



# WILLIAM PENN PISTOL LEAGUE BY-LAWS

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## **ARTICLE 1: LEAGUE NAME AND PURPOSE**

- A. The name of the League shall be: **WILLIAM PENN PISTOL LEAGUE (WPPL)**
- B. The purpose of the League shall be to promote good will in the shooting fraternity through the safe and organized pistol matches between its club members, during the Indoor Winter League season, and to encourage young shooters to participate in the shooting sports by joining the League.

## **ARTICLE II: GOVERNING BODY & OFFICERS**

- A. The governing body shall consist of two (2) team captains from each member club.
- B. The officers shall consist of a League President, Vice-president, Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by a majority vote of the governing body. The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for one (1) year from the time of taking office, and they may succeed themselves.
- C. Team Captains will be construed to mean any bona fide designated representative of a member club at any League meetings convened by the President.
- D. The newly appointed officers shall assume office immediately at the close of the Annual League Banquet, and serve until such a time as their successors have taken office.
- E. Any officer vacancies occurring during the shooting season may be filled by a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body at any stated meeting. During the interim the President may appoint a temporary officer to fill such a vacancy.
- F. The duties of the League Officers will be as follows:
  - a. **PRESIDENT:** Shall preside at all League meetings and functions; represent the League at all social or civic functions and sporting events. Appoint all standing and special committees.
  - b. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Perform all the duties listed above in the absence of the President.
  - c. **SECRETARY:** Shall record the minutes of all meetings, enter all expenses incurred and bills to be paid therein, keep a record of all individual scores during the Indoor Shooting season, conduct all necessary correspondence deemed necessary for the League, and forward all match fees to the Treasurer.
  - d. **TREASURER:** Shall keep accurate records of the Leagues financial affairs, deposit all League monies in the League Bank Accounts, issue necessary checks for payment of money owed by the League.

### **ARTICLE III: CAPTAINS MEETING**

Team captains meetings shall be held twice a year, once before the season begins and once during the season to conduct league business.

- A. All other stated meetings may be called by the President or the Secretary at the request of any two (2) clubs, or for any legitimate purpose. At least one (1) weeks' notice of any such meeting shall be given in advance.
- B. A seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body will govern. When properly called meetings lack a seventy (70) percent vote, any business transacted by the Team Captains present will become effective only after the teams absent have been notified in writing or electronic mail, and the Team Captains thereof submits his or her vote to the League Secretary, in writing or electronic mail, of all business submitted for approval.

### **ARTICLE IV: BY-LAWS**

- A. The By-laws will continue in force for each succeeding year, unless action by authorized persons shall amend same.
- B. The whole or any part of these By-laws may be repealed or amended by a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body. When properly a called by-laws meeting lacks a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body, any changes that are transacted by the Team Captains present will become effective only after the teams absent have been notified in writing or electronic mail, and the Team Captains thereof submits his or her vote to the League Secretary, in writing or electronic mail, of all business submitted for approval.

### **ARTICLE V: CLUB MEMBERSHIP IN LEAGUE**

- A. The names of the Pistol Clubs now affiliated with the WPPL are as follows:
  - 1. AMP Pistol Club
  - 2. Carlisle Gun Club
  - 3. Hummelstown Shooting Association
  - 4. Middletown Anglers' & Hunters'
  - 5. Mt. Joy Sportsman Association
  - 6. Palmyra Pistol Team
  - 7. Red Rose Pistol Club
  - 8. State Pistol Club
  - 9. West Shore Pistol Club
  - 10. York & Adams Pistol Club

#### **ARTICLE VI: MATCH SCHEDULES**

- A. The Indoor Winter Shooting Season shall start as early as possible in order to complete the season before April 15 of each succeeding year. All shooting dates will be decided upon and ranges agreed upon at the preseason Team Captains meeting.
- B. All postponed matches shall be fired within two (2) weeks of the scheduled end of the season. Captains are encouraged to schedule these matches as soon as possible after the postponed match.

#### **ARTICLE VII: MATCH PROCEDURE**

- A. The League match rules will conform to the NRA Pistol Rules, except as noted otherwise by a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body.
- B. All matches shall be fired shoulder-to-shoulder and each club will meet each other club three times in one season.
- C. Any ranges agreeable to seventy (70) percent of the governing body may be used.
- D. A shooter may NOT register for an evening's match after 2100 hours (9 PM) unless agreed upon by both teams.
- E. Challenged targets must be presented to Team Captains present at the match to be resolved. Team captains shall be the only ones to plug a target. If the team captains cannot resolve the challenge the target will be sent to the League President, who will in turn appoint a disinterested person or persons to decide upon the correct evaluation of said target or targets. Upon proper decision the Secretary will notify the individual and if necessary correct the existing score. The disinterested person or persons' judgment will be final. No new challenge may be made once the team captains have signed the match score sheets.
- F. All home ranges MUST be open and ready for firing by 1900 hours (7 PM). Penalty for not having the range open & ready for firing will be a deduction of two (2) points from the final overall standing of both the Gold and Blue teams for that match.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: COURSE OF FIRE**

- A. The course of fire is to be 20 shots slow fire, 20 shots timed fire and 20 shots rapid fire.
- B. Targets shall be NRA approved or their equivalent for the 50 foot indoor matches.
- C. This course of fire is defined by NRA as Multiple Stage and for the purpose of a tie refer to Article XIII: Tie Breaking Procedure.
- D. In case of a Refire (Alibi), one refire shall be permitted for Slow fire, one refire for Timed fire, and one refire for Rapid fire. NRA rules for Refires shall be followed (9.14, 10.9).

#### **ARTICLE IX: MATCH PARTICIPATION**

- A. No limit shall be placed upon the number of bona fide members of any club to fire during a match so long as they are qualified to do so by reason of being a member in good standing of their club and so listed on the club roster.

- B. The William Perm Pistol League may not place any rules, laws or restrictions upon any club in as far as their internal affairs are concerned. The League may place rules upon shooting League Matches.
- C. Shooting members of any club may not change clubs during the shooting season, unless so approved by a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body.
- D. All such request(s) for change must be submitted to the WPPL President in writing prior to change of club affiliation, setting forth the reason for the change.

**ARTICLE X: SCORING OF MATCHES**

- A. Each club will enter a five (5) man Gold Team and a five (5) man Blue Team in each scheduled match.
- B. The Gold Team will be composed of five (5) persons having fired the highest 60-shot aggregate score for the evening.
- C. The Blue Team will be composed of five (5) persons having the highest 60-shot aggregate BELOW the Gold Team for the evening.
- D. Points will be scored as follows:
  - 1. One (1) point for the highest Slow fire team aggregate.
  - 2. One (1) point for the highest Timed fire team aggregate.
  - 3. One (1) point for the highest Rapid fire team aggregate.
  - 4. Two (2) points for the highest Grand Aggregate.
- E. In the event a team fails to field 10 shooters, the highest aggregate score will prevail for shooters present.
- F. All ties will be broken by the procedures in Article XIII: Tie Breaking Procedure.
- G. Team standings will be determined by the number of Gold & Blue points won, rather than by their aggregate scores.
- H. All end-of-season Team standing ties will be broken by the sum total of the teams' grand aggregates for the season. If there is a tie with the sum of the aggregates then the procedures in Article XIII: Tie Breaking Procedure will be used

**ARTICLE XI: RANGE FEES**

- A. A range fee will be charged by the host team and the Leagues portion forwarded to the League Secretary by either check or money order. The range fee and league split will be fixed at the Captains Meeting at the beginning of each shooting season.
- B. Range fees may be used for the following only:
  - 1. Operating expenses of the League.
  - 2. Payment of League Secretary. To be One Thousand Two Hundred (\$1200) Dollars per season. This figure may be changed by a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body each season.
  - 3. Payment of the League Treasurer to be Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars per season. This figure may be changed by a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body each season.

## **ARTICLE XII: AWARDS**

- A. All shooting awards for the Indoor Shooting Season shall be made at the Annual WPPL Banquet.
- B. For age based awards age is calculated from the age you will be in the year of the last scheduled match.
- C. The awards will be made as follows:
  - 1. Winner of the GOLD TEAM competition. (Perpetual Trophy, rotating)
  - 2. Winner of the BLUE TEAM competition. (Perpetual Trophy, rotating)
  - 3. GOLD and BLUE Teams Plaques (rotating). To be awarded in order of finish, 2nd place through 5th place.
  - 4. Individual awards: All individual shooting awards must meet the same attendance criteria as for the Gold and Blue Individual Awards. Gold Team Individual Award: Each club member who has made the GOLD team at least once during the shooting season and has attended at least 70% of the scheduled matches is eligible for an appropriately engraved award, including the League name and year. Blue Team Individual Award: Each club member who has made the BLUE team at least once during the shooting season, and has not made the Gold Team also, and has attended at least 70% of the scheduled matches are eligible for an appropriately engraved award, including the League name and year.
  - 5. The Top Ten (10) highest shooters in the League.
  - 6. The shooter with the highest average on each team who did not make the top ten list. One for each team.
  - 7. The Ben Rosen Award shall be presented to the shooter between the age of 50 and 59 with the highest average. The shooter with the highest overall average is not eligible for this award.
  - 8. The Pete Hazell Award shall be presented to the shooter between the age of 60 and 69 with the highest average. The shooter with the highest overall average is not eligible for this award.
  - 9. The Marlin Weaver Award shall be presented to the shooter between the age of 70 and 79 with the highest average. The shooter with the highest overall average is not eligible for this award.
  - 10. The Howard 'Mac' McKamey Award shall be presented to the shooter over eighty (80) years of age with the highest average. The shooter with the highest overall average is not eligible for this award.
  - 11. The Kenneth Noll Award shall be given to the shooter who has shot the highest aggregate score at a single match during the season.
  - 12. The James Gottlieb Award shall be given to the team captain with the highest average.
  - 13. The High Woman Shooter Award shall be given to the female with the highest average.
  - 14. The High Junior Shooter Award shall be given to the three (3) junior shooters with the highest averages. If a junior turns 21 anytime during the year in which the leagues last match is scheduled, they are not eligible for junior awards however they do not pay the range fees until they turn 21. The shooter with the highest overall average is not eligible for this award.

15. Special Recognition Awards:

- a. Any shooter who attends and attempts to shoot every match on the League schedule for the season shall receive a perfect attendance award.
- b. The David J. Dommel/Charlie Fies Special Recognition Award shall be presented to a shooter voted upon by a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body for their service or participation in League Activities.
- c. Each shooter making a perfect score of 100 in either Slow, Timed, or Rapid fire stages, shall be given an award appropriate for the event. In order to qualify for this presentation, all perfect scores are to be duly noted upon the Summary Sheet for that match and said Summary Sheet is to be signed by both Team Captains. The Secretary shall record this 100 score for notification of the Award Committee. Only one (1) such award for each stage may be awarded a shooter during any shooting season. All awards are subject to change by a seventy (70) percent vote of the governing body.

**ARTICLE XIII: TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE**

- A. Ties in Total (Grand) Aggregate for a single head to head match (Ties Broken per NRA rule 15.5)
  1. Total team (greatest) X-count,
  2. Highest team rapid score including highest X-count, if needed
  3. Highest team timed score including highest X-count, if needed
  4. Highest team slow score
- B. Ties in a STAGE (Slow, Timed or Rapid) during a single head to head match (Ties Broken per NRA rule 15.3 – without targets present for comparison)
  1. Total team (greatest) X-count in that stage
  2. The highest score in the last team string of tied stage, (ie. Total team's "B" target string) including highest X-count, if needed
  3. The highest score in the next to last team string of tied stage (ie. Total team's "A" target string) including highest X-count, if needed
  4. The team with the Highest INDIVIDUAL shooter's score for the tied stage including highest X-count, if needed,
  5. The team with the Second Highest INDIVIDUAL shooter's score for the tied stage, including highest X-count, if needed,
  6. The team with the Third Highest INDIVIDUAL shooter's score for the tied stage, etc.