

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SECTION BYLAWS
AREA 8, USPSA

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ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be the **Western Pennsylvania Section** and shall be referred to hereafter as the Section.

ARTICLE 2: Objectives

The members of this organization have voluntarily associated together in order to achieve certain civic and athletic objectives:

2.1 To promote greater gun safety in the Section by sharing our knowledge of safe, practical gun handling techniques and ethics with others through educational clinics and an annual series of matches of practical shooting open to all qualified shooters.

2.2 To encourage participation in this sport, to develop characteristics of self-control, honor, integrity and politeness which are the hallmarks of the practical shooter.

2.3 To provide assistance to member clubs, to promote the goals, policies and rules of the United States Practical Shooting Association (hereinafter referred to as USPSA)

ARTICLE 3: Membership

3.1 Conditions of Membership - Member clubs must be affiliated with the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA), be located within the general geographical area the Executive Committee specifies and must agree to abide by the conditions of these bylaws.

3.2 Assignment of Match Days - Match dates will be determined by member clubs.

ARTICLE 4: Executive Committee

The Section shall be governed by an Executive Committee composed of the following members:

4.1 Section Coordinator - The Section Coordinator, hereinafter referred to as SC, shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee and preside at all business meetings. He/she is elected by the member clubs, on the basis of one vote per club, or appointed, per USPSA bylaws, which are controlling. If no election is held, he shall continue in office until he/she resigns, or an election is held, or he is removed for cause. The SC may, at his or her discretion appoint a Deputy Section Coordinator, hereinafter referred to as (DSC).

The SC must have successfully completed the NROI Level 1 Range Officers Course. The SC or DSC will attend a minimum of one match at each member

club during the year to observe safety, match production, and receive input from the clubs. In lieu of a stipend, the SC will not be charged a match entry fee for the Section Championship.

4.2 Deputy Section Coordinator- A DSC may be appointed by the SC. He/she shall assist the SC in observing section clubs, to substantiate secret ballots/votes, and or National Slots.

4.3 Club Representatives - The Match Director or designated representative of each of the member clubs in the Section shall represent the club on the Executive Committee. If he/she cannot attend a meeting, they must designate an official representative and so inform the SC prior to the meeting.

4.4 Section Training / Safety Officer

4.4.1 Appointed by the SC

4.4.2 Serves under the direction of the SC

4.4.3 Directs the production of Section training courses and programs

4.4.4 If required assists Section clubs with training course and/or materials.

4.5 Voting Members - Voting members of the Executive Committee are the SC and the Club Representatives. No person may cast more than one vote, although he may hold more than one post.

ARTICLE 5: Meetings

5.1 Meetings -The SC shall call at least two meetings in each calendar year. One meeting should occur early in the year to review the Section bylaws and plan for upcoming events (e.g. Range Officer training classes, new competitor training). One meeting should select the location of the Section Championship Match.

5.2 Special meetings - Special meetings may be called by the SC or by three or more of the members of the Executive Committee.

5.3 At least one half of the Executive Committee must be present to conduct any business other than adjourning the meeting.

5.4 Meeting Attendance - All meetings are open to all USPSA Members; however general advertisement of upcoming meetings, beyond the Executive Committee, is not required.

5.5 Meeting Forms - Meetings may be conducted face-to-face, via conference call, via e-mail (or phone text) exchange, or any combination of these methods.

ARTICLE 6: Elections

The SC shall be elected in December of the final year of the outgoing SCs term. The SC shall serve a two year term beginning on the first day of the new calendar year following the election.

Nominations/applications must be delivered to the SC or a member of the Executive Committee by November 15th. The nomination/application should indicate the members' interest in being considered for the position, and include the members name, telephone number, e-mail address, and USPSA number.

Election shall be by secret ballot of the club representatives. A simple majority is required to elect the SC.

The Executive Committee may vote to remove the SC for any reason. If the SC is removed or resigns, a special election shall be held as soon as practical to elect a new SC to complete the term.

ARTICLE 7: Jurisdiction

In matters concerning compliance with USPSA/IPSC, the Executive Committee may consider any and all issues that occur within the Section.

The Executive Committee delegates to the SC/DSC the authority to act on behalf of the Executive Committee when the council is not in session. The actions of the SC on behalf of the Executive Committee shall be subject to review and approval at the next Executive Committee meeting.

The SC/DSC is responsible for seeing that the clubs are hosting matches in compliance with USPSA rules and principles. If there are deviations from USPSA, the SC is charged with bringing it to the attention of club officials and informing them of what is necessary to bring their matches into compliance. If non-compliance persists, the SC shall document the occurrences and the attempts at resolution and forward the documentation to USPSA Headquarters. He may recommend that a club be disaffiliated.

The SC is not empowered to act as a Match Official at any match unless he/she is also serving as a Match Official at that match.

Nothing in this article shall give the SC, Executive Committee, or any other official the authority to overrule the decision of a Match Arbitration Committee which is acting under USPSA/IPSC Rule 13.

Nothing in this article shall grant the SC or Executive Committee authority over any non-USPSA match. Section and shall appoint a Treasurer to assist him if needed. Any requests for reimbursement for expenditures by the SC shall be reviewed and approved in advance (when possible) by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 8: Nationals Slots

It shall be the responsibility of the SC to award each club an amount of slots to the Nationals based on the activity accrued by that club during the year. Activity accrued by clubs that is insufficient to equal a full slot, and the work done for the betterment of the Section by the clubs (such as running the Section Championship or a Tournament style match) shall be taken into account by the SC in awarding further slots. The awarding of the slots to individual shooters shall be strictly at the discretion of the individual clubs and must be done within 14 days from the time it is announced to the clubs. The SC will retain possession of all slots and deliver them to the specified individuals. Unused slots will be returned to the SC who will maintain a waiting list for distribution of excess slots.

The USPSA Mission Count earned by all clubs in the Section shall be used to determine individual club distributions. All calculations will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

ARTICLE 9: Section Championship

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee, through the SC, to see that a Section Championship Match is held annually, the match to be called the Western PA Section Championship, or "Named Sponsor" Western PA Section Championship. This match will be conducted under the rules and guidelines of the USPSA/IPSC, and billed and held as a USPSA tournament or sanctioned event. The Executive Committee shall act as the Championship Steering Committee. It shall approve championship policies, the selection of a host club and Match Director, and the terms of an agreement between the Section and the host club.

ARTICLE 10: USPSA/IPSC Matches Defined

Any match that is not run in conformance with the published USPSA/IPSC guidelines will not be represented as an approved USPSA match. USPSA or IPSC logos will not be used in such a way as to create the impression that a match might be approved if in fact it is not.

ARTICLE 11: Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Executive Committee by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 12: Dissolution of the Section

Should the Executive Committee determine that it is desirable or necessary to dissolve the Section for any reason, all Section assets shall be shared among those Clubs who were members during the last complete year of slot point competition with each share calculated using the Mission Count contributed in that year.

Ed Bella, Match Director – Castlewood Rod & Gun Club

Kevin Blake, Match Director - Clairton Sportsman Club

Ryan Raynes, Match Director, Eagle's Nest Practical Shooters

Roger Elder, Match Director - East Huntington Practical Shooters

Joe Paradisi, Match Director - Gem City Practical Shooters

Justin Meyer, Match Director – Lawrence County Sportsmen's Association

Sam Brown, Match Director - Pardoe Sportsmen's Association

Mark Cleaver, Match Director - Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club

Dan Burwell, Match Director – Hollidaysburg Sportsmen

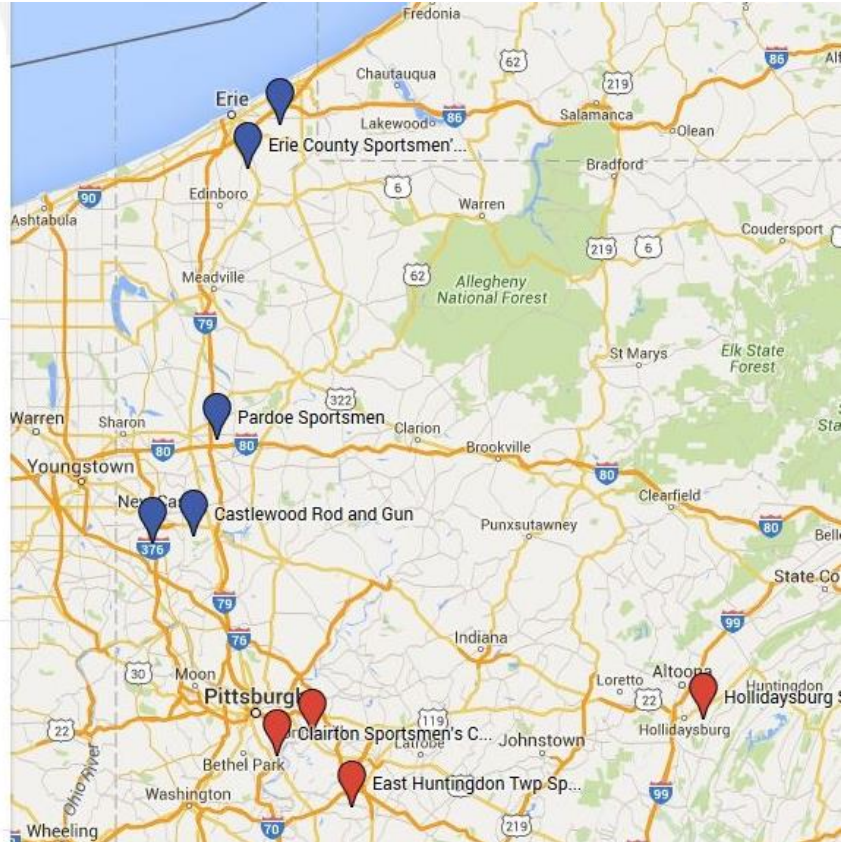
Greg Zombek, WPA Section Coordinator

Southern Clubs

-  Hollidaysburg Sportsman Club
-  Clairton Sportsmen's Club
-  Pitcairn Monroeville Sports...
-  East Huntingdon Twp Sports...

Northern Clubs

-  Castlewood Rod and Gun
-  Erie County Sportsmen's Lea...
-  Gem City Gun Club
-  Lawrence County Sportsman...
-  Pardoe Sportsmen



Western Pennsylvania Section Boundary and Member Clubs.