



2012 Season

Bylaws of Peach State Mounted Shooting Association

Preamble

The objective of the Peach State Mounted Shooting Association shall be the encouragement of mounted shooting and to provide an outlet for those persons wishing to compete by the rules as specified in the current **COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING ASSOCIATION RULEBOOK**. We will encourage organized shooting of single-action 45 caliber pistols of the type available prior to 1900 among citizens of the United States. We will provide to the public in our communities, our views and knowledge of safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further objective and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honest, good fellowship, and self-discipline, team play and self reliance, which are essentials of good sportsmanship. The further intention of the organization is to provide an atmosphere and social climate conducive to riding, camping, and other similar events where the members dress and conduct themselves in a fashion that promotes our western heritage. The Board of Directors following the guidelines set forth in the following articles shall administer the affairs of the Peach State Mounted Shooting Association.

Article One - Name

The name of the organization shall be called the Peach State Mounted Shooting Association. (PSMSA)

Article Two - Business Address

The business office shall be the address as chosen by the current Board of Directors and may be designated at a different location as determined by the board upon changes in the directors.

Article Three - Membership

A. **Membership** in PSMSA shall consist of three classes.

1. **Active** - which will be all persons wishing to participate in Peach State matches as competitors regardless of age or gender. Any rider under the age of 18 may compete only with a signed parental consent form.
2. **Associate** - Which will be persons wishing to participate in the activities and/or as non-riding participants (support staff) at matches.
3. **Family** - Which will be individuals living in the same household.

B. **Annual Dues for Peach State Mounted Shooters and CMSA Membership**

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| Individual Peach State Membership | \$35.00 |
| Family Peach State Membership | \$65.00 |
| Individual Membership | \$105.00 |
| Family Membership | \$165.00 |

C. **Eligibility** in PSMSA shall be extended to all persons of good character who would like to become a member of an organization to the preservation of the cowboy lifestyle.

D. **Resignation, Suspension, Expulsion, and Reinstatement of Members**

1. **Resignation** - A member in good standing may tender their resignation at any time to any member or members of the Board of Directors. Member's resignation will not be cause for a refund of membership dues.
2. **Suspension** - Any member who's behavior has resulted in any of the following: caused personal injury to themselves or others, damage to other's property or livestock, or has projected themselves to be undesirable character, may be put on suspension by the Board of Directors until such time that the board has opportunity to review the matter.
3. **Expulsion** - A member will be expelled from PSMSA only with a unanimous vote by the board of directors. Expulsion would only result from either a member's total disregard for the welfare of the organization through their actions or any blatant and continued safety violations. In either case, the decision will be based on the specific incidents or actions.
4. **Order of Disciplinary Action** - The order of disciplinary actions the Board of Directors will follow.
 - a. 1st offense will result in expulsion from current shoot.
 - b. 2nd offense within a season will result in a 90 day expulsion from Peach State Events.
 - c. 3rd offense within a season will result in an expulsion from Peach State Events for the season and notification of offense sent to CMSA National.
5. **Reinstatement** - Any member suspended or expelled from the PSMSA may, after a period of ninety (90) days, appear before the Board of Directors. At that time the board will determine whether or not to reinstate the membership status or any other action to be taken. The Board of Director's reply to such an action will be by mail only.



Article Four – Arms and Ammunition

- A. **Firearms** - All firearms shall be of .45 caliber. All firearms shall be of single action design. No adjustable sights are allowed on the firearms, fixed sights only. Further, PSMSA shall follow the published guidelines of the National Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association.
- B. **Ammunition** - All ammunition shall be provided by PSMSA. Only approved CMSA ammunition will be used at PSMSA sanctioned matches and exhibitions. The Board of Directors will decide on which ammunition provider PSMSA will use. The Board of Directors will select and designate the official match armor as needed but not required for sanctioned matches. Further, PSMSA shall follow the published guidelines of the National Cowboy Mounted shooting association.
- C. **Display Ammunition** - Contestants are to have no live ammunition on their person or in their cartridge belts or saddlebags. Dummy ammunition with inert or fired primers may be used in cartridge belts. Failure to follow will result in disqualification.

Article Five - Clothing and Tack

- A. **Clothing** - All members of PSMSA must follow CMSA National rules regarding dress. This includes all rules regarding logos.
- B. **Tack** - All members of PSMSA must follow CMSA National rules regarding tack.
- C. **Noncompliance** - Any member not complying with section A & B of this article may be requested not to participate in a match, or exhibition at discretion of the match director or Board of Directors.

Article Six - Board of Directors

- A. **Number of Directors** - The PSMSA Board of Directors will consist of (11) individuals including officers.
- B. **Specific Duties of the Officers**
 - 1. **President** - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He or she shall prepare the agenda for the meeting of the board. He or she may appoint necessary committees to carry on the board's programs. The President, within the limits of the law and direction of the Board of Directors, shall act from time to time as the representative of the board and the association. In addition, he or she shall have the authority to sign all papers required for the ongoing business of the board and the association.
 - 2. **Vice President** - The Vice President shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her. The Vice President, as authorized by the board, shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the president. The Vice President may take this role in case of temporary absence of the President or in case of his or her temporary inability to act. In this event, the office of Vice President shall be declared vacant by the Board of Directors, and as a successor chosen by the board.
 - 3. **Secretary** - The Secretary shall record the minutes of all the Board meetings. The Secretary shall also keep all non financial board records.
 - 4. **Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping all membership records in order including the collection of all dues and entry fees. Record all gifts, donations, and financial transactions of the board in an accepted book keeping method. Provide current financial reports at each regularly scheduled meeting and yearly financial statement. All financial records will be available to the board upon request. Shall deposit all funds of the association in such bank or banks as designated by the board.
 - 5. **Directors** - All directors shall be assigned duties as deemed necessary by the President.
 - 6. **Authority of Directors and Officers** – The Board of Directors must have a two-thirds majority vote to carry out any PSMSA business. These actions must be consistent with, but not limited to the bylaws of PSMSA and all federal, state, and local laws. Directors and officers shall have no authority to alter the bylaws of PSMSA or other controlling documents of the association during the current season. The Board of Director may change the PSMSA bylaws at any time before the first match. These changes must be discussed during a board meeting with at least nine members of the board present. A motion must be made, the motion must be seconded, and proposed changes must have two thirds majority vote to be approved. If any officer or board member is not serving Peach State Board of Directors in a fiduciary and acceptable manner, the board has right to review, with possibility of removal.



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Article Seven - Election and Tenure

- A. **Time of Elections** - The election of officers for the future season shall take place during the first Board of Directors meeting. This meeting shall occur as soon as possible following the last day of competition at the CMSA World Championship of the current season.
- B. **Method of Elections** - The President shall appoint a nomination committee who shall submit nominations for the officers and directors positions. They may submit one but not more than two names for each position. The slate of nominees will be presented at the first Board of Directors meeting for a vote. The general membership will nominate officers/directors if the slate is incomplete.
- C. **Term of Office** - The term of the office for all officers shall be for one CMSA season. The season shall be defined as stated in the current National CMSA rulebook. An officer may be re-elected to the same position or another position as often as the Board of Directors elects them. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position.
- D. **Vacancies** - The nominating committee shall place before the board the name of an individual or individuals to be considered the vacated term of office. The replacement shall be decided by a majority of the board.

Article Eight- Qualification of the Board Members

- A. **President** - Must be a PSMSA member for one year, and must have served on the board for one year.
- B. **Vice President**- Must be a PSMSA member for one year, and must have served on the board for one year.
- C. **Board of Directors** - Any board member must have been a member of PSMSA for one year prior to serving on the board. Individuals of the same household may serve on the board. However, only one member of the same household may serve as Officer.

Article Nine- Emergency Clause

- A. **Emergency Clause** - These bylaws may be temporarily altered in full or in part when the Board of Directors decides an emergency exists, and provided that the action is temporary and expedient to best serve all members of the PSMSA.
- B. **Robert's Rules of Order** - shall govern the conduct of any business of PSMSA which is not otherwise listed in these bylaws.