

## **ARTICLES OF THE BVI TRAP SHOOTING LEAGUE**

### ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of the association shall be 'BVI Trap League Inc.'.

### ARTICLE II-OBJECTIVE

The purpose and objective of this association shall be to promote, foster, and encourage the members and participants to enjoy the sport of trap shooting in an organized and orderly procedure.

### ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this league shall be open to all team members.

### ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

The officers of this league shall consist of a President, Vice-president, and Secretary/Treasurer. The President, Vice-president, and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by a majority of the membership present at the fall banquet.

### ARTICLE V-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TRAP SHOOTING

There shall be established executive committee consisting of the three officers and one representative of each team. The executive committee who are in attendance at scheduled and emergency meetings shall vote on all league matters.

### ARTICLE VI-AMMENDMENTS

Any proposals for amendments to articles and by-laws shall be presented to elected officer in writing. Proposals will be posted prior to meeting.

The articles and bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee of trap shooting present at meetings.

## **BY-LAWS OF THE BVI TRAP LEAGUE**

### **ITEM I-PROCEDURE**

The procedure at all meetings shall be governed by the Roberts Rules of Order.

The league will be governed by the general rules developed by the Amateur Trapshooting Association by minimum but the rules adopted by the BVI executive committee of trap shooting takes precedence.

### **ITEM II-MEETINGS**

Meetings of this league shall be held at the call of the Secretary upon the approval of the President or Vice-president. Spring organizational will be notified by telephone. Fall banquet by posting on average sheets and at facility.

Emergency meetings may be called at any time by the elected officers with one week notification by phone or posting at facility.

Unless otherwise designated, all meetings shall be held at Lake Lotawana Sportsman's Club.

### **ITEM III- DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS**

The BVI Trap Shooting League President or Vice-president shall preside at all meetings. The league secretary shall keep minutes of all matches fired, team standings, and averages of teams and individual members. The secretary shall furnish copies of the minutes to all members of the executive committee of trap shooting.

The Secretary's compensation shall be \$.50 per shooter for each week of the league season. This amount will be split between the secretary and a hired computer bookkeeper, if there is a separate position. In addition, the secretary will be compensated \$10.00 from each sponsorship paid in the spring and fall seasons, and \$15.00 from each sponsorship paid in the summer season.

The league shall compensate the President for the cost of each match during the league season not to exceed two rounds per week. The league shall compensate the Vice-President for the cost of each match during the league season not to exceed two rounds per week. All fees and compensation shall be charged as league expenses.

ITEM IV- DUES AND EXPENSES

The league entry fee shall be \$75.00 per team for the summer season and \$45.00 per team for each Spring and Fall season. The entry fees shall be received by the secretary/treasurer prior to the third night of each shooting season. This fee shall include the cost of the executive expenses as described in Article III above, office supplies, secretary salary, and trophies. If any team's fee is not paid by third week of season, that team will forfeit all matches until entry fee is paid.

Each league shooter shall be responsible for obtaining shells and for paying a total of \$14.00 per league night; \$6.00 for 16 yard round and \$6.00 for handicap round, \$.50 to the Secretary/Treasurer and \$1.50 to the league fund for expenses. Minimum payment each night per team is \$70.00. If a team is short a shooter, or if team forfeits, they are still responsible to pay for the night.

ITEM V-MEMBERSHIP OF TEAMS AND DIVISION

A company may not sponsor more than five teams in any one season, unless waived by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee on trap shooting. Each team shall furnish the Secretary with a roster of its membership each season. Each team shall designate one team member as that team's captain. Any person who establishes a firing record on any one team cannot shoot as a regular or a substitute on another team within the same season. The league shall be divided into divisions, depending upon the number of teams in the league; these divisions will be Ambassador, Major, Minor and Sportsman.

New teams requesting to join the BVI league shall send written request for entry to the league secretary. Entry of such teams is subject to the approval of the President and Secretary. New teams entering the league for the first time shall be placed in the Sportsmen's division unless there is an established record of the shooters or they desire to be placed in another division.

ITEM VI- RULES OF SHOOTING

1. The league will shoot on Thursday nights at Lake Lotawana Sportsman's Club. Each team shall fire one match consisting of two rounds per night. A round shall consist of 25 shots. Each team shall shoot its first round at 16 yards. The second round shall be shot on a handicap basis calculated on total team breaks from the first round. Said handicap for the second round shall be determined as follows:

90 breaks or less = 18 yards
91-95 = 19 yards
96-100 = 20 yards
101-105 = 21 yards
106-110 = 22 yards
111-115 = 23 yards
116-120 = 25 yards
121-125 = 27 yards

A team representative is responsible for verifying the mathematics of the 16-yard round to ensure the handicap yardage is calculated correctly. If a team has already started to shoot at the wrong handicap yardage when the error is caught, the team will move to the correct yardage and complete the round.

2. Before firing a match, both score sheets must be filled out by team captains or a designated representative with members first and last names. Rosters for both rounds of a match must be shot by the same individuals in same positions. No substitutions or changing posts will be allowed.
3. No persons shall be eligible to shoot on a team during the last 1/3 of the scheduled matches, unless that person shall have shot for that team during the first 2/3 of the season. A person may shoot on only one team during season.

Any protest questioning the eligibility of a shooter shall be made by the opposing team captain prior to firing the match. Any protest arising from the firing of a match shall be made immediately following the match. All protests shall be made to the league President, Vice-president, or secretary. As required, such protests brought a decision shall be final and binding on the parties.

4. Teams must commence firing a match 5 minutes after that match is called, or forfeit to the opposing team; providing the opposing team has a qualified team present 5 minutes after the calling of said match. Team captains shall alternate order of the firing to allow the opposing team members time to arrive if a full team is not or cannot be present at firing time.

At least four shooters must be present from a team to shoot a match. In the absence of a 15 bird proxy score will be recorded. If a shooter shoots the 16's, that shooter must also shoot the handicap match and cannot assume a proxy score unless due to illness or emergency. A shooter arriving after the match commences may assume the proxy score at the end of any post and show 25 shots on the record book. However, the shooter is responsible for payment of the 16-yard round and the handicap round, regardless of what post he assumes. If complete 16 round is missed, individual average will not be affected.

5. A total of 6 points shall be awarded for each round, one point for the team with the most total breaks per post, and one point for the team with the most total team breaks. In the event of a tie, each team shall be awarded one half point.
6. In the case of a forfeit, the opposing team will shoot against the absent team's team average to be qualified to obtain the 12 points for the match. If they can beat the average on each post or the total they then obtain the available point. If not, they do not obtain the point, although any team who has a qualifying team will receive no less than 8 points for the night; 4 on 16's and 4 on handicap. If the

team falls into the 8 point category and they bet the total they receive 2 points for each round total they exceed; a tie receives 1 point.

7. In the event a team forfeits on the first night of the season before establishing a team average, the opposing team will shoot against a 15 break per post average.
8. In case of a team forfeit, any member of that team present may shoot to protect their individual average at the scheduled team shoot. Once said round commences as a forfeit it must remain a forfeit.
9. In the case of a team forfeit where individuals are shooting to protect their claim on average the handicap yardage will need to be established. The 16 yard scores for these individuals will be averaged and multiplied by five to determine the handicap yardage for the second round.
10. It is mandatory for any team who is scheduled for a "bye" to shoot that night. An Ambassador Division team will shoot against an average of 21 breaks per post, a Major division team will shoot against an average of 19 breaks per post, a Minor division will shoot against an average of 17 breaks per post, a Sportsman's division team will shoot against an average of 15 breaks per post.

If all four traps houses are being utilized the "bye" will be shot on their respective trap at scheduled time. If more than one division has a "bye" on their schedule than those teams will have the option to alternate their 16 yard and handicap rounds just as if the teams were in the same division. The "bye" shoot is otherwise subject to all other rules stated in these by-laws.

11. If a shooter fires at a chipped or broken target, the results shall not be scored and the shooter must call for and shoot another target. In the event of a disagreement concerning said target, the decision of the judge shall be final.
12. All matches will be shot using orange targets.
13. Dry firing or the pointing of the guns in the area of shooters or spectators will not be allowed. If after warning, an offender persists in violation, they will be barred for one night's shooting.
14. If a shooter calls for a target and fails to fire at it, than ATA failure to fire rules apply.

15. In the interest of helping maintain clean facilities, shooters in the BVI league are required to place fired hulls from their firearm into a pocket or pouch. Those shooters utilizing a semi-auto shotgun must have said firearm equipped with a shell catcher.

After a match is completed both teams will police the area to pick up any remaining hulls.

This shall not be construed to include a scenario where a team member drops an occasional hull in the transfer to pocket or pouch.

16. In case of a tie in team standings at the end of a season, the tie shall be broken by these teams by firing a 16-yard match. If occurring in the Spring and summer season, this shoot-off will occur the first night of the subsequent season. If occurring in fall season, shoot-off will happen the evening of the banquet. If a tie still remains these teams will then shoot a handicap based on the previous 16-yard match score until the tie is broken. These tie-breaking rounds may be shot by qualifying team members of season in which tie occurred.

On the shoot off night of the season all teams and shooters must remain present until a winner is determined, otherwise the team is subject to forfeit. The team is subject to forfeit if they do not have at least a 4 man team remaining who shot the original shoot off.

17. A team has the option of providing a judge for its opponent's match. The league President or Vice-President may act as judge when requested.
18. The lead off team shall take score sheets to the scorekeeper. The last team shall promptly return the completed score sheets to the league Secretary. Returning the 16's after it has been completed and before the handicap has been shot to avoid congestion at the scoring desk.
19. A team that quits during the season shall forfeit an equal number of points to each team in the division unless the executive committee on trap shooting shall make other arrangements.
20. All shooters are required to abide by the rules and regulations established by Lake Lotawana Sportsman's Club. Consumption of alcohol will be allowed only after an individual is completely through shooting the night.

Alcohol beverages are allowed on asphalt of parking lot only. No alcohol beverages are allowed on trap field, period.

When a shooter or team is reported drinking while shooting and it is their first offense said shooter or team will be warned in writing. When a shooter or team

is reported drinking while shooting and it is the second offense, said shooter or team will be expelled from completing the shooting season in which the second offense takes place.

If a shooter behaves in other than a sportsman-like manner, such as but not limited to physical or verbal abuse, or threats of any type directed to event personnel, other competitors, or any other person, whether on or off the shooting line, if such conduct occurs on gun club grounds the Executive Committee of Trap Shooting shall have the power to expel from the league any individual or team guilty of misconduct.

21. If a target is called a "loss" by the scorekeeper but a participating team member for the current match sees that the target is in fact "dead" the shooters score will be changed accordingly on the score sheet. This change will be initialed on the score sheet by the scorekeeper.
21. The scores will be kept by a member of the opposing team unless the opposing team approves of another person keeping score. The second team out shall load the trap after the 16-yard rounds. The first team out shall load the trap after the handicap rounds. If team fails to load when suppose to, they will receive a written warning. The second time they fail to load, they will loose one half point for the night.
22. The pattern board located between trap number 2 and trap number 3 will be "closed" to shooters on league night.

#### ARTICLE VII- CANCELLATIONS, PRESHOOTS AND MAKEUPS

1. In the event of a weather related cancellation which shall be determined by elected officials. We will not cancel just for rain.
  - A. Cancellations shall be called for remainder of the night.
  - B. If one or more team or teams have completed a round, or either team cannot complete its round, then all shots fired will stand. Cancelled matches shall be scheduled by secretary, who will notify team captains.
2. In a case where a team is out for vacation, and said team desires to fire their matches which would normally fall within said period on other dates, notice must be given to the opposing team, and approved by Secretary no later than one week prior to shooting of said match, which must be fired 1 or 2 weeks (depending on length of vacations) prior to regularly scheduled match. In addition a "Request to Shoot Ahead" form must be completed and turned in to the Secretary no later than one week prior to shooting ahead.

3. When it is impossible for a qualified team (4 persons) to be present because of reasons beyond their control such as storm or family emergency, teams may make up by agreement/approval with the opposing captain and the Secretary. Such make up must be fired by close of the next league date or settled satisfactorily with the league Secretary.
4. Per permit of Lake Lotawana Sportsman's Club we must finish shooting by 10:00pm. We will utilize trap five whenever needed to get rounds finished. If rounds do not get finished by 10:00pm rules regarding cancellation make-ups apply.

#### ARTICLE VIII- TROPHIES

##### 1. Team trophies:

- A. Each team placing first, second, and third in each division shall be given team awards by the league.
- B. A team may purchase additional awards as required.
- C. If a team member, or some representative for the team, cannot be present on date that trophies are awarded, the trophy will then be given at the next closest available date.

##### 2.) Individual awards:

- A. In each division an individual awards shall be awarded to the person with the highest average overall, the person with the highest average on the 16 yard, and the person with the highest average on the handicap yard line. The amount set aside for the individual trophies will be divided as follows:

Overall high gun = 40%

16 yard high gun = 30%

Handicap high gun = 30%

1. In each division only one shooter will be eligible to receive one of the High gun trophies. If by chance the same individual were to qualify For more than one of the high gun trophies, he or she must choose which one to accept. The remaining trophies would then be awarded to the individual next in line.

2. In case of a tie, individuals will shoot off until said tie is broken.

- B. To be eligible for the individual awards, a person must fire 75% of the schedule.
- C. If an individual, or some representative for the individual, can not be present on the date that the trophies are awarded the trophy shall then be given at the closest available date.

##### 3. Traveling trophies:

The Cecil Rhodes Memorial Individual Sportsman's trophy and the Judy Cox Team Sportsman's trophy shall be awarded on the basis of secret ballot from the team captains.