

IBS

INTERNATIONAL BENCHREST SHOOTERSBY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1.

The development and encouragement of uniform competition to achieve the ultimate accuracy in firearms, ammunition, components, equipment and shooting methods.

Section 2.

The standardization of an international basis of the entire bench-rest shooting program to the end that targets, ranges, scoring methods, records and match procedure will be uniform and comparable.

Section 3.

The assistance and encouragement of individuals and organizations in the promotion of competitive benchrest shooting.

Section 4.

The gathering and making available to its member pertinent statistics and technical data.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP SECTION

Section 1.

Membership in the Corporation shall consist of six classes: Individual, Associate, Organization, Life, Junior and International. Memberships are from February 1st through January 31st the following year.

Section 2.

An Individual Member shall be a citizen or subject of good repute of any nation, resident within or without the United States, who is interested in the goals and aims of this Corporation and who pays such dues as maybe determined by the Board of Directors. Each Individual Member shall be entitled to compete at registered matches at fees to be determined by the Board of Directors, but which shall be less than the fees for a non-member.

Section 3.

An Associate Member shall be a member of the same household as an Individual Member and shall pay reduced rates as determined by the Board of Directors. An Associate Member may compete in registered matches on the same basis as an Individual Member.

Section 4.

An Organization Member shall be any organization of good repute which is interested in the goals and aims of this Corporation, desires to hold registered matches and which pays such dues as determined by the Board of Directors. For a vote in a board meeting, a club must either hold a registered match or be a duly organized group of at least ten IBS members, with officers and by-laws.

Section 6.

A Life Member shall be any person who meets the requirements for Individual Membership and who pays such a fee as determined by the Board of Directors. Each Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of an Individual Member for Life.

Section 6.

A Junior member shall be any person under the age of 18 who is a member of the same household as an Individual Member and shall pay reduced dues as determined by the Board of Directors. The Junior Member shall have the same privileges as an Associate Member except for voting rights.

Section 7.

An International Organization Member shall consist of any national shooting group, representing that nation, outside the USA. The decision as to which shooting group represents a nation will be made by the IBS Directors, including dues as set by said Directors. Registration fees charged by an INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBER, for non-member registration shall be waived for INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS from other nations.

Section 8.

An International Organization Member is entitled to one vote at a Board of Directors meeting and need not be required to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings

1. One Annual Meeting of the members shall be held each year at a time and place to be determined by the President or Executive Board of Directors.
2. The Annual Meeting is for the purpose of receiving the annual reports of the Corporation Officers, Directors and Committees; for the installation of Officers and Directors; for establishing dues, fees and other compulsory charges; for establishing competition schedules; and for such other business as may properly come before such meeting.
3. Notice of Annual Meeting shall be published to each Member not less than seventy-five (75) days prior to the meeting. The notice shall set forth the time, place and agenda of such meeting.
4. The only items required on the agenda before action can be taken at an Annual Meeting are rulebook and by-law changes. This does not preclude standard items of business of the organization. Rule changes for the agenda are to be submitted to the appropriate competition committee prior to September 1 of the year prior to the Annual Meeting. The proposed rule changes are to have a list of twenty-five IBS member signatures requesting the rule change to go onto the agenda. The appropriate committee is to review the change and submit to the Executive Board prior to November 1 with recommendations on direction. The proposed change will be advertised as part of the next Annual Meeting agenda and will be acted on at the meeting.
5. The meeting of the Members at which time these By-Laws are adopted shall be the Annual Meeting for the first calendar year.
6. The rule book may be amended and updated in a global, comprehensive manner through:
 - A). Vote of the Executive Board to proceed with a draft update.
 - B). The official discipline committee(s) name one or more persons to construct the draft update and authorize them to proceed to prepare the draft update.
 - C). IBS members that shoot the affected discipline(s) will be have a 30-day comment period on the draft update.
 - D). The affected discipline committee(s) will have a 30-day period to adjudicate the member comments.
 - E). The affected discipline committee(s) will recommend to adopt, or not adopt, the draft with the adjudicated changes to the Executive Board.
 - F). The Executive Board will vote to either adopt, or not adopt, the draft update as recommended by the affected discipline committee(s).
 - G). The draft updated rule book will be in effect for a one-year trial, and will be voted upon, by mail vote, by the IBS membership.
 - H). The comprehensive updated may be done no more frequently than every five (5) years.

Section 2. Special Meetings

1. Special Meetings of the Members may be called at the discretion of the President, or a majority of the Directors, or by written petition of at least one-fourth (1/4) of the members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to call such a meeting within forty-five (45) days after such demand.
2. Notice of Special Meetings of Members, stating the time and in general terms the purpose thereof, shall be given to each Member at least five (5) days before such meeting.
3. No business other than specified in the notice of the meeting will be transacted at any Special Meeting of the Corporation

Section 3. Quorum

1. The presence in person or by written proxy of at least a simple majority of the Board of Directors is necessary to constitute a quorum at each Annual Meeting or Special Meeting called by the President or Board of Directors. If a simple majority is not available at these meetings, the numbers of Director's votes necessary to make a simple majority shall be voted by the IBS members present.
2. The presence in person or by written proxy of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members requesting a Special Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum at that Special Meeting.
3. If a quorum is not present at any meeting, such a meeting shall be adjourned and recalled under the original requirements.

Section 4. Voting

1. Each Individual or Associate or Life Member is entitled to one vote. Junior members are NOT allowed to vote.
2. Each Individual or Associate or Life Member may designate any other Individual or Life Member as proxy provided written authorization is filed with the Executive Secretary. Such authorization shall be valid for only one meeting. An Individual or Life member may accumulate no more than one (1) proxy at any meeting.
3. A majority of the members present, or by proxy, is controlling unless specified otherwise in these By-Laws.
4. Proxy voting on Temporary Rules: At the time the ballots for election of IBS Executive Officers are mailed to the membership, the temporary rules are to be forwarded with said ballot. These temporary rules will include a recommendation (for or against) based on the investigation of the proper committee. The membership shall, at the time of receiving their ballot, vote for or against making each temporary rule permanent.
5. Should a temporary rule need to be revised, this revision would become a new temporary rule subject to another year's trial. This will allow the membership, at large, an opportunity to vote for or against this revision at the next mailing and give all members an opportunity to voice their opinion.
6. Internet-based voting is allowed for officers and amendments to the rule book and bylaws in addition to, or as a replacement, for the annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Preceding President, Executive Vice-President (if one exists) and a Director elected or appointed by each International Organization member or Organization member holding Registered Matches or having 10 IBS members with Officers and By-Laws.

Section 2. Duties and Powers

1. The government of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall have the power to make all necessary contracts, to borrow money, to secure the same by mortgage, or deed of trust to the property of the Corporation, and as evidence of the indebtedness secured by such mortgage, or deed of trust, to issue bonds therefore; and they shall have the charge and control of all its property, and may set dues for the Members in the manner and subject to such rules, regulations, and restrictions provided by these By-Laws.
2. Any decision of the Board of Directors may be repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Membership.
3. The Vice-President shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and preside at its meetings; in his/her absence the Second Vice-President shall preside.

Section 3. Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called at a time and place determined by the President.
2. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called at any time on the order of the President or on the order of a majority of the Directors.
3. Notice of Special Meetings of the Board of Directors, stating the time and in general terms the purpose, shall be mailed or personally given to each Director no later than forty-five (45) days preceding the day appointed for the meeting.
4. If all Directors shall be present at any meeting, any business may be transacted without previous notice.
5. A simple majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board at all meetings as stipulated in Article IV Section 3, and the affirmative vote of at least a simple majority of the Directors shall be necessary to pass any resolution or authorize any act of the Corporation.

Section 4. Vacancies

Any vacancy in the Board of Directors except that of a member of the Executive Board of Directors shall be filled by the Organization, which was represented by the vacant Director.

Section 5. Standing Rules

1. Each member of the Board of Directors except an Executive Vice-President shall serve without compensation or reward, except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.
2. The Board of Directors shall cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and proceedings of its meetings, and to present a full statement at the Annual Meeting of the Members, showing in detail the condition of the affairs of the Corporation.

Section 6. On issues involving a tie vote

Individual Members in attendance at regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors will have a collective vote of one (1) when requested by the Chairperson or as a motion by the members in attendance. This vote is void if the majority of the Members in attendance do not vote.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

The Executive Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, the Preceding President and the Executive Vice-President (if one exists).

Section 2.

The Executive Board of Directors shall have the power to veto any action of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of its members, to pay and discharge all debts, and to do all matters and things necessary or incident to, or in aid of, the carrying out of the aim and purpose of the Corporation. The Executive Board shall have the power to hire an Executive Vice-President to serve as chief administrator of the organization if it is deemed necessary

Section 3. Meetings.

1. Regular meetings of the Executive Board of Directors shall be called at any time and place to be determined by the President.
2. Special meetings of the Executive Board of Directors shall be called any time on the order of the President or on the order of a majority of the Executive Directors.
3. Notice of Special Meetings of the Executive Board of Directors, stating the time and in the general terms the purpose, shall be mailed or personally given to each Executive Director no later than seven (7) days preceding the day appointed for the meeting.
4. If all Executive Directors shall be present at any meeting, any business may be transacted without previous notice.
5. Two-Thirds (2/3) of the Executive Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board at all meetings and the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Executive Directors present shall be necessary to pass any resolution or authorize any act of the Corporation.

6. Any Executive Director who fails either in person or by written proxy to attend two (2) Executive Board meetings in any one calendar year when called in accordance with Article VI/Section 3 shall be considered to have automatically tendered his/her resignation and shall be terminated. Said replacement to be in accordance with Article VI Section 4 of these By-Laws.

Section 4. Vacancies.

Any Vacancy in the Executive Board of Directors occurring during the year through death, resignation, removal or other cause, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Directors. An exception to this rule shall be that in the event of three (3) or more vacancies in the Executive Board of Directors occurring at any one time, they shall be filled by vote of the Members at a meeting duly called.

Section 5. Standing Rules.

1. Each member of the Executive Board of Directors except the Executive Vice-President (if one exists) shall serve without compensation or reward, except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.
2. The Executive Board of Directors shall cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and proceedings of its meetings by the Executive Secretary and to present a full statement at the Annual Meeting of the Members, showing in detail the condition of affairs of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Section 1.

The Executive Officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Vice-President (if the Executive Board deems necessary).

Section 2.

The Executive Officers (with the exception of the Executive Vice-President) shall be elected by written ballot of the individual Members. A slate of nominees shall be prepared by the nominating committee and published for three (3) consecutive months before the election on the IBS website.

Section 3.

No vote received less than 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting shall be valid in an election of officers.

Section 4.

The Executive Officers shall hold offices for twenty-four (24) months or until their successors are elected and qualified. The term of office shall begin immediately after the close of the Annual Meeting following the election.

Section 5.

The Treasurer, Executive Secretary and Second Vice-President shall be elected at odd-year elections; the President and First Vice-President shall be elected at even-year elections.

ARTICLE VIII PRESIDENT

Section 1.

The President is the chief executive officer of the Corporation.

Section 2.

He/she shall preside at all membership meetings, and at all meetings of the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 3.

He/she shall appoint or authorize the appointment of all committees. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. **He may appoint up to two (2) additional members to each of the competition committees (Group, 1000-yard, 600 yard, Rimfire and Score) to ensure geographic representation on each of the committees.**

Section 4.

He/she shall sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Corporation when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors; appoint and discharge agents and employees, or delegate this duty as he/she may elect, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors; and he/she shall have general supervision over the management of all affairs of the Corporation.

Section 5.

The President shall direct public relations in any manner he/she may deem necessary.

ARTICLE IX VICE-PRESIDENT

Section 1.

The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President.

Section 2.

He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.

He/she shall sign and execute all match contracts.

Section 4.

The Vice-President shall also perform such duties in connection with the operation of the Corporation as he/she may undertake at the suggestion of the President.

ARTICLE X EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Section 1.

The Executive Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the Office of the Executive Secretary subject to the control of the Board of Directors, including: He/she shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the members and of the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose. He/she shall attend to the giving and serving of notices of all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall keep the book of By-Laws, the Corporation Seal, if any, and such other books, records and papers as the Board of Directors may direct. He/she shall execute with the President, in the name of the Corporation. Contracts (except match Contracts), and instruments which have first been approved by the Board of Directors in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, and under the direction of the President, he shall execute in the name of the Corporation checks for expenditure authorized by the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 2.

The Executive Secretary shall also perform such duties connected with the operation of the Corporation as he may under-take at the suggestion of the President.

ARTICLE XI SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Section 1.

The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President or Vice-President in their absence. He shall assist the Vice-President on his/her duties as Match Chairperson and Chairperson of the Board of Directors. His/her duties are to become familiar with the operation of the organization and the Executive Board in preparation for possible duties as Vice-President or President.

Section 2.

The Second Vice-President shall be the Chairperson of the awards committee.

ARTICLE XII TREASURER

Section 1.

The Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the Office of the Treasurer subject to the control of the Executive Board of Directors, including: He shall execute in the name of the Corporation all checks for expenditures authorized by the Executive Board of Directors. He shall receive and deposit all funds of the Corporation in the bank(s) selected by the Executive Board of Directors, which funds shall be paid out only by checks as herein before provided. He shall account for all receipts, disbursements and balance on hand.

Section 2.

The Treasurer, together with the President, shall prepare the annual budget and submit it to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Section 3.

The Treasurer shall also perform such duties connected with the operation of the Corporation as he may undertake at the suggestion of the President.

ARTICLE XIII GROUP COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Group Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) Individual Members nominated and elected by a majority vote by internet based voting as an addition to, or as a replacement, for the annual meeting.

Section 2.

The members of the Group Committee from among their number shall designate the Chairperson of the Group Committee.

Section 3.

The members of the Group Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year or until the next Annual Meeting, whichever is greater.

Section 4.

The members of the Group Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding Group competition to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV SCORE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Score Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) Individual Members nominated and elected by a majority vote by internet based voting as an addition to, or as a replacement, for the annual meeting.

Section 2.

The members of the Score Committee from among their number shall designate the Chairperson of the Score Committee.

Section 3.

The members of the Score Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year or until the next Annual Meeting, whichever is greater.

Section 4.

The Score Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding Score competition to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV 1000-YARD COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The 1000 Yard Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) Individual Members nominated and elected by a majority vote by internet based voting as an addition to, or as a replacement, for the annual meeting.

Section 2.

The members of the 1000 Yard Committee from among their number shall designate the Chairperson of the 1000 Yard Committee.

Section 3.

The members of the 1000 Yard Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year or until the next Annual Meeting, whichever is greater.

Section 4.

The 1000 Yard Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding 1000 Yard competition to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI 600-YARD COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The 600 Yard Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) Individual Members nominated and elected by a majority vote by internet based voting as an addition to, or as a replacement, for the annual meeting.

Section 2.

The members of the 600 Yard Committee from among their number shall designate the Chairperson of the 600 Yard Committee.

Section 3.

The members of the 600 Yard Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year or until the next Annual Meeting, whichever is greater.

Section 4.

The 600 Yard Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding 600

Yard competition to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVII RIMFIRE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Rimfire Committee shall consist of minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) Individual Members nominated and elected by a majority vote by internet based voting as an addition to, or as a replacement, for the annual meeting.

Section 2.

The members of the Rimfire Committee from among their number shall designate the Chairperson of the Rimfire Committee.

Section 3.

The members of the Rimfire Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year or until the next Annual Meeting, whichever is greater.

Section 4.

The Rimfire Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding Rimfire competition to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII AWARDS COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Awards Committee shall be chaired and appointed by the Second Vice-President.

Section 2.

This committee shall consist of at least three (3) IBS Members including the Chairperson.

Section 3.

The Awards Committee shall be responsible for the design, procurement and presentation of all awards for Registered Championship Matches and other special awards as may be deemed necessary by the President or Board of Directors. The Awards Committee will solicit sponsors if and when necessary for championship travel and keeper trophies.

ARTICLE XIX SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1.

Special Committees may be formed by the President at any time as deemed necessary or advantageous to the Corporation.

Section 2.

Chairmen of Special Committees shall attend Board of Directors' Meetings when they have business to transact.

Section 3. Measuring Committee

The Measuring Committee shall be appointed by the President and consist of a minimum of three (3) who are skilled in the operation of the Sweany measuring device.

- (a) Targets and backers not signed by the Referees to vouch for the required number of shots and authenticity need not be accepted by the Measuring Committee for record group or aggregate measurement.
- (b) The Committee shall use guidelines as specified in Part I Section III Paragraph (L) and (M) or the IBS Rule Book.

Section 5. Public Relations and Liaison Committee

Public Relations and/or Liaison with other shooting organizations may be conducted at the discretion of the President or Executive Board of Directors.

- (a) Activity of these Committees will be funded by but not limited to a one dollar per annual member per year fund maintained in a separate account by the Treasurer.
- (b) Public Relation and Liaison Committees as required will be appointed by the President.

Section 6. Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee will consist of past Presidents and Vice-Presidents. Members of this Committee will have a voice but no vote at Board of Directors meetings. The Committee may exercise a collective Vote of one (1) at Executive Board of Directors Meetings.

- (a) Being in an advisory capacity this committee shall not either collectively and individually be required to comprise a quorum at any meeting of IBS or its members or committees.
- (b) Proxy vote will be accepted at Executive Board Meetings.

ARTICLE XX SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1.

A Member may be removed from office, suspended for a period, or expelled for a cause, such as violation of any of these By-Laws or other rules of the Corporation, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Corporation. Such removal, suspension, or expulsion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the Members at a Special Meeting, provided that a statement of the charges and a notice of the time and place of the Special Meeting have been mailed to the Member at least fifteen (15) days before the Special Meeting, and that the Member will have an opportunity to present a defense at the meeting. Voting by mail or proxy shall not be permitted at such Special Meeting.

ARTICLE XXI FINANCES

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall establish a schedule of fees that shall be sufficient to pay the Corporation's expenses and to maintain the value of the Corporation's assets.

Section 2.

The fiscal year shall be from February 1st to January 31st.

Section 3.

Annually between the end of the fiscal year and the Annual Meeting, the books and the accounts shall be audited by a special auditing of two (2) appointed by the President with the advice and the consent of the Directors. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote may cause an independent audit to be made by an outside auditing firm at any time when in their judgment it is deemed advisable.

Section 4.

The net savings or surplus remaining after all operating costs and other expenses have been paid shall remain in the Corporation's treasury for the purpose of new equipment or for contingencies, as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The net savings in any event shall not be distributed to the members for their individual use.

ARTICLE XXII AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

Amendments of these By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the individual Members of this Corporation in attendance. Amendments may be acted upon at any meeting of the Members or by mail

ballot, provided the substance of the proposed amendment shall have been stated in the notice of the meeting and that each Member shall have had at least one week's notice in advance of such proposed amendment as specified in Article IV Section 1, Paragraph 3.

ARTICLE XXIII DISSOLUTION

Section 1.

The Corporation may be dissolved by an affirmative Vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the individual Members in attendance at a meeting called in accordance with Article IV Sections 3 and 4.

Section 2.

Funds received from the sale of all Corporation assets at the time of dissolution shall, after all the obligations of the Corporation have been paid, be given to a worthy organization with similar purpose

