

USPSA TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

Purpose

The United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) is committed to promoting safe, fair, and enjoyable practical shooting competition. These Terms of Membership establish the expectations, rights, and responsibilities of all USPSA members to ensure the organization fulfills its mission while maintaining its values of safety, sportsmanship, and integrity.

Application

1. These Terms of Membership apply to all individuals and clubs who apply for or maintain membership with USPSA.
2. Continued membership in USPSA constitutes agreement to abide by these Terms of Membership, the USPSA Bylaws, the USPSA Code of Conduct, and all official rules and policies established by the organization.
3. Violations of these Terms of Membership may result in disciplinary action as outlined in Section 3.08 of the USPSA Bylaws.

Member Rights

1. **Right to Participate:** Each member in good standing has the right to participate in USPSA-sanctioned competitions for which they qualify, subject to capacity limitations and eligibility requirements.
2. **Right to Due Process:** Members facing disciplinary action have the rights specified in Section 3.10 of the USPSA Bylaws, including:
 - Written notice specifying alleged violations
 - Opportunity to respond and present evidence
 - Fair hearing before the Discipline Committee
 - Appeal to the Board of Directors
 - Written decision with findings of fact
 - Adequate time to prepare for disciplinary hearings

3. **Right to Information:** Members have the right to:
 - Receive notice of Annual Membership Meetings
 - Access non-confidential organizational records as provided in Section 11.03 of the Bylaws
 - Receive quarterly financial summaries and annual budget information
 - Submit questions to the Board Chair for annual membership meetings
4. **Voting Rights:** Members meeting eligibility requirements have the right to vote in elections for Directors and other matters submitted to membership vote.

Member Responsibilities

1. **Safety:** Members shall prioritize safety at all times and follow all established safety protocols during USPSA activities.
2. **Sportsmanship:** Members shall demonstrate good sportsmanship, treating fellow competitors, officials, and spectators with respect and courtesy.
3. **Rule Compliance:** Members shall know and comply with current USPSA competition rules relevant to their participation.
4. **Ethical Conduct:** Members shall conduct themselves with honesty and integrity, refraining from any action that could bring disrepute to USPSA or the sport of practical shooting.
5. **Self-Reporting:** Members shall promptly self-report to USPSA any:
 - Felony and misdemeanor convictions (excluding minor traffic violations)
 - Disciplinary actions from other shooting organizations
 - Changes in eligibility status that may affect membership qualifications
 - **Data Accuracy:** Members shall provide accurate information during registration and promptly update personal information when changes occur.

Competition-Specific Terms

1. **Classification:** Members acknowledge that USPSA maintains a classification system to promote fair competition and agree to compete in their assigned classifications.
2. **Equipment Compliance:** Members shall ensure their firearms and equipment comply with USPSA rules for the division(s) in which they compete.
3. **Official Decisions:** Members agree to accept the decisions of Range Officers and other USPSA officials during competitions, while preserving the right to formal appeal through established processes.
4. **Club Membership Terms**
 1. **Safety Standards:** Member clubs shall maintain appropriate safety standards for all USPSA events and comply with all federal, state, and local laws regarding firearms and range operations.
 2. **Match Administration:** Member clubs shall conduct USPSA matches according to current rules, submit match results and fees within required timeframes, and maintain accurate records.
 3. **Member Support:** Member clubs shall provide a welcoming environment for all participants and support the growth and development of the sport within their communities.
 4. **Organizational Integrity:** Member clubs shall uphold USPSA's reputation and values, ensuring that their activities reflect positively on the organization.

Acceptance of Risk

1. Members acknowledge that practical shooting involves inherent risks and voluntarily accept those risks as a condition of participation.
2. Members agree to follow all safety rules and instructions from match officials to minimize risks.

Privacy and Data

1. Members consent to the collection, storage, and use of personal information for purposes directly related to USPSA operations, including but not limited to: membership administration, competition management, classification, and communication.

2. USPSA will handle member information in accordance with applicable privacy laws and will not sell or share member data with unaffiliated third parties without consent, except as required by law.

Amendments

These Terms of Membership may be amended by the USPSA Board of Directors in accordance with the amendment procedures outlined in the Bylaws. Notification of changes will be provided to members through official USPSA communication channels.