

## BY-LAWS

### LOUISIANA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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#### Article I.

##### STATE HANDICAP COMMITTEE

- A. In order to assist with classification and handicapping at the state shoot, the President shall appoint a handicap committee of at least three members, one of which must be the state ATA delegate as Chairman, or in the delegate's absence, the alternate delegate. If the committee cannot agree as to any matter of classification or handicapping, the decision of the state ATA Delegate shall control.

#### Article II.

##### LOUISIANA STATE SHOOT

- B. The Louisiana State Shoot shall be held on such dates and at such location as determined each year by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of the Louisiana Trapshooting Association.
- C. The State Shoot shall consist of no less than three consecutive days of trapshooting and no less than 600 registered program targets. The last three days of the State Shoot must be on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The program for the Friday and Saturday of the State Shoot must contain no less than 200 registered targets each day, consisting of no less than two, 100 target events or one, 200 target event; provided, however, that the Louisiana State Singles race shall be a 200 target event on Saturday, and the Louisiana State Handicap shall be on Sunday and consist of no less than 100 targets.
- Revised on May 21, 2016***
- D. No gun club will be allowed to host the Louisiana State Shoot unless it has five or more fully equipped regulation trap fields. *(Note: This provision has been suspended by action of the membership at the membership meeting on May 21, 2016, until such time as there are at least two Louisiana clubs with at least five trap fields. Please refer to the minutes of that meeting.)* The LTA Board of Directors shall choose the site of the state shoot and negotiate with the selected gun club the price paid for targets and services. The

LTA Board of Directors will be responsible for squadding, registration, trophies, printing and mailing of programs, posting of scores, declaring winners, and cashiering.

- E. Notwithstanding any provisions above to the contrary, the Board of Directors may alter, cancel, reschedule or otherwise amend any part of the State Shoot program during the shoot when in its discretion such action becomes necessary as, for example in the case of strike, Acts of God, or the like.

### Article III

#### REGISTERED SHOOTING DATES AND FEES

- A. Any Louisiana gun club desiring to hold a registered shooting program shall submit a request in writing to the Secretary of the LTA, specifying the date or dates desired. The Secretary shall endeavor to obtain registered dates as requested in accordance with ATA procedures.
- B. No shooting dates shall be registered in the State of Louisiana on any day a portion of which constitutes a part of the Louisiana State Shoot dates. All other dates during the year shall be available for registration subject to compliance with all applicable ATA rules and regulations.
- C. Gun clubs in close physical proximity to each other shall endeavor to cooperate with one another in the selection of registered shooting dates, but nothing contained herein shall be construed to give one club pre-emptive rights or prior call on any registered dates. Disputes as to registered dates shall be resolved by the decision of the LTA Secretary.

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*Amended 5/17/2008*

*Amended 5/15/2010*

- D. Every Louisiana Gun Club shall be responsible for collection and remitting all daily shooting fees, whether ATA or LTA. The sponsoring Club shall pay to the LTA an amount equal to the total of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per day for each shooter participating in a registered program. The club shall pay Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each shooter participating in each registered league event.
- E. The aforementioned shooting fees are LTA fees and are in addition to the existing ATA shooting fees in effect per person per day or per event, and ATA membership fees if not previously paid.

### Article IV

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- A. The officers of the Corporation, and of the Board of Directors, shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the ATA Delegate. The officers shall be elected by majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting and shall serve for one

(1) year or until their successors be elected. The President shall preside at all membership and Board meetings, appoint all committees, and have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence. The Secretary-Treasurer shall record the proceedings of the meetings, receive and hold all funds of the Association, keep an accurate account of such funds, pay all bills and other disbursements as proper on behalf of the Association. Prepare an annual financial report, and maintain ATA registered tournament data and records as required. The ATA Delegate shall perform the functions of that office within the provisions of ATA rules and regulations appertaining.

- B. The Directors of the Corporation shall be the persons elected to the office of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, ATA Delegate and five (5) Directors, one each representing the Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast areas of the state and at large.
- C. There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Directors immediately following the annual meeting of the membership during the State Shoot. Special or called meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when and as called from time to time during the year. A special or called meeting may be called by the President at any time upon seven (7) days' written notice to all Directors, and shall be called within fifteen (15) days following receipt by the President of a written request to hold such meeting when signed by three or more Directors. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors. Proxies shall not count for quorum purposes.
- D. A Director unable to attend a meeting of the Board may give his proxy to another Director. Such proxy shall be limited to matters set forth in the call for special or called meetings. They shall be general for the annual meeting unless specified otherwise. Directors' proxies may be of general authority or may direct a vote be cast in a specified manner on specific issues.

## Article V

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- A. The annual membership meeting shall be held in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation. The order of business shall be as follows: Reading and approval of prior Minutes, officers' reports, old business, election of officers (ATA Delegate and alternates, President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer). Election of Directors, other new business, and adjournment.
- B. There shall be no necessity for notice for the annual membership meeting. Notice for special meetings shall be furnished in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation. At special or called meetings of the membership, the only business which may be considered is that which shall have been submitted in writing in accordance with provisions contained in the Articles of Incorporation.

- C. Members unable to attend membership meetings, and entitled to be represented by proxy under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, may give proxies to other members only. Such proxies shall be limited to matters set forth in the call for special or called meetings. They shall be general for the annual meeting unless specified otherwise. Proxies may be of general authority or may direct that a vote be cast in a special manner on specific issues.

## Article VI

### LOUISIANA TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

- A. The mission of the Louisiana Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame is to provide the highest available recognition to the persons or shooters elected thereto.
- B. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize Louisiana's outstanding trapshooting contributors and shooters.
- C. Contributor – An individual or group of individuals who have helped promote and enhance trapshooting in Louisiana.
  - a. Must have service to the LTA or ATA (local, state, zone or national); or
  - b. Must have held offices in the LTA or ATA; or
  - c. Giving (manpower, funding ads, trophies, meals, working desk/cashier/scoreboard, equipment) to gun clubs/shoots, etc.
- D. Shooter – A respected individual who has helped promote and enhance trapshooting in Louisiana and has significant honors and accomplishments because of his shooting abilities.
  - a. Must have the above requirements listed under contributor; or
  - b. A ten year history of shooting accomplishments; or
  - c. Wins – local, state, zone, and national; or
  - d. Accomplishments – honors, records set, state and all American teams, high averages, etc.
- E. A living person shall not be inducted to the Hall of Fame until more than ten (10) years have passed since his first involvement in trapshooting. There shall be no time requirement for posthumous induction into this Hall of Fame.

- F. Those inducted into this Hall of Fame shall be recognized in the following manner:
- a. A biography and, whenever possible, photograph of the inductee shall be permanently placed in the Hall of Fame display;
  - b. A biography of the inductee shall be published in the Louisiana State Shoot program for the year of his induction;
  - c. A biography of the inductee shall be submitted to the official ATA publication, for publication therein;
  - d. A roster of all prior inductees into this Hall of Fame shall be published in each Louisiana State Shoot program; and
  - e. The inductee, or his family or home club in cases of posthumous induction, shall be furnished with a plaque, or other such suitable memento as the Board of Directors of the LTA may from time to time designate, in recognition of his induction into this Hall of Fame.
- G. The Hall of Fame display containing the photos and biographies of the inductees shall be displayed at the site of the Louisiana State shoot during the shoot and at such other times and places as the President of the LTA or the Board of Directors thereof may direct.
- H. The Board of Directors shall not be required to induct any person nor shall it be required to induct the full number of persons allowed in any year.
- I. The President of the LTA shall appoint a committee composed of three LTA members, at least one of which shall not be a currently serving officer or director of the LTA, to serve as a Hall of Fame committee each year.
- J. It shall be the responsibility of the Hall of Fame Committee to prepare a proposed list of inductees to be presented to the LTA Board of Directors for possible election to the Hall of Fame. The committee shall also have the following duties and responsibilities:
- a. Obtain photographs and prepare biographies of such persons as may be elected to membership in this Hall of Fame and have the same placed and displayed in the Hall of Fame display;
  - b. Provide to the official ATA publication, biographies of each year's current inductees for publication therein;
  - c. Obtain such plaques or other personal award for the inductees as may be approved by the Board of Directors of the LTA;

- d. Maintain and update the Hall of Fame display and arrange for its exhibition at the state shoot and such other places as may be designated by the President of the LTA or the Board of Directors;
  - e. Arrange for the storage and safekeeping of the Hall of Fame display at times when it is not on display; and
  - f. Perform such other duties and functions relating to the Hall of Fame as may be specified by the President or Board of Directors of the LTA.
- K. Members of this Hall of Fame shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the LTA. In order to be elected to the Hall of Fame a person must receive a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors voting at the meeting where the election is held. A person who has failed to receive a two-thirds vote in any year may be reconsidered an unlimited number of times in future years. In addition to considering candidates for this Hall of Fame put forward by the Hall of Fame committee, the Board of Directors may also consider other candidates for admission, provided that the total number of person elected to the Hall of Fame in any year shall not exceed three.
- L. The Louisiana Trapshooting Hall of Fame shall be funded and its funds controlled in the manner set out below:

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- a. The Board of Directors shall determine how to provide the necessary funds to support the Hall of Fame activities. The Board is authorized to impose a Hall of Fame fee of \$2.00 per shooter per day at the Louisiana State Trap Shoot in addition to other daily fees imposed by the ATA and/or LTA in order to fund the Hall of Fame expenses. The Board may choose to forego this fee if they feel at their discretion that there are sufficient funds in the LTA general business account to make this fee unnecessary in any given year;
- b. The funds generated by the Hall of Fame fee, together with any funds donated to the Hall of Fame, shall be maintained in a separate account from other LTA funds, said account to be designated the Hall of Fame account;
- c. Hall of Fame funds should be used to maintain the Hall of Fame display, to obtain the photos and biographies of the persons elected thereto, and for such other purposes of the Hall of Fame as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate;
- d. The following three officers shall be the authorized signatories on the Hall of Fame account: the President, the Secretary and the ATA Delegate, and no disbursement shall be made from said account or funds without approval of such disbursement by the LTA Board of Directors; and

- e. Should the Hall of Fame fee generate funds in excess of the Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars in any year, then the LTA Board of Directors may authorize the Secretary to place such funds in excess of \$500.00 into an account for the improvement and enhancement of trapshooting in Louisiana but in no event may funds generated by the Hall of Fame fee be used for the ordinary expenses of the LTA.
- f. Once a person is elected to the Hall of Fame, he shall not be removed or stricken from the Hall except by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of the LTA.

Article VII

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ALL STATE TEAM

- A. The LTA shall recognize annually at the State Shoot the All State Trap Teams. To be eligible for any All State Team, a shooter must have shot the minimum number of registered targets, including league targets as follows:

	<u>16 yd</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
a. Open Team:	1,000	1,000	1,000
b. Category (Lady, Vet, Jr, etc):	1,000	1,000	1,000
c. The All State Teams will consist of a Captain and 4 members on the first team; 5 members on the second team; (1) Sub-Jr; (1) Junior; (1) Jr. Gold; (1) Lady; (1) Sub-Vet; (1) Vet; and (1) Sr. Vet.			
d. Once the first and second teams have been filled, the Special Category awards will be assigned.			
e. If any members remain eligible after the above awards have been specified, an Honorable Mention Team of up to 5 members will be named.			
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f. A minimum of 500 registered targets must have been shot at one or more gun clubs in the state of Louisiana.			

- B. Selection to All State Teams shall be based on the Shooters HOA average computed from the sum of the averages of 16 yd, Handicap, and Doubles as published in the Official ATA Averages Book, divided by 3.
- C. No person, regardless of special categories, shall be awarded more than one position on the State Teams.

- D. The Rookie of the Year shall be given special honorable mention on the State Team unless his HOA qualifies him to hold a position based upon the qualifications specified above.
- E. The LTA Secretary shall determine the members of the All State Teams and submit the list to the President for confirmation.
- F. Appropriate trophies selected by the Board of Directors shall be presented to the members of the Open First and Second Teams, Ladies First & Second Teams and The Category Team.

### Article VIII

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*Amended May 15, 2010*

#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

- A. The LTA shall recognize annually at the State Shoot the Rookie of the Year. To be eligible for the Rookie of the Year, a shooter must have shot the minimum number of registered targets, including league targets as follows:
  - a. Has registered a minimum of 1500 singles targets.
  - b. Has registered a minimum of 800 handicap targets.
  - c. Has registered a minimum of 500 doubles targets.
  - d. Is a resident of Louisiana

A minimum of 800 registered targets must have been shot at one or more gun clubs in the state of Louisiana.

- B. A shooter shall be eligible as a Rookie in the first year that targets are registered provided the minimum target requirements are met. A shooter shall be eligible in the second year provided no more than 750 singles, 400 handicap, or 250 doubles targets are registered in the first target year. Exceeding the above specified number of targets in any one of the categories would render a participant ineligible in the second year.
- C. Selection of Rookie of the Year shall be based on the shooter's HOA average computed from the sum of the averages of 16 yd, Handicap, and Doubles as published in the Official ATA Averages Book, divided by 3. Should there be a tie, then total number of targets shot will break the tie.
- D. The LTA Secretary shall determine the Rookie of the Year and submit the name to the President for confirmation.



- E. The recipient's name shall be kept secret until the mailing of the State Shoot Program.
- F. An appropriate trophy selected by the Board of Directors shall be presented to the Rookie of the Year.
- G. The award shall be presented at the Louisiana State Shoot and the recipient shall receive honorable mention on the State Team.