

USPSA Alabama Section Bylaws
(Revised August 1, 2011)
USPSA Area 6

1. **NAME-** The name of the organization shall be the Alabama Section, and shall include the geographic area of the State of Alabama. For the purpose of this document, the terms “state” and “section” will be considered interchangeable.
2. **OBJECTIVES-** the members of this organization shall have voluntarily associated together in order to achieve the following objectives:
 - A. To encourage the growth of practical shooting within our communities and throughout the section by presenting a program of practical shooting matches open to all qualified shooters.
 - B. To foster cooperation between USPSA clubs within the section by periodically shooting together, and assisting member clubs with the sharing of information, resources, and technical expertise.
 - C. To promote the shooting sports in general and practical shooting in particular as an organized, recognized sport protected under the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
3. **MEMBERSHIP-** A USPSA affiliated club that wishes to become a member of the section must sign the section bylaws, signifying its acceptance of and intention to abide by the section and USPSA rules, policies and procedures. The club must then be recommended for membership by the section coordinator. Final approval will be by vote of the Section Executive committee.
 - A. **CLUBS** must be USPSA affiliated prior to applying for section membership. The section coordinator will assist unaffiliated clubs in becoming affiliated with USPSA.
 - B. **INDIVIDUALS** will be considered Alabama Section members if they are:
 1. USPSA members in good standing.
 2. Resident of the State of Alabama.
4. **ORGANIZATION-** The section shall be governed by an Executive committee. The committee shall be composed of the following officers.
 - A. **SECTION COORDINATOR-** The Section Coordinator shall act as committee chairman and conduct all business meetings. He is elected by the member clubs; or appointed per USPSA bylaws which are controlling.
 - B. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS-** The presidents of each of the member clubs within the section shall represent his club on the executive committee. If he cannot attend a meeting he shall designate an official representative to attend in his place.
5. **VOTING-** Each member of the executive committee shall have one vote. No single individual may represent more than one club, nor cast more than one vote.
 - A. **ADVISORS-** Each Executive Committee member may be accompanied by an individual of his choice to act in an advisory capacity at executive committee meetings. The intent of this article is to ensure that the expertise of senior range officials is available to committee members in matters of course design and match administration if desired. Advisors shall not have a vote.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- The Executive Committee shall meet not less than once per year. This meeting should be held during or immediately after the Annual State/Section Championship.
 - A. SPECIAL MEETINGS- A special meeting may be called by the Section Coordinator or upon the request of two or more committee members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call.
 - B. QUORUM- A majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum and the committee may act upon the majority vote of its members.
 - C. Given the geographically dispersed nature of the section, SPECIAL MEETINGS may be held by electronic means (i.e. email, electronic bulletin board, chat room).

7. JURISDICTION:
 - A. SECTION COORDINATOR- In matters concerning USPSA rules, policies, and bylaws, the Section Coordinator, who represents the President, shall have jurisdiction. He will ensure that the section's activities are conducted in accordance with these rules and policies. The Section Coordinator shall have jurisdiction of the allocation of section slots to the U.S. Nationals, per national bylaws.
 - B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- The Executive Committee has jurisdiction over, and may properly consider, all other section matters, procedures, and policies.
 - C. Nothing in this article shall be interpreted to mean that the Section Coordinator or the Executive Committee have jurisdiction in any club internal matter unrelated to section business.

8. ELECTION OF SECTION COORDINATOR- The USPSA President has the authority to appoint a Section Coordinator until such time as an election is held. The term of office of the Section Coordinator shall be one year, (1 April to 31 March). He shall be elected by the section Executive Committee on the basis of one vote per member club. Section Coordinators must be confirmed by the USPSA President to hold office.

9. SELECTION OF DESIGNATED CLUB REPRESENTATIVE- Member club Presidents shall represent their clubs on the Executive Committee. Club Presidents may have a designated representative sit on the committee in their place. The designated representative may be appointed by his club's President, or he may be elected to that position by his club's membership.

10. MISSION COUNT ACTIVITY CREDITS- Mission count activity credits, as reflected by club activity fees paid to the national office by all section member clubs, will be pooled and combined into a single section-wide count.
 - A. SLOTS EARNED- The USPSA President will evaluate the activity fees paid by section member clubs and award U.S. National Championship slots (invitations) to the section accordingly
 - B. MISSION COUNT RECORD KEEPING- The Section Coordinator shall require of each member club, an information copy of the results of every USPSA match held within the section. He will confirm that these results and attendant activity fees have been received by the USPSA President on a quarterly basis, and that appropriate section mission count has been credited to the section. Clubs will continue to send USPSA match results and activity fees to USPSA headquarters. Only a copy of the match results, including shooter USPSA numbers, is to be sent to the Section Coordinator, within ten (10) days of the match.

11. SECTION MATCHES AND CHAMPIONSHIP- The opportunity to compete in the U.S. National Championship may be earned through competition (in) the Alabama Section Championship according to the criteria contained in article 12 of these bylaws.
- A. ALABAMA SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH- One member club shall host the annual Alabama Section Championship with the assistance of the other member clubs. Designation of the host club shall be by mutual agreement among the member clubs, as determined by vote of the Executive Committee. The Section Championship will be determined by vote of the Executive Committee. The Section Championship will be held on a date which does not conflict with other major matches in the area, and will be conducted under the rules and guidelines of USPSA and billed and held as an USPSA Section Championship.
1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP- It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to ensure that the Section Championship is held annually. The Executive Committee shall act as steering committee for this match. It shall approve championship policies, the selection of the host club, the Match director, and the terms of the agreement between the section and the host club.
 2. TROPHIES AND PLAQUES- Trophies and plaques for the Section Championship shall be provided by the host club.
 3. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEEDS- It is the intent of the section that the proceeds of the match, less prescribed activity fees and match expenses, be retained by the host club; a portion of which shall be returned to the shooters in the form of cash prizes/other awards.
 4. SECTION CHAMPION TITLES- Top divisional winners (in recognized divisions) in the Alabama State/Section Championship will be awarded Section Champion Titles. Only those competitors who are Alabama Section/State residents as stated in article 3.B are eligible for Alabama Section Champions. Non-residents may earn High Overall Awards and National Slot consideration per article 12 of these bylaws.
12. DISTRIBUTION OF SECTION SLOTS-
- A. ELIGIBILITY- Eligibility to receive section slots requires that the competitor places in the top of a recognized division(s)/classes. Alabama residency is irrelevant for slot distribution.
- B. SLOT DISTRIBUTION- Slot distribution shall be determined by competition at the Section Championship. It is intended that slots be awarded to winners of each recognized division, provided sufficient slots have been earned by the section. If sufficient slots have not been earned by the section to award a slot to each recognized division winner, then the Section Coordinator shall determine the most equitable distribution. He shall give due consideration to such factors as class place finish at the Section Championship, percentage of section activity at each club, whether potential awardees have already earned a slot elsewhere, and the expressed desires of potential awardees i.e. unable/unwilling to attend U.S. Nationals, etc.
13. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- The following names are those individuals representing the current (1 August 2011) Alabama Section clubs and have agreed to these by-laws. These by-laws will be reviewed, by the Alabama Section Coordinator, for currency and amended any time the club representation changes or when clubs join or leave the Alabama Section.

<u>No</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Voted</u>
AL01	Section Coordinator	Mark Ruschak	N/A
AL02	Central Alabama Sport Shooters Assn	Peter Adams	Yes
AL03	Mobile Pistol Shooters Assn	Jason Phillips	Yes
AL05	Moss Branch Shooting Range Inc.	Mark Hearn	Yes
AL10	Practical Shooters of Central Alabama	Charles Mitchell	Yes
AL13	Rocket City Practical Shooters	Mark Ruschak	Yes
AL15	Tri-State Gun Club	Dan Mitchell	Yes
AL16	Steel City Practical Shooters	Randal Webb	Yes
AL17	East Alabama Gun Club	Mark Kauder	Yes