

BYLAWS

Greater Yellowstone USPSA Section

1.Name.

The name of the organization shall be Greater Yellowstone USPSA Section here after referred to as the Section.

2. Objectives.

The members of this association have voluntarily joined together in order to achieve certain civic and athletic objectives, including but not limited to:

Encouraging the growth of safe and practical sport shooting in our community by presenting an annual program of practical shooting matches open to all qualified shooters.

Promoting firearms safety in our community by sharing our knowledge of safe, practical gun handling methods and techniques and ethics with others by providing, through member clubs, on-going training activities to participants in our shooting events.

Encourage participants in the sport to develop personal characteristics of sportsmanship, honor, integrity and courtesy, which are the hallmarks of the practical shooter.

3. Membership.

A. Active Member.

To be an active member of the Section, a shooter must be a USPSA member in good standing and annually participate in at least five matches within the Section.

B. Club Membership.

A USPSA affiliated club, located in Montana or Wyoming, that wishes to become a member of the Section must apply to the Section Executive Committee, which will vote on its application. If accepted, the club will agree to the Section Bylaws, signifying its acceptance of and intention to abide by Section rules, policies and procedures.

C. Assignment of Club Match Days.

The Section Coordinator shall coordinate the monthly match days for each Section club and shall attempt to resolve any scheduling conflicts between clubs in the Section. Because of many of the factors involved in setting match dates at some ranges, no club shall be excluded from the Section because of conflicts of match dates.

4. Club Monthly Match Fees.

Each club within the Section shall send their monthly match results and fees to USPSA according to the current USPSA regulations.

5. Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee shall govern the Section. The Committee shall be composed of, but is not limited to, the following officers.

A. Section Coordinator.

The Section Coordinator shall act as chairman and conduct all business meetings. He or she is selected by the Club Representatives, or is appointed per USPSA bylaws, which are controlling. The Section Coordinator may be removed with cause by the Area 1 Director.

Recommend Section Coordinator or a proxy appointed by the Section Coordinator attends Area 1 Championship annually.

B. Club Representatives.

The President or designated person of each USPSA affiliated club within the Section shall represent his or her club on the Executive Committee. If he or she cannot attend a meeting, he/she must designate an official representative and so inform the Section Coordinator prior to the meeting.

C. Secretary.

The Secretary shall be appointed by the Section Coordinator and approved by the voting members of the Executive Committee.

D. Voting Members.

Voting members of the Section Executive Committee shall be one designated representative from each club. No person may cast more than one vote. Section Coordinator votes in the event of a tie vote among the club representatives.

If the Section Coordinator is also a club president, he or she must assign a designated replacement to take his or her place as the club representative on the Executive Committee.

6. Meetings.

The Executive Committee shall meet no less than once each year. A notice of the meeting, together with a draft agenda, shall be sent to all Executive Committee members no fewer than 14 days prior to any regular meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting. Annual meeting shall take place between January 1 and February 28 of a given year.

Special meetings may be called by the Section Coordinator and may be called upon the written request of two or more of the voting members of the Executive Committee. The purpose of such meetings must be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days notice shall be given to all committee members.

At least one half of the voting members must be present at any meeting for the committee to conduct business. All actions taken during an emergency meeting are subject to review at the next regular meeting.

7. Elections.

The term of office of the Section Coordinator shall be two years.

Elections for Section Coordinator are to be held biannually during the annual Section meeting. Nominations for Section Coordinator shall be made between November 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the annual meeting.

The voting members of the Executive Committee elect the Section Coordinator.

9. Jurisdiction.

A. USPSA Rules and Policies.

In matters concerning compliance with USPSA rules and policies only, the Section Coordinator, who represents the President of USPSA, shall not be subordinate to the Section Executive Committee. The Committee may, however, appeal his or her rulings on these matters directly to the USPSA President and/or the Area 1 Director.

B. Jurisdiction of the Executive Committee.

(1). Selection of the Section Coordinator per Article 7.

(2). The Executive Committee shall have the authority to select a Section club to host the annual championship match. The Executive Committee will assist the Match Director to produce a quality match. Typically, the annual championship is rotated between clubs each year, and no club will be required to host more than once every three years.

(3). Any active USPSA club may petition the Executive Committee to host the annual championship. Key items for range selection are range size, number of shooting bays, facilities, parking, and proximity to hotels, major highways, and restaurants.

(4). The Section Executive Committee may properly consider any and all other issues pertaining to USPSA activity in the Section.

C. Match Director for the Annual Championship.

(1). The appointed match director shall have complete responsibility for the match according to the USPSA rulebook, including all decisions, monies, prizes, stages, printing, range master, range officers, and etc.

(2). He or she will also be responsible for accounting for all prizes, income and expenses related to the match.

D. Delegation of Authority to the Section Coordinator.

- (1). The Section Executive Committee delegates to the Section Coordinator the authority to act on behalf of the Committee when it is not in session.
- (2). The actions of the Section Coordinator on behalf of the Committee shall be subject to review and approval at the next Committee meeting.

10. Distribution of Slots to USPSA National Championships.

Each of the member clubs will host one match each year for consideration of awarding slots to the national championships. Each of the clubs' slot matches must take place before the Section championship match. For a competitor to be awarded a slot to the national championships, he or she must be a member of the Section.

Slots to the USPSA national championships will be awarded based on performance at each of the annual slot matches and at the annual Section championship. Each slot match will be worth 10 points and the Section championship will be worth 15 points. Slot points will be awarded to the competitors in the inverse order of their finish placement within their division (i.e. the division winner will be awarded 10 points, the second place finisher will be awarded 9 points, etc.). Following the slot and Section championship matches, a tie in the accumulated points will be decided by the competitors' relative placement at the Section championship match.

Slots made available to the Section will be awarded, by division, to the competitor with the highest point total following the Section championship. In the event that the competitor does not accept the slot, it will be awarded to the competitor with the next highest point total. If a slot winner in a given division cannot be selected based on the above method, the slot will be returned to the Section Coordinator for distribution at his discretion.

Once a competitor is notified of their slot opportunity, they will have one week to accept or deny the slot. If the competitor does not accept the slot within this timeframe, it will be offered to the next competitor.

11. USPSA Matches Defined.

The clubs representatives signing this agreement agree that any match they conduct that is not run in conformance with the published USPSA rules and guidelines will not be represented as an approved USPSA match.

12. Classification.

The national classification system shall be the only official system recognized in this Section for club, championship or tournament level matches. Clubs may follow USPSA procedures to request an increase/decrease of an individual's classification to ensure that individual is competing in the correct class.

13. Amendment of Bylaws.

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Committee by a majority vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting or written notice has been given to all voting members at least 90 days prior to the meeting.

Accepted, approved and enacted this ____ day of _____, in the year ____ by the below listed representatives of the Clubs in the Greater Yellowstone Section.

Club: _____
President (Representative) _____

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Section Coordinator _____