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Honorary members will not hold the right to vote at the annual or any called meeting of the membership.

D. Rights of Members: Active and inactive members shall have the right to vote, right to hold office, and all assets and property rights of the Association are vested therein.

E. Termination or Suspension of Membership: Any person who shall be prohibited by law from possessing a firearm shall, upon the effective date of said prohibition, be terminated as a member of the ASTA. Any person suspended or whose membership is terminated by the ATA, shall be similarly suspended or terminated from the ASTA.

## SECTION 2: GUN CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

Any Gun Club in the State of Alabama which has at least one regulation trap field is eligible for Gun Club membership. Only Gun Clubs holding membership in the ASTA shall be entitled to hold tournaments sponsored by the ASTA. All member Gun Clubs must hold at least two (2) registered shoots within the target year of the ATA to continue to be eligible for membership in the Association.

**ARTICLE IV.**  
**FEES AND DUES**

SECTION 1: ANNUAL DUES FOR GUN CLUBS.

The Board of Directors shall, from time to time, set annual dues for Gun Club membership. The annual dues shall correspond to the target year established by the ATA. Payment of the annual dues shall entitle the Gun Club to membership in the Association from date of payment through end of that target year. Only those Gun Clubs who have timely paid the annual dues shall be considered in good standing and entitled to the rights and privileges of Gun Club membership in the ASTA. The Board of Directors may prescribe penalties for a Gun Club's failure to pay dues and establish additional requirements for reinstatement to membership in good standing. No Gun Clubs shall be entitled to hold ASTA sponsored shoots until payment of their annual dues.

SECTION 2: ANNUAL DUES FOR INDIVIDUALS.

There shall be no membership fee or dues for individual membership in the ASTA. Members and all shooters at ASTA sponsored shoots shall pay the applicable daily fees as prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

SECTION 3: ASTA DAILY TOURNAMENT FEES.

The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall from time to time set daily fees to be charged each shooter at all registered trapshoots. The Gun Club holding such shoot will be responsible for the collection of said fees and remitting same to the Treasurer of the ASTA. This daily fee shall be in addition to the daily ATA fee. A financial report of the shoot and the ASTA and the ATA daily fees shall be sent to the respective Treasurers of the ASTA and the ATA within fifteen (15) days of the shoot.

**ARTICLE V.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1: DIRECTORS.**

The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the ASTA and the Delegate to the ATA, First Alternate ATA Delegate and Second Alternate ATA Delegate.

**SECTION 2: DUTIES.**

The duties of the Directors shall be to carry out the objects of the Association as defined herein in accordance with these By-Laws and to formulate such rules and regulations for the governing of trapshooting for the State of Alabama that are consistent with the rules and regulations of the ATA. There shall be a joint organizational meeting of the outgoing and incoming Directors within forty-five (45) days of the annual meeting of the Association.

**SECTION 3: QUORUM.**

Each Director shall have the right to vote. A quorum will be established by seventy percent (70%) of the Directors to be present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of transacting any business of the ASTA. The action of a quorum of the Directors at any regular or special meeting shall constitute the action of the Association.

**SECTION 4: SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or at the request of any two Directors. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by

means of which all persons participating in this meeting can hear each other at the same time and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. Special meetings shall be called in writing with at least three (3) business days notice. Email to each Director shall be considered sufficient written notice.

#### SECTION 5: COMPENSATION.

The Directors of the Association shall not receive compensation for their services, and shall not receive reimbursement for tournament fees or travel expenses to shoots, but may receive reimbursement for other reasonable out-of-pocket expenses upon the approval of a majority of the disinterested Directors. Under no circumstances shall the Association make a loan to a Director.

### **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND ATA DELEGATE**

#### SECTION 1: OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. ~~No~~ A person may hold more than one of the foregoing offices in the Association, or simultaneously act as the Delegate, or any alternate delegate, to the ATA, except that the office of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office and held by the same person. If said offices are combined, the holder thereof shall have only one vote.

#### SECTION 2: DELEGATE TO THE ATA.

The Association shall elect a Delegate to the ATA that shall represent the ASTA, as provided in the By-Laws of the ATA, including at the Annual Meeting of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the Southern Zone. The Association shall elect a First Alternate Delegate shall perform the duties of the Delegate in the event of the inability

or disability of the Delegate carryout the duties of the Delegate. The Association shall further elect a Second Alternate to the Delegate who shall perform the duties of the Delegate in the event of the inability or disability of the Delegate and the First Alternate to the Delegate. In the event the office of the Delegate is vacated for any reason before the current term of office is expired, the First Alternate Delegate shall become the Delegate and serve out the remaining term of office. The First Alternate upon becoming the Delegate shall assume all duties of the position of Delegate. The Second Alternate will then become the First Alternate. The remaining vacancy (Second Alternate) shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 3: TERMS OF OFFICE.

All Officers will hold their respective office commencing thirty (30) days after election at the Annual Meeting and until thirty (30) days following the election of their successor. The terms of the Delegate, First Alternate Delegate and Second Alternative Delegate will run as provided in the By-Laws of the ATA.

#### SECTION 4: ELECTIONS.

A. All officers of the Association must be elected at the annual meeting of the Association by the members eligible to vote at such meeting.

B. All Delegates and Alternate Delegates are to be elected by all resident ATA members per ATA rules.

#### SECTION 5: VACANCIES.

In the case of a vacancy of the office of the President, the Vice President will assume the office of the Presidency and new Vice President will be appointed. All vacancies in the other elected offices of this Association caused by death, resignation,

or removal shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors held at the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose. The Officer chosen to fill said vacancy shall serve until the officer's successor has been elected and qualified at the next annual membership meeting.

#### SECTION 6: QUALIFICATION AND ORDER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

A. All Officers must be members of the ASTA. The Delegate, First and Second Alternates to the Delegate must be life members of the ATA prior to the election.

B. Nomination for the officers shall be from the floor and the vote shall be taken by secret ballot if more than one (1) nomination is made for the office or Delegate.

C. The order of election shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Delegate, First Alternate to the Delegate, and Second Alternate to the Delegate.

#### SECTION 7: COMPENSATION.

The Directors of the Association shall not receive compensation for their services, and shall not receive reimbursement for tournament fees or travel expenses to shoots, but may receive reimbursement for other reasonable out-of-pocket expenses upon the approval of a majority of the disinterested Directors. Under no circumstances shall the Association make a loan to a Director.

### **ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

#### SECTION 1: PRESIDENT.

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, and shall call such meetings as the President deems necessary. The President shall appoint all

standing and special committees, unless otherwise prescribed herein, and be the ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall sign all contracts and other legal documents as directed by the Board of Directors and shall have general charge and supervision over all business and activities of the Association. The President shall also perform all other duties as are incidental to the office of President.

#### SECTION 2: VICE PRESIDENT.

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also generally assist the President and exercise such powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President or the Board of Directors from time to time. The Vice President shall take custody of the Treasurer's indemnity bond. The Vice President shall also perform all other duties as are incidental to the office of Vice President.

#### SECTION 3: SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the Association, keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, and be the custodian of the Association's official records. The Secretary shall approve all registered dates issued to member Gun Clubs. The Secretary shall perform all other duties incidental to the office of Secretary or as may be delegated by the President or Board of Directors from time to time. The Secretary shall mail all newly elected Officers and Directors a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. The Secretary shall also perform all other duties as are incidental to the office of Secretary.



#### SECTION 4: TREASURER.

A. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, securities evidence of indebtedness and other personal property of the Association, shall receive and give receipts, and acceptances for all monies on account of the Association, and shall deposit the same in such federally insured bank or trust company as shall be designated by proper resolution of the Board of Directors.

B. The Treasurer shall pay the usual and customary expenses of the Association out of the funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall pay such other expenses and make such disbursements as may be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or by a majority vote of the membership at the annual or special meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall sign checks disbursing the funds of the Association, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. The Treasurer shall enter regularly on the books of the Association to be kept for that purpose, full and accurate account of the Association. The Treasurer may pay miscellaneous and sundry bills not to exceed \$1,000.00 upon approval of the President.

C. The Treasurer shall maintain a complete record of the daily fees and annual dues delivered by each Gun Club. The Treasurer shall maintain a complete record of the registered dates issued to each individual Gun Club. The Treasurer shall verify the records of all registered dates issued with all fees and dues collected from individual Gun Clubs. If a Gun Club is delinquent in remitting fees and dues, the Treasurer shall notify said Gun Club. If said fees remain unpaid twenty (20) day after said notice, said delinquency shall be reported to the Board of Directors.

D. The Treasurer may maintain a petty cash account not to exceed \$250.00 which may be replenished by Board vote upon presentation of proper receipts. Other than petty cash transactions, no obligation of the Association shall be paid in cash.

E. The Treasurer shall render to the President and the Board of Directors an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association as may be required from time to time. The Treasurer shall deliver a copy of the statement of the financial condition of the Association to every member in good standing of the Association attending the annual meeting of the membership.

F. The Treasurer shall file the Associations required Federal and State tax returns.

G. The Treasurer of the Association shall be required to be covered by an indemnity bond in the sum at least as large as the assets of the Association, but not less than \$5,000.00, the premium therefore to be paid by the Association. The Board of Directors will set the value of the bond yearly, and it will be paid for by the ASTA.

H. The Treasurer shall also perform all other duties incidental to his/her office.

**ARTICLE VIII.**  
**MEETING OF MEMBERS**

SECTION 1: ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the ASTA shall be held on a day during the State Championships as may be selected by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meeting shall be printed in the official program of the Championship designating time and place. No further notice shall be required. Each active and inactive member of the ASTA shall be entitled to one (1) vote on matters brought before the ASTA.

## SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or a quorum of the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings and the purpose of such must be mailed to all members fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, together with an agenda for said meeting, including the text of any proposed resolution, regulation, motion, or by-law amendment.

## SECTION 3: QUORUM.

Those members of the ASTA who are present at the annual or special meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the ASTA, regardless of the number which shall be present, unless otherwise provided in the Charter or State Statute. The action of the majority of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the ASTA shall constitute the action of the Association.

## Section 4: ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at all Board of Directors' meetings and special meetings of the membership shall be at the discretion of the President. The order of business at all annual meetings of the membership shall be as follows:

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Report of the President
3. Report of the Treasurer
4. Report of the Secretary
5. Report of the Delegate
6. Report of the Committees
7. ASTA sponsored State Team Award

8. Unfinished Business
9. Election of Officers
10. Adjournment.

#### SECTION 5: PROXIES.

Votes may be exercised only in person. No proxies shall be considered in resolving any issues or in the establishment of a quorum.

### **ARTICLE IX. ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS**

#### SECTION 1: STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A. Date and Duration: The date and duration of the annual ALABAMA STATE TRAPSHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP tournament shall be decided by the Board of Directors providing it does not conflict with ATA requirements.

B. Eligible clubs: Any Gun Club with five (5) or more regulation permanent trap fields and a member in good standing with the ASTA shall be eligible to host the annual State Championships on a rotating basis among such qualifying Gun Clubs. Any Gun Club who had not previously qualified as eligible to host the State Championship Tournament and subsequently is determined to be eligible shall enter the rotation in the target year following the target year in which eligibility is attained. Eligible Gun Clubs must be capable of being closed to all other shooting activities for the duration of the state championships and have access to sufficient automated traps to throw the entire program on automated traps.

C. Shoot responsibilities: The Board of Directors of the ASTA shall have responsibility for the organization and management of the State Championship and shall contract with the host club for facilities, targets and target service.

D. Profit sharing: The net profit of the Alabama State Trapshooting Championships (after expenses and host club charges) shall be retained by the ASTA to be used for the benefit of the Association.

E. Trophies: The ASTA will provide such trophies for the State Championships as the Board of Directors may deem necessary.

## SECTION 2: OTHER TOURNAMENTS.

The Association shall have the power to supplement the trophies or awards in other tournaments during the year upon proper application by a host Gun Club and approval of the Board of Directors. This power shall be exercised without favoritism.

## SECTION 3: SHOOTING RULES.

The trapshooting rules adopted by the ATA shall govern all trapshooting held by this Association. All members shall be required to abide by the rules adopted by the ATA. All policies decreed by the Board of Directors of this Association shall be abided by each member.

### **ARTICLE X. ACCOUNTING & TARGET YEARS**

The Association shall keep its books for financial and tax purposes on a calendar year. The Association shall keep all shooting records in coordination with the target year as may be time to time established by the ATA.

### **ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

At all meetings, all viewpoints offered by members of the Association shall be presented as desired, within the rules of decency and propriety. Undue repetition shall not be permitted. Debate may be closed on the motion of a single person, upon a

second, and a majority of the members voting “aye”. No debate shall be heard on motions to close debate or motions to adjourn.

**ARTICLE XII.**  
**DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of the Alabama State Trapshooting Association, the residual assets of the organization shall be turned over to the Amateur Trapshooting Association, if it is a qualified “not for profit” corporation. If the ATA is a “for profit” corporation, then the assets of the Association will be turned over to the National Rifle Association.

**ARTICLE XIII.**  
**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

There shall be no amendments to these By-Laws unless approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Association’s members present at the annual meeting or properly called special meeting. Sufficient written copies of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws shall be provided to all members present and shall be delivered to the officer presiding over said meeting prior to the commencement of said meeting. Any motion for adoption of a proposal that does not comply with this Article shall be “out of order” unless three-fourths (3/4) of the number present vote by voice to consider the amendment.

**ADOPTED JUNE 6, 2020**