

Michigan Section Bylaws Area 5, USPSA/IPSC

1. **NAME....** The name of the organization shall be the Michigan Section.

2. **PURPOSE....** These By-Laws are to establish a framework in which the above named organization will operate in attaining its goals to effectively serve all Members of the Michigan Section by the direction and promotion of the sport of practical shooting within the Section.

3. **EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE...**
 - A. **SECTION COORDINATOR....** The Chief Officer of the Section whose responsibility is to oversee the function of U.S.P.S.A. within the Section and to assist the members and the clubs in all matters related to the furthering of the sport within the Section.
 - i. The Section Coordinator shall act as the chairperson at all Section business meetings.
 - ii. The Section Coordinator shall have one vote during executive committee meetings but will only use it in tie breaking situations.
 - iii. The Section Coordinator shall be elected by the Member Clubs within their assigned Section, on the basis of one vote per club.
 - iv. The term of office shall be for a period of two years and shall run from January to January of each year. It is the responsibility of the current Section Coordinator and the Member Clubs to organize and conduct an election every two years for their representative Section Coordinator, failing such, the current Section Coordinator shall maintain office he/she resigns, relinquishes his/her post, or an election is held, or is removed for cause by the Area Director. Any such removal for cause must be approved by the section Board of Directors. Should the Office become vacant the Area Director has the authority to appoint a Section Coordinator until such time as an election is held or another Section Coordinator is appointed in his/her stead. Section Coordinators must be confirmed by the Area Director to hold office.
 - v. The Section Coordinator shall have the following qualifications:
 1. Must be a Level II CRO or higher for a minimum of one year.
 2. Must be a club member from one of the section's participating clubs for the prior two consecutive years.
 3. Reside in the State of Michigan
 4. Must hold a minimum of an annual membership in USPSA
 5. Must be 21 yrs of age or older.
 - vi. The Section Coordinator shall be awarded the first slot to the Nationals, if this slot is not used by the Section Coordinator, it shall revert to the pool.
 - vii. The Section Coordinator shall attend at least one monthly match per calendar year at all of the sections USPSA affiliated clubs.
 - viii. The Section Coordinator shall provide a detailed report of the Michigan Sectional finances at the General Membership meeting.

 - B. **DEPUTY SECTION COORDINATOR....** Nominated by the Section Coordinator and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, and shall serve in the absence of the Section Coordinator.

- i. The Deputy Section Coordinator must have the same qualifications as the Section Coordinator.
 - ii. Responsibilities are exactly the same as that of Section Coordinator when the SC is unable to fulfill the office obligations.
- C. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE....** Shall consist of the elected President or the I.P.S.C. Representative of the USPSA affiliated clubs within the Section.
- i. Each member of the committee shall have one (1) vote in matters before the committee.
 - ii. At least sixty (60) percent of the committee must be present to vote on matters before the committee.
 - iii. A majority of the voting clubs will be required to pass any matter presented.
 - iv. The Executive Committee Member shall have the following qualifications:
 - 1. Be actively classified in the sport for a minimum of two (2) years.
 - 2. Have attended and successfully completed a Level One NROI Seminar at least 6 months prior to being elected.
- D. **JURISDICTION....** The Michigan Section will comprise all U.S.P.S.A. Members and Clubs whose home residence or location falls within the boundaries of the state of Michigan. Members and Clubs are those, which are current in dues and fees owed to U.S.P.S.A. and/or the Michigan Section.

To be considered for any U.S.P.S.A. or Michigan award (i.e. Nationals Slot) you must be a Michigan Section Club Member in good standing.

In Matters of compliance with the rules of U.S.P.S.A. and the Michigan Section, the Section Coordinator will not be subordinate to any Club or committee (excluding the Match Arbitration Committee), formed within the Section and will be the ultimate arbitrator of disputes and rule interpretation affecting the Clubs and Members in the Section.

Individual Clubs are responsible for establishing their own rules and procedures which when related to I.P.S.C. functions are in compliance with those of U.S.P.S.A. and the Michigan Section. In case of conflict the Club rules shall be subordinate. Clubs shall endeavor to operate without conflict with other clubs within the Section. In case of conflict the Section Coordinator shall arbitrate a final ruling.

The Executive Committee may convene to review the Section Coordinator, modify these Bylaws, or act on any matter, which has come to their attention. A meeting may be called by the Section Coordinator or any three (3) Committee Members acting together through a petition to the Section Coordinator.

The Section Coordinator may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority of the full Executive Committee.

Notice to a Club President or I.P.S.C. Representative shall be considered notification of the entire Club Membership.

The Executive Committee shall meet no less than twice each calendar year.

A general Membership meeting shall be held during the 4th Quarter of each year to hold elections and as a general Section meeting. A second meeting shall coincide with State Championship Match Coordination.

4. **MATCH DIRECTION....** Clubs matches shall fulfill all of the requirements of U.S.P.S.A. for affiliation. The Michigan State Championship shall be the combined effort of all of the Sections Clubs, with a fair share contribution (e.g. Stage, food concession, range officers, stats officials, etc.) from each Club as approved by the Executive Committee. Failure to comply with this direction will eliminate the offending Club from being eligible for slots or awards earned at that championship.
5. **SECTION ACTIVITY FEES....** Each Club within the Michigan Section will pay to the Section Coordinator \$1.00 per shooter for each IPSC Match. This fee is due to the Section Coordinator with his/her monthly report, which must be mailed at the same time reports are mailed to U.S.P.S.A. Headquarters.

Up to 75% of the section fees collected from the previous year is to be allocated for the Sectional match. The remaining funds will be allocated per yearly per budget approved at the annual meeting.

The Section Coordinator shall provide a summary of all income and expenses at each of the two Executive Committee meetings.

6. **SLOT ALLOCATION....**
 - A. Slots will be awarded to the Michigan Section Clubs where the activity count was generated. Each Club will receive the whole number of slots their activity count has generated.
 - B. No slot will be awarded to a club with less than 50% of the activity count needed for a slot.
 - C. Slots will be awarded to those Clubs with over 50% of the activity count needed until all slots are awarded or each Club with over 50% has received a slot. Slots will be awarded in descending order of insufficient activity count.
 - D. Any slots not awarded in 6-A or 6-C shall be awarded at The Michigan State Championship or the Michigan Practical Shooting League in a manner prescribed by the Executive Committee, if there are any available.
 - E. Slots shall be awarded by the Clubs receiving them in the manner determined by the Club. The Club distribution policy shall be in writing and on file with the Section Coordinator prior to slot distribution and feely distributed among the Club Members. The policy for a calendar year shall be on file with the Section Coordinator no later than the first quarter meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - F. Slots earned in one year shall be awarded by the policy in effect that year and shall not be affected by subsequent changes in Club policy.
 - G. Only activity directly related to U.S.P.S.A. matches shall be used in establishing Club slot selection criteria.
 - H. No one who has earned a slot from any other source (i.e. National Shoot-off, Area Championship) shall be eligible for a Michigan Section Slot that year.