

NSCA GOVERNANCE PLAN DRAFT PROPOSAL

NSCA Rule 1-C. Governance Structure

1. National Delegate: National Delegates shall consist of members in good standing to hold office as follows: National Delegates shall be bona fide residents of, and elected from, the various states of the United States and from the provinces, territories, or geographic subdivisions recognized by the Association. The ratio of one National Delegate for a member population of 25 to 150, two National Delegates for a member population of 151 to 300, three National Delegates for a member population of 301 to 500, four National Delegates for a member population of 501 to 750, and five National Delegates for a member population of over 750. This ratio of National Delegates to member population may be revised by a majority vote of the seated National Delegates in years ending in zero and five.

a. **Nominations.** Nominations for the position of National Delegate shall be opened in July of odd numbered years for a period of no less than 21 calendar days. A member in good standing may self nominate, may be nominated by another member in good standing, or be a write in candidate. A nominated candidate must be endorsed in writing by five (5) current NSCA members in the state where he or she is a bona fide resident. The election of National Delegates shall be held in August of odd numbered years.

b. **Votes needed for election.** A candidate for the position of National Delegate must receive the votes of five (5) NSCA members from the current state membership in order for the election to be valid.

c. **Term of office.** The term of office for all National Delegates shall be two (2) years. It shall begin on the first day of the target year following their election and shall end on the last day of the second target year after their election or until a successor has been elected in a valid election.

d. **Vacancies.** Any National Delegate vacancies occurring among the various states or provinces, territories, or geographic subdivisions recognized by the association, shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term. A person from the same geographic subdivision receiving the next highest number of votes, in the same election as the vacant Delegate, will be eligible, as long as that number of votes is equal to five (5) members of the current state membership. If that person signifies that he or she does not choose to serve, the position shall be declared vacant and an election shall be held within 45 days to fill the vacancy.

e. **Meetings.** National Delegates shall meet annually during the National Championship. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting shall be announced electronically and by mail at least 15 days prior to such meeting.

f. **Powers of National Delegates.** All changes made in rules, regulations, and governance shall be decided by the National Delegates. All voting for changes in rules, regulations, and governance shall be by mail ballot. Where no state association exists, the National Delegates of that state shall also approve NSCA shoot dates and the location of the state shoot.

g. **Registered Targets.** Candidates for the position of National Delegate are required to shoot a minimum of 500 registered targets, in the year of election and each year while serving or lose their position.

2. Advisory Council: The Advisory Council is composed of NSCA members exhibiting the highest devotion to the sport, the members, and the Association. There are 45 available positions, divided equally between representatives of Industry, Range Owners, and Shooters. The primary function of the Advisory Council is to promote and guide the Association.

a. **Elections.** Advisory Council Members will be elected by the National Delegates.

b. **Nominations.** Nominations for positions on the Advisory Council shall be open in November of odd numbered years for a period of no less than 21 calendar days. Advisory Council candidates must be endorsed by five (5) current NSCA Members. Election of Advisory Council members shall be held in December of the odd numbered years.

c. **Votes needed for election.** A candidate for the position of Advisory Council must receive a minimum of five (5) National Delegates votes.

d. **Term of Office.** The term of office for all Advisory Council Members shall be two (2) years and shall begin on the first day of the target year following their election and end on the last day of the second target year after their election.

e. **Meetings.** All Advisory Council members must attend the annual meeting (date determined by Executive Council) each year, and in addition, either the U.S. Open or the National Championship meeting, or lose his/her position on the Advisory Council.

f. **Registered Targets.** Advisory Council members are required to shoot a minimum of 500 registered targets each year. Range owners are required to shoot their registered targets at ranges other than their own.

g. **Committees.** The members of the Advisory Council, National Delegates, and possibly one member at large will be assigned by the Executive Council to the following committees:

1. Rules and Classification and Safety
2. Competition (Nationals, Open, Zones, State)
3. Outreach (Internet, Youth and Women's Programs)
4. Instructor Program
5. Membership and Clubs
6. State Associations
7. Awards and Recognition (Includes Hall of Fame and Museum)
8. All American and Team USA
9. International

A minimum of two members of the Executive Council shall serve on each of the above committees. Chairman will report to the NSCA Director each month.

h. **Attendance.** Attendance at the annual meeting is mandatory. An absence from the mandatory meeting for illness or for good cause may be approved in advance of the meeting by the Chairman of the Executive Council. A member's seat on the Advisory Council shall automatically be vacated when the attendance requirement set forth in this section is not met. An appointment will be made by the Executive Council within 30 calendar days. The nominee with the next highest number of votes (with a minimum of five (5) National Delegates votes) will be eligible for the appointment.

i. **Vacancies.** Any Advisory Council vacancies occurring among the various categories, shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term. A person from the same category receiving the next highest number of votes, in the same election as the vacant member, will be eligible, as long as that number is a minimum of five (5) National Delegate votes. If that person signifies that he or she does not choose to serve, the position shall be declared vacant and an election shall be held within 45 days to fill the vacancy.

3. Executive Council:

a. **Number of Executive Council members.** The Executive Council is elected from members of the Advisory Council, composed of six (6) members: two represent industry, two represent range owners, two represent shooters, and the immediate past chairman of the Executive Council shall also serve as a member of the Executive Council. The immediate past chairman may cast a vote in matters before the Executive Council only in case of a tie. (The first two (2) year term of the Executive Council elected under the plan, the chairman of the Executive Council at the time this plan is approved by the National Delegates shall occupy the seat of the immediate past Chairman.)

b. **Elections.** The Executive Council election will always be at the end of the annual meeting of the Advisory Council on even numbered years. The Executive Council will elect annually a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on the Executive Council. The Executive Council in place at the time this plan is approved by the National Delegates will preside at the first annual meeting of the Advisory Council.

c. **Term of Office.** Term of office of the Executive Council is two (2) years, to begin at the end of the annual Advisory Council meeting. Members of the Executive Council may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

d. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Council shall be filled by an Advisory Council Member. An interim election will be conducted by the Director of the NSCA, for the balance of the un-expired term. Declaration of candidacy and balloting shall be conducted within 60 calendar days of the date the vacancy occurs.

e. **Meetings.** The Executive Council shall meet quarterly. Meetings shall be held during the U.S. Open Championship, The National Sporting Clays Championship, the annual Advisory Council (date to be determined by the Executive Council), and at one additional site and time as may be selected by the Executive Council.

f. **Attendance.** Attendance at the annual meeting and at least two of the remaining quarterly meetings will be mandatory. An absence from the mandatory annual meeting for illness or for good cause may be approved in advance of the meeting by the chairman of the Executive Council. A member's seat on the Executive Council shall automatically be vacated when the attendance requirement set forth in this section is not met. An election will be held to fill the vacancy.

g. **Quorum.** For purposes of conducting business of the association at any meeting, a quorum of the Executive Council shall consist of a majority of the elected members.

h. **Powers.** The Executive Council shall be responsible for establishing and implementing policy for the operation of the Association, including the National Championship. The Executive Council shall review the needs of the Association and prepare and submit a budget for the operation of the Association to the Executive Committee of the National Skeet Shooting Association. The Executive Council shall determine all rules, regulations, and ballot items to be submitted to the National Delegates for their votes

4. **State Associations:** An Association recognized by the NSCA, comprised of NSCA members and member clubs within each individual state. The primary function of the State Association is to work with the National Delegate(s) and member clubs to enhance and grow the sport.

a. **By-laws.** Each state association shall adopt by-laws in accordance with that state's laws of associations and shall submit the by-laws to the NSCA for approval. State by-laws must be in compliance, and are subordinate to any rule, regulation, or by-law of the National Sporting Clay Association. Any changes in by-laws must be submitted to NSCA for approval and to be kept on file.

b. **State Fees.** State associations may elect to assess residents of that state a per target fee, not to be greater than the per target fee assessed by NSCA. A state resident, who is a NSCA member in good standing, shall be considered a member of the state association. Funds accrued from per target fees may be used to enhance and grow the sport in that state through grants for range development, youth program developments, or assisting in promoting state and zone championship events or such other programs approved by the state association. State funds may not be used for payment of personal services, an honorarium, or personal expenses of any member of the state association.

c. **Approval of shoot dates.** Recognized State Associations will be responsible for the approval of the shoot dates for clubs in their state.

5. **Zone/Zone Delegates:** Zones are groups of states in a particular geographical area. One Zone Delegate is elected from each of the seven zones by vote of the National Delegates in that zone. Candidates for Zone Delegate must be currently elected National Delegates.

a. **Nominations.** Nominations for the positions of Zone Delegates shall be open in September of the odd numbered years, for a period of no less than 21 calendar days. A National Delegate in good standing may self nominate or be nominated by another delegate in good standing in that zone. Election of the Zone Delegates shall be held in October of odd numbered years.

b. **Votes Needed for Election.** A candidate for the position for Zone Delegate must receive the majority of votes, but no less than, five (5) from the current zone National Delegates in order for the election to be valid.

c. **Term of Office.** The term of office for all Zone Delegates shall be two (2) years. The term shall begin on the first day of the target year following their election, and shall end on the last target day of the second target year after their election or until a successor has been elected in a valid election.

d. **Vacancies.** An election shall be held within 45 days to fill any Zone Delegate vacancies that may occur among the various zones.

e. **Duties and Responsibilities.** The Zone Delegates' duties and responsibilities are set forth in the NSCA Delegates Manual. The primary responsibility of the Zone Delegate is to organize and coordinate the selection of the Zone Shoot host range, and to insure that all appropriate events and awards are offered.

6. **Amendments:** This Governance Structure may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the National Delegates by a majority vote of the entire delegate membership. They may be amended without a meeting by written approval, upon mail ballots, signed by a majority of the entire membership of the delegates.

Governance Plan Implementation: This Governance Plan shall become effective upon approval by the National Delegates, and will be implemented on January 1, 2006.

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TIME LINE

August 1, 2004	First draft ready by committee
September 10, 2004	Meeting at Nationals with plan committee
September 14, 15, 2004	First draft plan to Executive Council
November 1, 2004	Final draft to Executive Council
December 15, 2004	Plan sent to membership for comments
March 1, 2005	Comments back from membership
May 2005 (U.S. Open)	Final review of Plan by Executive Council
June 2005	Send to National Delegates for ratification
July 2005	Declaration of candidacy National Delegates
August 2005	Election of National Delegates
September 2005	Declaration of candidacy Zone Delegates
October 2005	Election of Zone Delegates
November 2005	Declaration of candidacy for Advisory Council
December 2005	Election of Advisory Council by National Delegates
January 2006	Implementation of new Governance Plan
February 2006	New Executive Council elected by Advisory Council at the end of annual meeting