

**BY-LAWS**  
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS YOUTH SPORT SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION**

The name of the organization shall be the SOUTHERN ILLINOIS YOUTH SPORT SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC., herein referred to as "SIYSSA", whereas SOUTHERN ILLINOIS is identified geographically as those counties situated below INTERSTATE 70 in ILLINOIS.

**ARTICLE II PURPOSES & OBJECTIVES**

The following are the purposes for which SIYSSA has been organized:

The primary purpose of the SIYSSA is to provide events, guidance, instruction, and education in support of positive youth/adult interaction and peer leadership for shooting sports. Shooting sports are identified as, but not limited to: clay target shooting (including trap, skeet, and sporting clays), rifle (both air and small bore), and pistol.

The objectives shall be:

SIYSSA will:

1. Develop and facilitate inter-competition between member teams creating recognition (i.e trophies and awards) for youth participants.
2. Promote SIYSSA throughout Southern Illinois with the purpose of expanding membership and educational opportunities.

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1**

Upon receipt of a completed membership application, the applicant may be accepted as a permanent member by majority vote of the Board of Directors at their annual meeting.

**Section 2**

Active members of the SIYSSA shall be charter members and those persons elected to membership, whose fees and dues are paid in full.

### **Section 3**

Members must represent an organization (i.e. school, club, etc.) from Southern Illinois who have an interest in expanding and/or maintain a youth sport shooting program.

### **Section 4**

SIYSSA members must maintain a national membership for their youth with the appropriate state or national association. (i.e. Amateur Trapshooting Association, Scholastic Clay Target Program, National Rifle Association, National Sporting Clays Association, National Skeet Shooting Association)

### **Section 5**

SIYSSA shall have two (2) classes of members as follows: Regular Members and Associate Members, described below.

#### **REGULAR MEMBERS**

Regular Members of SIYSSA shall be those natural persons who through recognition of services to the organization have qualified and have been admitted as Regular Members under the procedures set forth below.

Regular Members shall have voting rights in the affairs of the organization, and are eligible to hold offices and serve on the Board of Directors. Whenever in these bylaws there is any reference to “voting members” or “members entitled to vote” or similar words, such reference shall be deemed to mean Regular Members.

Regular members are eligible to have up to two representatives attend meetings but may have only one vote.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Associate Members of SIYSSA shall be those natural persons who have been admitted as Associate Members under the procedures set forth below.

Associate Members shall not have voting rights in the affairs of the club, nor serve on the Board of Directors.

Associate Members are only eligible for Regular Membership status at the SIYSSA annual meeting.

#### **AGE**

All Regular and Associate Members must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

### **Section 6**

Application Fees and Initiation Fees as determined by resolution of the Board of Directors and may be charged for, and payable with, the application for membership. Such application fees shall be nonrefundable.

## **Section 7**

The annual dues payable to SIYSSA by members shall be at the following schedule:

- Regular Members with a team  $\geq 25$  athletes: \$300/annually
- Regular Members with a team  $< 25$  athletes: \$150/annually
- New members: \$75 for first year then regular membership due's schedule applies thereafter

Dues are set annually by resolution of the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable for the first year on admission to membership and annually thereafter at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. A member, on learning of the amount of dues determined by the Board of Directors and the time or times of payment fixed by the Board of Directors, may avoid liability for the dues by promptly resigning from membership. Any subsequent increase of dues shall not affect a member who has paid such fixed sum.

## **Section 8**

Membership dues and fees are for the sole purpose of sustaining corporate administration and supporting Southern Illinois youth sport shooting activities.

# **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

## **Section 1**

The annual meeting of SIYSSA shall be held after the shooting season but before the end of August of each year at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall designate.

## **Section 2**

At such meeting the order of business shall be:

1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Reports of Officers and Board of Directors
4. Old business
5. Annual election of Officers
6. New business.
7. Open Discussion
8. Establish next meeting date

### **Section 3**

Regular meetings of SIYSSA shall be held no less than bi-monthly and at such time and place as may be deemed suitable by the Board of Directors. More or less frequency of meetings can be voted upon by majority vote of active members present at the previous meeting.

### **Section 4**

A special meeting of the SIYSSA may be called by the Board of Directors provided that not less than ten (10) days written notice is given to the members.

### **Section 5**

All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary rules.

### **Section 6**

In the event of a tie vote, the President's vote counts as two.

### **Section 7**

No person not a member of the SIYSSA shall be present at a meeting, unless he shall be specially invited by a member.

### **Section 8**

Notice of the annual meeting of the SIYSSA shall be sent by the Secretary to each member at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE V QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of all active members (Board of Directors) and votes passed if 51% or greater are present.

## **ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT**

The management of the SIYSSA shall be vested in a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND HOW ELECTED**

### **Section 1**

The Board of Directors of SIYSSA shall elect officers by majority vote of quorum at the annual meeting.

### **Section 2**

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a vote of more than one-half of the Board of Directors, not less than a quorum, and hold office for one (1) year or until their

successors are elected and qualify. No one person shall hold the office of President for more than three successive terms.

### **Section 3**

In the event of any vacancy in any office for any reason, the Board of Directors shall elect some member in good standing to fill the unexpired term.

### **Section 4**

Officers, excluding the President, may or may not be a Regular Member/Board of Director. Whereas, the President, which holds a voting right, MUST maintain status as a Regular Member/Board of Director.

## **ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to manage all the affairs of the SIYSSA, and to make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of all business. They shall have jurisdiction over all matters of the SIYSSA and its finances, and all appropriations shall be approved by them.

### **Section 2**

It shall be the duty of said Board of Directors to prescribe and publish rules regulating the use, care and protection of the SIYSSA's property.

### **Section 3**

The Board shall meet for the transaction of business at scheduled meetings or at any other time at the call by the President or any two Board members, provided notice shall be given to each member of the Board before the time appointed for said meeting.

### **Section 4**

At the annual meeting of the SIYSSA, the Board of Directors shall make a full report of their proceedings during the preceding fiscal year, and recommend such measures as they deem necessary or advisable.

### **Section 5**

Any Director who shall absent himself from two consecutive meetings of such Board, unless he shall offer at the next meeting an excuse for his absence which is satisfactory to the other members of the Board, shall no longer be a member thereof.

### **Section 6**

When the Board of Directors passes a resolution affecting a member's status in the SIYSSA, such action shall be reviewed and reconsidered at a subsequent Board of Directors' meeting, but not sooner than 10 days following the passage of such resolution.

## **Section 7**

The Board of Directors shall have the following specific powers:

1. To appoint delegates for the purpose of conferring with any association or SIYSSA respecting any matter in which this SIYSSA may be concerned.
2. To make rules for the conduct of the members of the SIYSSA and for the use of the SIYSSA's property.
3. To suspend or expel a member for any conduct in violation of rules or behavior improper or prejudicial to the interest of the SIYSSA, subject to appeal to the SIYSSA membership.
4. To affix and enforce penalties for the violation of rules.
5. To prescribe rules for the admission of guests to the privileges of the SIYSSA.
6. To call special meetings of the SIYSSA to consider special subjects.
7. To make, alter and amend the rules for the Board's own government, and fix and enforce penalties for violation of such rules.
8. To prescribe additional duties for any of the officers, in addition to those herein set forth.

## **Section 8**

### **PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the SIYSSA and enforce all laws and regulations of the SIYSSA. He shall perform such other duties as shall be imposed upon him by resolution of the Board of Directors. The President shall, with the Secretary, sign all written contracts and written agreements of the SIYSSA.

The President also serves as Board of Directors President. As such, in the event of voting ties, his vote shall be counted as two.

## **Section 9**

The President shall have the power to appoint committees whenever it becomes necessary.

## **Section 10**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

In the absence of the President, his duties shall be performed by the Vice-President. In the event of the death or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall act for the unexpired term.

## **Section 11**

The Vice-President shall act as ex-officio member of all committees.

## **Section 12**

### SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and other official papers of the SIYSSA. He shall conduct the official correspondence of the SIYSSA. He shall keep all records, books, documents and papers relating to the SIYSSA in such place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

## **Section 13**

### TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep account of all monies received by him and deposit same in the name of the SIYSSA in such bank as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall not pay out any of the SIYSSA money except in such manner and for such purposes as shall be approved by the proper officers of the SIYSSA, whose approval shall be authorized but not be responsible for money or funds of the SIYSSA paid out or disbursed upon checks or vouchers therefore which have been properly signed and countersigned by the President or his designee Director.

At each meeting he shall make a statement of the financial condition of the SIYSSA. At completion of his year he will make a report of actual to budget performance for the preceding year.

## **Section 14**

The Treasurer's books must be reviewed at year's end by accountants designated by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES**

All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the Board by way of a motion and their term of office shall be for a period of three years or less if sooner terminated by the membership body.

The permanent committees shall be but not limited to:

1. Fundraising/Finance
2. Activities & Events
3. Program Expansion & Review
4. Training/Safety
5. Membership

## **ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

Upon dissolution of SIYSSA, any and all monies and assets remaining, after all debts and outstanding bills paid, will be automatically and equally distributed among current, good-standing, Regular Members of SIYSSA at time of dissolution.

## **ARTICLE XI CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

The corporation, its officers, directors and members, shall abide by the Conflict of Interest Policy adopted by the Board, a copy of which is attached to these bylaws as Attachment A.

## **ARTICLE XII PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

The corporation, its officers, directors and members, shall abide by program guidelines as attached to these documents by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## **CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATE SECRETARY**

I certify that the foregoing bylaws, as amended, were adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of SOUTHERN ILLINOIS YOUTH SPORT SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC. at a duly noticed meeting of the Board held on August 19, 2014, and ratified by a majority of the members in a vote that concluded on August 19, 2014.

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Joyce Lawrence, Secretary

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**TRAPSHOOTING COMPETITION GUIDELINES**  
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS YOUTH SPORT SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The Southern Illinois Youth Sport Shooting Association (SIYSSA), a non-profit corporation, is dedicated to promoting Trapshooting activities for the youth of Southern Illinois. These guidelines are meant to support the activities of each member team by encouraging good sportsmanship and responsibility. SIYSSA is committed to developing youth trap shooters to compete both individually and through team effort. Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) rules will be observed in all aspects of SIYSSA trap shooting competition governance except where team/squad rules will be superseded as described below. SIYSSA regular competitions will observe the following rules as set forth, in part, by the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) for their State and National Competitions:

**Youth Athlete Eligibility**

1. Must be a member of ATA.
2. May be a member of SCTP, as well as their coaches, as proof of liability insurance.
3. All boys and girls in Grades 5 through age 22, as of September 1st with the physical, mental and emotional maturity to participate in a team sport are eligible to participate.
4. Participants must be bona fide students enrolled in an accredited state-recognized school or home-schooled program, with the exception of Junior Gold.
5. Each athlete, with the exception of Junior Gold, must be deemed academically eligible to participate in school-sponsored sports programs.

**Squad Divisions**

Teams must attempt to squad according Division as outlined below. Must be a full 5-member squad all representing the same Team. The squad shoots in the division of its highest ranked shooter. If a team has more eligible shooters than can fill a squad they may, at the coach's discretion, fill a squad with less than five members or members from another team. Both of which make them ineligible for team awards but still eligible for individual awards. When competing on ineligible mixed squads, division ranks do not apply to the members of that squad. Any participation in SIYSSA shoots within a shooting year constitutes a year of participation.

- Rookie Division (Grades 5th or under)
- Intermediate Entry (Grades 6th-8th)\*
  - 1st year of participation in Intermediate Division
- Intermediate Advanced (Grades 6th-8th)
  - After 1 year of participation in Intermediate Entry Division
- Junior Varsity (Grades 9th-12th)\*\*

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of participation in Junior Varsity Division
- Varsity (Grades 9th-12th)
  - After 2 years of participation in Junior Varsity Division
- Junior Gold (Ages 18-22, as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the shooting year)
  - If member is 18 years old, but still in High School, member will be considered Varsity, not Junior Gold
- Open (no declaration of division and used at the discretion of the head coach to complete a squad ONLY when its members represent a wide range of divisions and every effort has been made to squad according to the other Divisions.) o Only 1 squad is allowed per team per event
  - If team has only 1 squad then that squad may be placed in the Open Division
- Mixed (Ineligible squad for team trophies. See above.)
- Athletes competing in the SIYSSA Invitational will be classified by their current year enrollment in school:
  - Senior High (All 9th-12th Graders)
  - Junior High (All <= 8th Graders)

#### **Annual Awards**

A banquet will be held following the end of each shooting season in June-August. Individual awards will be given to the top athletes who are members of SIYSSA in the following categories:

- Junior Gold, Junior, and Sub-Junior Gold (top 5 scoring athletes in their division)
- Junior and Sub-Junior Silver (Top 6-10 scoring athletes in their division)
- High Overall
- Champion Lady
- First -third place Champion Junior Gold
- Runner-Up Lady
- Champion Junior & Sub-Junior
- Runner-Up Junior & Sub-Junior
- 3rd Place Junior & Sub-Junior
- 4th Place Junior & Sub-Junior

End of year ranking will be determined with the following criteria:

- Eligible athletes must have registered at least 700 single targets at SIYSSA events between September-May of each target year.
- Final score of each athlete will be determined by: singles hit ÷ singles count.

In the event of ties, shoot-offs between competing athletes will be scheduled prior to the annual banquet. Failure to attend the shoot-off will result in forfeiture by the absent athlete. In the event, all opposing athletes cannot participate in the shoot-off, ties will be determined in the following order until the winner is determined:

1. Highest singles count from SIYSSA events
2. Highest handicap score from SIYSSA events
3. Highest doubles score from SIYSSA events
4. Highest ATA average for target year

### **Classification**

At SIYSSA competitions, youth athletes are allowed to declare ATA Special categories (Junior, Sub-Junior and Lady, Junior Gold), however each squad must declare their SIYSSA/SCTP Division. Classification will adhere to ATA rules Section V(C) as determined by the registered shoot management.

### **Cherry Picking**

“Cherry Picking” individuals from within or from outside SIYSSA is strictly prohibited. “Cherry Picking” is bringing in an individual or putting together a group of “hot shots”, “all-stars”, or a “paper Team” to compete at SIYSSA events.

Team Members must attend most of their Team practice sessions in order to be eligible to shoot in a SIYSSA event representing that team. In the event an athlete lives more than 50 miles away from the Team’s local shooting range, or who are perceived as violating the “Cherry Picking” definition, then verification of eligible practices may be required.

SIYSSA athletes who compete with a SIYSSA Team are required to remain with that Team throughout the shooting year and not be a member of another Trapshooting Team within or from outside SIYSSA.

Team’s MUST establish their roster at the beginning of the shooting season. Changes to the Team’s roster are allowed throughout the competition year as long as they do not violate the “Cherry Picking” definition.

### **Registered Competitions**

All SIYSSA competitions will be registered ONLY competitions and will observe ATA rules, as such. Any team not participating in the registered competition is NOT allowed to share in the trophy presentation.

### **Determining Ties**

Individual ties will be determined first by the number of times the shooter shot 25 straight that day in competition. In the event there is not a 25 straight or that competitors who are tied shoot the same number of 25 straights, a “magic number” will be chosen by a person with no vested interest in the outcome of the shoot. This magic number will represent one of the rounds of the shoot. The shooter with a 25 straight in the round represented by the “magic number” is the winner. In the event that the tie breaker is still undetermined, score sheets will be reviewed, and the winner will be determined by reverse run. Team/Squad ties are determined by the highest average of the total scores of the top shooter and the lowest shooter.

### **Scoring Competitions**

SIYSSA will use the final score sheets as prepared by the facility in which the competition is held. During scoring, a coach and/or representative from each participating Team must be present to ensure accuracy of the final tally. Once the final tally has been completed, a motion shall be made to accept the scores as final. Once the scores are final, no changes to the trophy list will be made without a vote from the Board.

### **Non-Members/Associate Members**

Non –regular members may participate in SIYSSA events. If they participate in the SIYSSA trophy presentation then they must pay \$3.00/athlete per event. The SIYSSA Invitational is open to all regular members & non-regular members with NO SIYSSA trophy fee. All non-regular members are encouraged to become regular members at the Annual Meeting of SIYSSA. Abuse of the SIYSSA trophy fee by non-members will be assessed after two years of participation as the mission of SIYSSA is to expand membership.

### **Safety Rules**

1. Toe Pads – The use of toe pads is forbidden. It is a violation to rest the muzzle on the foot. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
2. Foot Wear – Shooting in flip-flops or opened-toed shoes/sandals is prohibited. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
3. Muzzle Control – While on a shooting post or station, the muzzle must never cross any part of the shooter’s anatomy or any other person’s anatomy. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
4. Eye Protection-Safety glasses and/or prescription eyeglasses are required while the shooter is on the shooting post or station. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
5. Ear Protection-Hearing protection appropriate to the shooter is required while the shooter is on the shooting post or station. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.

### **Media Releases**

Any public notifications including press releases referencing SIYSSA competitions or events must be identified as such with: "Southern Illinois Youth Sport Shooting Association" or "SIYSSA". Any logos, trademarks, or slogans created by SIYSSA are available for use ONLY by participating SIYSSA members.