

Bylaws - United States Air Rifle Benchrest

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SECTION A PURPOSE

- A.1 These bylaws constitute the governing principals of the association known as United States Air Rifle Benchrest, otherwise referred to herein as the “association”, or “USARB”.
- A.2 This association is dedicated to the promotion and pursuit of the sport of air rifle benchrest shooting throughout the United States of America.
- A.3 This association is affiliated with, and in part emulates the World Rimfire and Air Rifle Benchrest Federation (WRABF).
- A.4 These bylaws are separate from association rules and procedures elsewhere described. In cases of conflict between these bylaws and rules or procedures, these bylaws shall prevail.

SECTION B CLUB MATCH DIRECTORS

- B.1 Clubs affiliated with the association, both sanctioned and unsanctioned, shall have a Match Director selected by their members, and shooting venue identified. The Match Director shall manage the club’s shooting activities and serve as its primary contact.
- B.2 In addition, the Match Director of clubs currently sanctioned shall:
- a. Assure that club competitions are fairly conducted in general adherence to USARB and WRABF rules.
 - a. Compile and submit competition results as required to participate in association programs.
 - a. Serve as primary liaison between the club, its members, and the association.
 - d. Support and promote the sport of air rifle benchrest in their locale.

SECTION C SANCTIONING

- C.1 Any air rifle club that subscribes to the purposes of the association may become an affiliated member. Clubs wanting to hold USARB sanctioned competitions, and participate in other association programs, shall pay a sanctioning fee. Fee shall provide minimum entitlement of 12 months from date of payment. Fee amount will be determined by Board of Directors.
- C.2 Sanctioned competitions, whether Club, Regional, or National shall generally adhere to USARB and WRABF rules. Reasonable exceptions at discretion of Match Directors, are permitted at Club and Regional events to meet local needs or circumstances.
- C.3 Sanctioned National competitions shall additionally comply with association guidelines governing such events. Exceptions to USARB and WRABF rules will be agreed upon by Board of Directors or its designate, and must be justified to meet local needs or circumstances.

SECTION D BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- D.1 A Board of Directors consisting of four (4) members shall govern the actions of the association in compliance with its bylaws. They shall establish USARB specific rules and procedures, and may amend these bylaws as deemed necessary.
- D.2 Appointment of Director is a lifetime term, unless or until the following occurs:
- a. Member gives notice and voluntarily resigns their position.
 - b. Physical incapacity results in inability of member to perform duties, as determined by consensus of three Board members.
 - c. Expulsion of member as result of “vote of no confidence”, as determined by consensus of three Board members.
- D.3 A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors with responsibility for ensuring the accurate maintenance of financial records, and security of financial assets accrued by the association. Report of annual financial transactions will be displayed on association website.

D.4 A Secretary/Recorder shall be appointed by the Board of Directors with responsibility for maintaining record of all decisions and actions taken on behalf of the association.

D.5 At times, the Board may approve and appoint consenting member(s) responsibility for a unique project or function it wants to accomplish.

SECTION E ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

E.1 Within 15 days of a vacancy arising on Board of Directors, notification will be posted on association website and relevant online forum, and an election process initiated as follows:

- a. Nominations will be solicited from all sanctioned clubs. Each club shall be allotted one nomination, communicated via email to a designated Board member through their Match Director. Process to run for 30 days.
- b. A listing of nominated individuals will be compiled and submitted for vote by all sanctioned clubs. Each club shall be allotted one vote, communicated via email to a designated Board member through their Match Director. Process to run for 30 days.
- c. Selection of new Board member shall be determined by highest number of votes. In event of tie for highest number, then an additional round of voting shall be undertaken to resolve the tie.
- d. An announcement of final voting result will be posted on association website and relevant online forum, within 15 days.

SECTION F ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

F.1 Communication between Board members will typically be conducted via email or telephone, and depending on topic, may or may not include all members.

F.2 Any proposed action or change in association policy, rules, or bylaws shall be communicated by email to all Board members. Such proposal may be introduced by any one member, but shall be followed by open discussion between all members, of sufficient duration to express individual viewpoints or seek clarification.

F.3 Discussion shall conclude with presentation by introducing member of the original or revised proposal, and request for vote of all Board members. A member may on occasion opt to abstain and not be counted respecting a particular vote. A majority (excluding abstentions) vote of approval is required for proposed action or change to be enacted. Action or change is not enacted if vote is tied between those in favor and those opposed.

SECTION G WEBSITE

G.1 An internet website shall be maintained for the purpose of:

- a. Facilitating communication between shooters, and site webmaster or Board of Directors.
- b. Posting of relevant information and notices.
- c. Enumerating competition rules, procedures, and USARB specific rifle classifications.
- d. Listing of affiliated clubs and their sanctioning status.
- e. Displaying status of national Scoreline.
- f. Displaying national shooting Records.

G.2 Overall management of website will be responsibility of appointed Board member. Whereas maintenance and routine operation of website will be responsibility of assigned webmaster, either as a volunteer, or as paid position. Expense of website operations shall be borne by the association.