

High Plains Practical Shooters

Membership Application

Memberships are based on our fiscal year (March 1st - February 28th). All memberships expire on the last day of February each year. Membership dues are prorated on the fiscal year:

	March - May	June - August	September - November	December - February
Individual	\$25	\$18	\$11	\$4
Family	\$35	\$28	\$21	\$14
Lifetime	\$500			

Make checks payable to: **H. P. P. S.**
P.O. Box 1627
Elizabeth, CO 80107-1627

Individual \$25 Family \$35 Lifetime \$500

USPSA # _____ NRA # and Expiration. _____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Additional Family Members _____
(for family membership) _____

HPPS distributes match results and its newsletter via email & our website in order to reduce administrative expenses so we can put club funds back into range equipment & supplies.

If you do not have email and require the results be mailed to you, please check this box:

U.S. Postal

Liability Release

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the shooting matches, I do hereby release and discharge USPSA, IPSC, High Plains Practical Shooters, and any hosting gun club, their directors, officers, agents, and employees from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, and executions which I may have or acquire and subsequently claim to have against the aforesaid for personal injuries I may sustain, which arise out of or are in connection with these matches and or their related activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(If under 18, Legal Guardian must also sign)

Guardian: _____ Date: _____

BYLAWS of the High Plains Practical Shooters,
(hereinafter referred to as "Club")

A USPSA-AFFILIATED CLUB

Adopted this First Day of March, 2004

ARTICLE I - OBJECTIVES

The members of this club have voluntarily associated together to achieve certain civic and athletic objectives:

TO encourage the growth of safe and practical pistol, rifle, and shotgun shooting in our community by presenting an annual program of Practical Shooting matches open to all qualified shooters.

TO promote greater gun safety in our community by sharing our knowledge of safe, practical gun handling techniques and ethics with others through an annual series of educational courses on safe shooting open to all qualified shooters.

TO encourage participants in our sport to develop those characteristics of self-control, honor, integrity and politeness that are the hallmarks of the Practical Shooter.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. **Types of Membership.** Types of membership shall consist of annual, family, life, and honorary life.

1. An **annual membership** is any member whose current annual or other dues have been paid.
2. **Family memberships** shall include husband, wife, and children under age 18 living at the same address. Family membership dues shall be one and one-half (1 1/2) times the current annual dues for annual memberships.
3. **Life membership** may be purchased for twenty (20) times the current annual dues for annual memberships.
4. **Honorary life membership** may be conferred on an individual who, in the opinion of the board of directors, has contributed to the Club, or the shooting sports in general, in some outstanding manner. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the board of directors shall be required to bestow such membership.

Section 2. **Membership Qualifications.** Qualifications for admittance to membership to the Club are that the prospective member be dedicated to the purposes of the club, be at least eighteen (18) years old and legally able to own and possess a firearm. Acceptance of application for membership shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be granted upon payment of dues except in the case of failure to meet qualifications herein or conflict with membership policies as set by the board of directors.

Section 3. **Non-discrimination.** No person may be denied membership on the basis of religion, race, gender, or ethnicity.

Section 4. **Dues.** The board of directors shall recommend the amount of the annual dues to membership at the December meeting. A majority vote of the members present at the January meeting will be required to adopt the recommendation of the Board.

1. Annual dues shall be paid to the Club Treasurer by the first day of March of each year.
2. Failure to pay annual dues by the first day of April will result in the removal of the nonpaying party from the Club membership list after notification by mail by the Club Treasurer.
3. Payment of full annual dues by a delinquent member shall result in reinstatement with full Club benefits and privileges.

Section 5. **Voting.** Each Club member shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of Directors, and on issues submitted to the members by the board of directors, which issues may be submitted to the membership in meeting or by mail ballot.

Section 6. **Membership privileges.** Upon acceptance to membership, each member shall have all privileges conveyed by these bylaws, by policy of the board of directors, may attend any meetings of the board of directors, and at such meetings of the Board may have a voice but no vote in the affairs of the Club.

ARTICEL III - PURPOSE

The High Plains Practical Shooters Club, Inc. shall be a nonprofit organization, organized to support and promote safety, training, education, and competition and matches in the sport of practical shooting, and to support the individual right of every person to keep, bear and use arms, as such goals shall be defined and redefined from time to time by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATIONS

The Club may affiliate with any organizations that share with the Club the interests of support and advancement of the sport of practical shooting and support the right to keep and bear arms.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, ELECTIONS AND TERM

Section 1. **Officers.** The officers of the Club shall be a President, who shall also be the Chairman of the board of directors, a Vice-President, a Secretary, who shall also be Secretary of the board of directors, and a Treasurer. All officers must be members of the club in good standing. These offices shall be filled according to these bylaws.

Section 2. **Term of Officers.** The term of each office shall be for one (1) year, and new terms shall be effective on the first day of March of each year.

Section 3. **Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the board of directors for the unexpired portion of the term. Any vacancy that occurs in the board of directors prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled by such person as shall be elected thereto by the board of directors. A member of the board of directors so appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

Section 4. **Nominations.** A Chairman of the Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the president, with the consent of the board, at the December meeting. This Chairman shall select two other members in good standing to form the Nominations Committee, whose duty it shall be to present a nomination for each director and officer position to the membership at the January meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be in order at the Annual Meeting of the members.

Section 5. **Elections.** Election of officers and other directors shall be held at the February meeting of the board of directors, and by a majority of the members in good standing present and voting. Voting proxies shall not be allowed. Vote shall be by secret ballot unless such other method of voting shall be consented to by all members present. Should no candidate for an office receive a majority vote, a run-off election shall be held immediately between the two candidates for such office who received the greatest number of votes.

Section 6. **President.** The President of the Club shall be the chief executive officer of the Club. He (or she) shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and the general membership, and shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors and these bylaws. He (or she) shall be an *ex-officio* member of all regular and special committees. In the event of the death or resignation of the President, the Vice President, if there shall be one, or if not, the Treasurer, shall have all powers of, and subject to all restrictions upon, the President, until the board of directors fills the vacant president position under Section 3 of this article. The president, or his (or her) appointee, is required to attend all regularly scheduled or special section meetings.

Section 7. **Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall serve as President pro temp whenever the President is unable or unwilling to so serve, and shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 8. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have the charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Club; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the Club from any source whatsoever, and deposit such money in the name of the Club in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws; and in general, perform all duties as from time to time may be assigned to him (or her) by the President or by the board of directors.

Section 9. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors, and the minutes of meetings of the general membership, in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws; be custodian of the Club records; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the president or by the board of directors.

Section 10. **Removal.** Any officer elected may be removed by the board of directors upon an affirmative vote of three quarters of the entire board of directors, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Club would be served thereby. A simple majority of the board of directors may cause the involuntary resignation of an officer after the absence of that officer from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. **General Powers.** The board of directors shall have general power to manage and control the affairs and property of the Club, and shall have full power, by majority vote, to adopt rules and regulations governing the action of the Board.

Section 2. **Number, Qualifications, Tenure of Members of the Board of Directors.** The number of members of the board of directors shall be five (5). They shall be elected annually. Members of the board of directors must be current members in good standing. Those members elected to the officer positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall have also been elected as Directors. The fifth director shall be a Member-at-Large.

Section 3. **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held without other notice than this bylaw, on the third Saturday of June of each year, immediately following the annual meeting of the members.

Section 4. **Quorum.** A majority of the total number of members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the members of the board of directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the members of the board of directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 5. **Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority of the board of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be an act of the board of directors, unless law or these bylaws require the act of a greater number.

Section 6. **Compensation.** Directors as such shall not receive any stated salaries for their services but by resolution of the membership, a fixed sum and expenses of attendance may be allowed for attendance at each annual or special meeting of the Board; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any member of the board of directors from serving the Club in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

Section 7. **Informal Action by Members of the Board of Directors.** Any action required which may be taken by the board of directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the board of directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members of the board of directors.

Section 8. **Resignation of Members of the Board of Directors.** A member of the board of directors may resign from the Board at any time by giving notice of his (or her) resignation in writing addressed to the Chairman of the Board, or Secretary of the Club, or by presenting his (or her) written resignation at any meeting of the board of directors.

Section 9. **Committees of the Board.** The President may, with the consent of the Board, appoint chairmen to supervise committees of the Board. Such committees shall have any authority of the Board that is assigned by the Board.

Section 10. **Standing Rules.** A majority plus one of the board of directors may adopt whatever standing rules are deemed necessary to state and establish the policies of the Club. The Club, its officers, and its members are bound by the terms of any standing rules. Standing rules must be published at least annually and distributed to all club members.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. **Meetings Time and Place.** The Club shall meet on the third Saturday of each month at a place designated by the board of directors, which place shall be deemed the regular place of meeting. Meetings shall require no further notice than these bylaws for the transaction of official business of the Club, unless held at some place other than the official meeting place designated by the Board, in which case the members shall be given two (2) weeks written notice by U.S. Mail of the alternate meeting place. The board of directors may occasionally establish an alternative date for meetings, to avoid conflicts with holidays or other conflicts, if two (2) weeks written notice is provided members by mail.

Section 2. **Special Meetings of the Board.** The President or any other three directors may call meetings of the board of directors, other than the monthly meetings, provided that all directors are given written or telephonic notice of such meeting at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance. Attendance at any meeting of the Board, by any Director, shall constitute waiver of notice unless such director shall be in attendance for the specific purpose of objecting to the convention of the board for such meeting.

Section 3. **Annual Meetings.** The annual meetings of the members shall be held without other notice than this bylaw, on the third Saturday of June of each year. Notwithstanding this provision, the Club secretary

shall make a good faith effort to mail an announcement of the annual meeting to the last known mail address of each member, at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - DISCIPLINE

Section 1. **Board Recommendation and Cause.** The board of directors shall have the authority, by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, to recommend to the members that an individual member be disciplined or removed from membership without refund of dues. Recommendation by the Board for discipline or removal of a member shall state a cause, which cause for such recommendation shall be deemed beyond question if the cause involves willful violation of Club safety rules or range rules during Club shooting activities, or if the cause involves the physical injury of any Club member or any other person involved in Club activities.

Section 2. **Notification and Response.** Any member for whom disciplinary action is recommended by the Board shall be notified of the recommendation and the cause in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the general membership meeting at which such recommendation will be placed before the members, and such member shall have a reasonable opportunity to respond to such recommendation and cause, orally and/or in writing, to the members present.

Section 3. **Membership Action.** Two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at any scheduled Club meeting may take such disciplinary action as recommended by the Board, or such other disciplinary action as the members may deem appropriate. Such disciplinary action may include sanctioning, suspension of the privilege of participation in Club activities, or removal from membership. Sufficiency of cause for member discipline shall be at the sole discretion of members present and voting, and may extend to infractions as minor as conduct unbecoming a Club member.

ARTICLE IX - WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given under provisions of law of the State of Colorado or the bylaws of the Club, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE X - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of March and end on the last day of February in each year.

ARTICLE XI - BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1. **Books and Records.** The Club shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its board of directors and committees having any of the authority of the board of directors.

Section 2. **Fiscal review.** Each year, the President, with the consent of the board of directors, shall appoint a Fiscal Review Committee of not less than three (3) members of the Club, which Fiscal Review Committee members shall conduct a review of the books and financial records of the Club and shall present the results of such review to the Club at a regular meeting no later than the end of the membership year.

ARTICLE XII - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, AND REFUNDS

Section 1. **Contracts.** The board of directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Club, in addition to the officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into a contract or execute and

deliver any instrument in the name of and on the behalf of the Club, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. **Checks, Drafts, etc..** All checks, drafts or orders for payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Club, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Club and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the board of directors.

Section 3. **Deposits.** All funds of the Club shall be deposited within thirty (30) days of receipt to the credit of the Club in such banks, trust companies or other depositories that the board of directors may select.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended, revised, or replaced by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all of the members present at a meeting which is designated for that purpose. Copies of the proposed amendment(s) shall be mailed to all members at least twenty (20) days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIV - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Club, Club members shall have the opportunity to bid for purchase of items of Club property, which property shall be sold to the highest bidder. Any Club property remaining unsold after such bidding and sales shall be sold by the Board for the best available price. Revenue generated by such sales shall be deposited in Club accounts. Upon dissolution, Club assets remaining after payment of all Club liabilities shall be divided equally among all current members in good standing.