

OFFICIAL BYLAWS OF THE
MINNESOTA RIFLE REVOLVER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - Name

The official name of this organization shall be Minnesota Rifle & Revolver Association, a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Minnesota and affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America.

ARTICLE II - Purposes and Objectives

In accordance with the purposes and objectives of the National Rifle Association, this Association will strive to create a public sentiment of support for the individual possession of firearms by law-abiding citizens. The Association will also encourage training in the use of firearms, for sport, as an essential contribution to national security, for personal defense, and as a bulwark of individual liberty.

It shall also be the purpose of this organization to encourage the proper organization, operation, and administration of member clubs; to promote and coordinate statewide activities related to the ownership and lawful use of firearms, and to cooperate with other organizations in the conservation of our wildlife resources within the State of Minnesota and throughout the United States.

The detailed objectives of this association include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The protection and defense of the inalienable constitutional right of the individual American citizen to acquire, transport, possess, carry, and transfer ownership of arms, in order that the people may exercise their right to self-preservation and defense of family, person, and property, as well as defend the nation and the individual liberty of its citizens.
- (b) The promotion of marksmanship practice both as a sport and as a fundamental aspect of national defense.
- (c) The promotion of all the shooting sports.
- (d) The encouragement of the acceptance of marksmanship as a major competitive sport in the state's publicly and privately endowed school systems, both secondary and collegiate.
- (e) To assist in the planning, construction, acquisition, and preservation of civilian owned shooting ranges of all types.
- (f) To support the Civilian Marksmanship Program of the Department of Defense, and to encourage member clubs to enroll and participate

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in that program.

1. The promotion of the highest degree of sportsmanship and good fellowship among the membership of the Association, and to prevent the occurrence or tolerance of unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. The promotion of the conservation and wise use of our wildlife and other natural resources, and cooperate with conservation organizations.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1. Classes of Membership. Membership in the Association shall be composed of two classes, individuals and clubs, who pay such dues as may be set by the Executive Board for the respective classes of membership, and meet all other requirements for membership as set forth in this Article.

Section 2. Individual Membership.

(a) Individual Membership shall be open to all citizens or residents of the United States, who are of good repute, have never been convicted of a crime of violence, subscribe to the purposes and objectives of the Association, and who meet the specific requirements for the type of membership for which application is made.

(b) Types of Individual Membership shall include the following:

(i) Annual Membership shall be open to any adult resident of the State of Minnesota who makes application on the prescribed form, pays the required dues, and otherwise meets all criteria for such membership.

(ii) Junior Annual Membership shall be open to any person who has not yet achieved his nineteenth birthday and who otherwise meets the qualifications for membership. Such members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote.

(iii) Non-Resident Annual and Life Membership shall be open to any person who meets the qualifications for membership except for residency in the State of Minnesota. Such members shall exercise all privileges of membership except the right to vote and hold office. A non-resident may be team captain as long as the member is in good standing, and representing the Association. A resident is defined as a person whose principal dwelling qualifies for the Minnesota Homestead tax credit or a person who maintains a permanent residence in Minnesota that the member occupies for six or more consecutive months and is their permanent mailing address for legal documents.

- (iv) Life Membership shall be open to any person who makes application, tenders the required dues, and is approved by the Executive Board of this Association. Life Members shall be entitled to exercise all privileges of an Annual Member for life, and shall also enjoy such special recognition and privileges accruing to Life Members as may be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Organizational Membership. Organizational Membership shall be open to all organized and operating clubs, associations, or other non-profit corporations existing within the State of Minnesota which have five or more members and meets the NRA requirements for affiliation, subscribing to the purposes and objectives of the Association, which make application and tender the required dues, and which are approved for membership by the Executive Board. Such membership shall be for a period of one year and is renewable upon application at the discretion of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall issue an appropriate certificate of membership to each Organization Member. A list of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, with address and phone number, must be turned in to the Association at the time of application.

Section 4. Rights and Privileges of Membership.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, Annual, Junior Annual, Non-Resident Annual and Life Members shall have the right to receive Association publications, attend and be heard at all meetings of the Association, compete in any matches or competitions sponsored by the Association for which they otherwise meet eligibility standards, and exercise such other rights and privileges as may accrue to members of this Association.
- (b) Annual members after one year (365 days) of membership, and Life Members shall have the right to vote in all matters which are put to a vote of the membership. All Annual or Life Members shall also have the right to hold any office of the Association for which they are otherwise eligible.
- (c) Organization Members shall have the privilege of entering a team or teams in competition for association trophies, as now established or to be established under such competitive rules as may from time to time be promulgated. by the Executive Board. Organization Members shall also have the privilege of conducting State Championship competitions on behalf of the Association, after making proper application therefore, and approval by the Executive Board of this Association. Duly authorized representatives of Organization Members shall have the right to cast the votes of the Organization Members in all matters which are put to a vote of the membership as provided below.

Section 5. Voting. Annual and Life Member shall be entitled to cast one vote on any matter which may come before any meeting of the Association. Each Organization Member shall be entitled to two votes, to be cast by an officially designated delegate of that organization, as certified in writing

to the Secretary of the Association by the President or Secretary of the Organization Member. All voting shall be done in person, and not by proxy. No member of any type who is in arrears on any payments to the Association shall be eligible to vote. Cumulative voting is prohibited. All Bylaw changes will be done by mail vote only. Memberships are accepted on a calendar year basis only.

Section 6. Expiration, Suspension and Expulsion.

(a) Membership in the Association shall automatically terminate on the thirtieth day following the date on which renewal payments were due, if dues remain unpaid.

(b) A member may be suspended or expelled from membership in the Association by a majority vote of the Executive Board, for cause.

(c) No vote on suspension or expulsion of a member may be taken unless the Secretary shall have caused notice of the proposed suspension or expulsion, together with the charges which are thought to merit such action, and notification of the member's right to request a hearing on the charges, to be forwarded to the accused member not less than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting of the Executive Board at which the vote on suspension or expulsion will be taken. If the member does not request a hearing on the charges, he will be deemed to have waived his right to a hearing on the matter, and indicated his willingness to abide by the decision of the Board. If the member requests a hearing, the Executive Board must convene a hearing within 30 days, at which the accused member shall have the right to confront his accusers, examine witnesses, and present evidence bearing on the charges. At the completion of the hearing, the Executive Board, by majority vote, may: affirm the charges and impose a suspension or expulsion; affirm the charges and impose some lesser penalty; or reject the charges.

(d) Charges against a member may be brought by any member of the Association in good standing, but they must be made in writing, with supporting documents, if any, attached. Charges should be submitted to the attention of the Secretary or President of the Association.

(e) Any member of the Association who is suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America for cause shall likewise be immediately suspended or expelled by this Association, upon notice of said suspension or expulsion of the member by the NRA being received by the Secretary of this Association.

Section 7. Resignations. A member may resign from the Association by letter to the Secretary of the Association. In the case of an Organization Member, this letter must be accompanied by a resolution of resignation adopted by a majority vote of the Organization Member's Executive Board. Resignations are considered to be effective upon the date received, unless a later date shall be specified therein. Resignation shall not release a member

from any financial obligations to the Association previously incurred, nor shall any member be entitled to any refund of dues or fees paid to the Association.

ARTICLE IV Meetings of the Association

Section 1. Annual Meetings. During the spring and fall of each year, the Association shall conduct a meeting for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The exact date, time, and place of this meeting shall be determined by the Executive Board. Not less than 15 days notice of this meeting, specifying the time, date, and place of the meeting, shall be provided to all members of the association by United States mail or by email (electronic mail) if a member agrees to email notification. Annual publication of the meeting schedule in the official MRRRA publication that is delivered to a member by United States mail or email shall meet the requirements of this Section.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time, upon the call of the President, a majority of the Board of Directors, or upon petition of 15 percent of the members in good standing of the Association, which petition shall state the object of the proposed meeting. Notice of the time, place and object of any proposed special meeting shall be provided to all members in good standing not less than 15 days prior to said meeting.

Section 3. Quorum. At any annual or special meeting, a quorum shall be 15 or more individual, non executive board members who are entitled to vote.

Section 4. MRRRA Official Website. The Association may host a website that is made available to Association Members and the public. The Executive Board shall adopt such guidance and rules as necessary to govern its operation and content of the website. The website shall be considered a central point of communication with the membership. Meeting schedules, meeting notices changes in meeting schedules or venue or other information pertaining to the Association shall be posted on the website. Information contrary to Article II of the Bylaws may not be posted on the website.

Section 5. Electronic Communication. The Association may send meeting notifications and newsletters to members if members agree to electronic communication by signifying to such on the membership form, by written correspondence or email communication to the

Secretary or other Officer. This notification shall be deemed in force until such time that the member rescinds his approval by email or written correspondence. Such communication shall be deemed to meet the notification requirements of these bylaws. The Executive Board shall adopt such guidance and rules as necessary to govern its operation and content of electronic communication. Members are responsible for maintaining current contact information. Information contrary to Article II of the Bylaws may not be transmitted by electronic communication.

ARTICLE V The Executive Board

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of twelve members, elected as provided in this Article from among the members entitled to vote.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office of the Executive Board shall be three years, or until his successor is elected and qualified, provided, however, that in the first election of the Executive Board conducted pursuant to these Bylaws, one third of the Executive Board shall be elected to terms of one year, one third shall be elected to terms of two years, and one third shall be elected to terms of three years. The terms shall thereafter be arranged so that one-third of the Board must stand for election each year.

Section 3. Powers and Duties. The governing body of this Association shall be the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Association, its committees and publications; shall determine its policies or changes therein; shall actively prosecute its objectives and supervise the disbursement of its funds. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable, and may, in the execution of the powers granted, delegate certain of its authority to the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Regular Meetings. The Executive Board shall meet to transact business of the Association not less often than quarterly, proper notice being given.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President, or by signed petition of not less than one-third of the Board, which petition shall state the matters to be considered at said special meeting. The time and place of such special meetings shall be determined by the President.

Section 6. Quorum. At all meetings of the Executive Board, six members of the Board, two of whom must be an Officer of the Association, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 7. Proxy Voting. All votes at meetings of the

Executive Board shall be cast in person and not by proxy. This section is not to be construed to prohibit the taking of mail ballots as hereinafter described. An Executive Board member may attend and vote at an Executive Board meeting via telephone conference call or video conference system as long as the call or video conference lasts the duration of the meeting

Section 8. Nomination and Election Procedures. The Executive Board shall elect, from among the members of the Association who are entitled to vote, a Nominating Committee of five members, not more than two of which shall be members of the Executive Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to present nominees for all vacancies on the Executive Board to the voting membership at the Annual meeting. Nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting may be made, provided that the specific vacancy(ies) for which the nomination is made are included in the nomination. In the event of nominations from the floor, balloting will take place between the nominees for each contested vacancy. Nominees to uncontested vacancies shall be declared elected by unanimous ballot. Executive Board members shall be elected by a majority vote of those members entitled to vote who are present and voting at an Annual Meeting. All voting shall be done by secret ballot.

Section 9. Suspension or Removal of Executive Board Members. The Executive Board may, in its discretion by affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, suspend or remove any member of the Executive Board.

Section 10. Vacancies. Vacancies which occur on the Executive Board shall be filled by appointment of the President, with the concurrence of the Board, until the next regular election of the Executive Board, at which time an individual will be elected to complete the unexpired term of the office.

Section 11. Voting by Mail. Action taken by a mail ballot of the members of the Executive Board, in which at least a majority of such members, in writing, indicate themselves in agreement, shall constitute a valid action of the Board if reported at the next regular meeting of such Board.

Section 12. Compensation of Executive Board. No Board member shall receive any salary or emolument unless specifically authorized by resolution of the Executive Board, but all such persons shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association, to such extent as may be authorized or approved by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI - The Executive Committee

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one number of the Executive Board who is not an officer, and who shall be elected by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Powers and Duties. The Executive Committee may act in place and stead of the Executive Board between Board meeting on all matters, except those specifically reserved to the Board by law or these Bylaws, pursuant to delegation of authority to such Committee by the Executive Board. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Executive Board for ratification at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Section 3. Call of Meetings. There shall be no regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the President, proper notice being given.

Section 4. Quorum. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

ARTICLE VII - Officers

Section 1. Number and Election. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, elected by and from the Executive Board for one year terms. Officers must be members in good standing of the Association, and at least 19 years of age. No officer may hold more than one office simultaneously, except that the office of Treasurer may also be held by the Secretary. The Executive Board may establish other appointive offices as it deems proper to expedite the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

Section 2. Powers and Duties.

(a) President. The President shall serve as Chairman of both the Executive Board and Executive Committee, and shall preside at all meetings thereof and at all meetings of the members. He shall serve as a member, exofficio, with right to vote, on all committees except the Nominating Committee. He shall make all required appointments of standing and special committees and the chairman thereof, subject to the confirmation of the Executive Board.

At the Annual Meeting of the Association and at such other times as he deems proper, the President shall communicate to the members such matters and make such recommendations as may in his opinion tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the Association, and he shall perform all such other duties as usually perform to this office, or which shall be assigned to him by the Executive Board.

(b) Vice President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence, at his request, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act. In case a vacancy shall occur in the office of President, the Vice President shall become President and shall serve for the balance of the term. The Vice President shall serve as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the

Executive Board.

(c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall attend and keep minutes of **all** meetings of the Association, the Executive Board, and the Executive Committee. He shall **see that** all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of state law **and these** Bylaws; shall be the custodian of all books, minutes, and records of the Association except the Treasurer's books of account; and shall attest to all **official** documents and resolutions of the Association. He or his agent shall **receive all** applications for membership in the Association; shall be responsible **for the** collection of all dues, fees, and assessments, and shall remit same promptly **to the** Treasurer, obtaining a receipt therefore. He shall issue such credentials **and indication** of membership as may be required by these Bylaws or as directed by the **Board**, and shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate roster of all current **members of good standing**, including their mailing addresses and such other **information as** may be required by the Board. He shall conduct all **official correspondence**, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to **time by the** President or the Board.

(d) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall receive, have in charge, and be responsible **for all** money, bills, notes, bonds, and like properly coming into his possession **belonging** to the Association. He shall establish and maintain proper accounting **standards** for the handling of the Association's funds, and shall be responsible **for the** keeping of the funds in such banks, other financial institutions, and/or **investment** media as shall be determined by the Executive Board. He shall report **on the** financial condition of the Association at all meetings of the Executive **Board**, at the Annual Meeting, and at such other times as called upon to do so **by the** President.

The Treasurer is responsible for assisting a firm of Certified Public Accountants **selected** by the Executive Board in the conduct of an audit, as requested by **the Executive** Board, not to exceed annually, of the Association's books of account, **and preparing** a statement of financial condition as of the close of each fiscal year **as may be** established by the Executive Board, and shall furnish a copy of such **statement**, together with the certificate of audit, to each member of the Executive Board.

At the expiration of his term of office, the Treasurer shall promptly deliver **over to his** successor all books, money, and other property of the Association in **his charge**, or, in the absence of a successor, he shall deliver such properties **over to the** President. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chairman of the Budget **and Finance** Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to **him by the** President or the Executive Board.

Section 3. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than **President**, the vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 4. Suspension and Removal. An officer may be suspended or removed from office, for cause, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board; **provided**, however, that no vote on such suspension or removal shall be taken until **the Secretary** shall have caused notice to be

served upon the accused officer, stating the nature of the charges thought to merit suspension or removal, and giving the accused an opportunity to request a hearing on the charges before the Board. If such a hearing is requested, it shall be conducted in the same manner as specified in Article III, Section 6(c) of these Bylaws. Any such suspension or removal from office shall have no effect upon the officer's status as a Board member or member of the Association.

Section 5. Appointive Offices. Appointive offices of the Association shall include Junior Director, CMP Liaison Officer, Legislative Director, and each of the major competitive disciplines. The specific powers and duties of these appointive offices, as well as their terms of office, shall be as specified by the Executive Board. The Board shall retain the power to create additional appointive offices, or abolish any such offices previously created, as it deems fit and necessary.

ARTICLE VIII - Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The Association shall have the following Standing Committees:

1. Nominating
2. Budget & Finance
3. Executive
4. Membership
5. Legislative
6. Junior programs

Section 2. Special Committees. The President shall establish such special committees as he deems necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Association, and shall appoint the members thereof.

Section 3. Reporting Requirements. At least once each year, every standing committee shall submit a report through the Secretary of the Association to the Board, and shall report at such other times as may be requested by the President. Each special committee shall report at such time and place as may be specified by the President or the Executive Board. Committees may also make written reports and recommendations to the Executive Board or Executive Committee at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IX - Finance

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

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Section 2. Bonding. Trust or surety bonds shall be furnished for the Treasurer and Executive Officer, and such other officers or employees of the Association as may handle funds or assets of the Association or as the Executive Board may direct. The amount of such bonds shall be determined by the Board, and the expense of obtaining said bonds shall be borne by the Association.

Section 3. Budget. With recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Board shall adopt in advance of the next fiscal period an annual operating budget covering all activities of the Association.

Section 4. Audit. The accounts of the Association may be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant selected by the Executive Board, who shall provide a report to the Board.

ARTICLE X - Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, or any subsequent revision thereof, shall govern the deliberations at all meetings of members, the Executive Board and the Executive Committee, unless specific exceptions are made therein.

ARTICLE XI - Dissolution

The Association shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these Bylaws and no part of said funds shall inure, or be distributed, to the members of the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association, after the payment of all outstanding indebtedness of the Association, including unpaid loan capital however evidenced, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members voting by a mail ballot sent to them not less than thirty days before any Annual Meeting. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Board on its own initiative, or by petition by any 10 members entitled to vote addressed to the Board and received not less than sixty days prior to any Annual Meeting. All such proposed amendments shall be presented by the Board to the membership with or without recommendations. The amended Bylaws shall be sent to all members of the Association by the Secretary as soon as possible. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the NRA for approval prior to final

adoption.