

NSCA
NATIONAL DELEGATE
HANDBOOK

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Organization and Governance Structure: The National Sporting Clays Association is a division of the National Skeet Shooting Association which is a 501(c)(3) corporation incorporated in the State of Texas. The NSCA Executive Committee, Advisory Council, and National Delegates make up the governance of the organization and all have important roles in guiding the association. The NSCA Rule Book sets forth the requirements for each of the positions as well as the powers and duties. The information below covers many of those qualifications and responsibilities.

NSCA National and Regional Delegate

As a National or Regional Delegate of the National Sporting Clays Association, you have been selected by your peers to represent them and the sport on their behalf. This is a compliment from your fellow shooters who are showing confidence in you and respect for your abilities and judgment. Your role as a national delegate brings about responsibilities. These responsibilities include communicating with the members you represent and informing your Advisory Committee and the NSCA staff of their concerns. The future of our sport lies with the Advisory Council and staff of the NSCA, and you as a National or Regional Delegate. As such, it would be helpful for you to know how you can make the most of the position you occupy. We should all work together to continue to grow our great sport. Please read through this booklet and be sure you are aware of expectations and opportunities that are open to you in this position. As you read keep in mind the organization's purpose which is to promote and govern the sport of sporting clays throughout the United States and other countries, in a way which is beneficial to all who enjoy and participate in the game. The NSCA is dedicated to the development of the sport at all levels of participation. NSCA vows to create an atmosphere of healthy and safe competition and meaningful fellowship within its membership.

Your Role as a National Delegate:

As a National Delegate, you are one of a handful or less of people in your state designated to vote, communicate and direct the future of the game. You are the ambassador of the game from NSCA to the member and the advocate of the member to the NSCA through your position as National Delegate, as well as working through your Regional Delegate representative. You should be in a position to attend meetings, hear suggestions and complaints, to notice opportunities and to educate and answer questions about sporting clays. You are as close to an expert resource as there is. You represent the game to the members of the NSCA in your state and to all shooters and non-shooters with whom you come in contact as it relates to sporting clays. National Delegates are expected to work with the State Association, advise the association, be the ears of the group and spread information about programs, plans and directions of the association. To do this, you have to become familiar with certain information and material that will be made available to you from Headquarters. If, at any time, you are asked questions by members that you cannot answer, please take the time to call the NSCA Director to obtain the correct response.

Your Role as a Zone Delegate:

The NSCA Rule Book contains a Regional Map, which designates the assignment of states to regions. A Regional Delegate, elected by the National Delegates in that region, heads each of the five regions of the NSCA. Regional Delegates oversee the selection of the host range for the Regional Championship shoot, assist the National Delegates in implementing and enforcing NSCA policy, and perform such other duties as are necessary to those tasks or assigned by NSCA. Regional Delegates must first be National Delegates. Regional Delegates work with the National Delegates within the region to establish the location and dates for the annual Regional Shoot in a fair and evenhanded manner, assuring that each state in the region has an opportunity to be the host state, and to choose the host club for the Regional Championship. Regional Delegates provide leadership, assistance, and advice as needed, to the National Delegates within the region. Regional Delegates work in association with the National Delegates and State Associations within their region, and work with the regions' National Delegates and the NSCA management to resolve problems and disputes within the Region. Regional Delegates are elected by the NSCA membership, within their home states, according to the governance plan as outlined in the NSCA rulebook. (See rule I-C-5-a through e).

Expectations:

-As a National Delegate or Regional Delegate, there are certain expectations you have assumed. All changes made in rules, regulations, and governance shall be decided by the National Delegates. This information will be mailed to you. You must be able to respond to these in a timely manner and have your vote reflect your opinion as well as the opinion of members whom you represent. Any Delegate found to have missed more than one (1) vote during the previous year will be removed from office and replaced as outlined in section I-C-1-d. Voting is the voice of the position to the NSCA and all voting records are published in the magazine and on the website.

-Attending the NSCA Advisory Council meeting is also highly recommended. This occurs annually at the National Sporting Clays Championships in San Antonio, Texas. This is a chance for you to hear what is going on at the National level, to bring up any business from your area, express your opinion, discuss rule changes or other items and give direction to the Executive and Advisory Council. This is something you should be willing to do each year. Advisory Council members are required to attend the annual meeting each year, and in addition either the U.S. Open or the National Championship meeting, or lose his/her position on the Advisory Council.

-Being acquainted with all the programs and relationships the NSCA has with vendors, partners, clubs and members is part of the National & Regional Delegates responsibility. This is knowing with whom we are working with and who is working with our association. Leagues, instructor programs, and any other relationships/partnerships and other programs should be understood and communicated to the shooters in your State or Region.

-Attending meetings in the state and region in which you reside is also expected. Each state has its own schedule and planning of meetings, as do some regions. You should plan on being available at these events.

-Attending your state shoot as well as other shoots in your state or region. This is to allow you to keep in close touch with others in the game and dialog with your members to hear their opinions and ideas to improve the game and satisfy our membership.

-Bridging our sport to other shooting sports is also a desire. This helps us get the cooperation of trap, skeet, international trap or skeet, and other clay target shooters to be aware of us so we can be unified to protect our sports.

-You are also expected to promote sporting clays in your state. This is a very important part of the position. Ideally, you and the National Delegates from your state, if there are others, will meet with gun clubs and familiarize them with our programs. The goal is to encourage them to start or to increase their number of registered targets or to introduce our game to more shooters. In order to do this, it is important you have the information available to you and the understanding to explain it.

Information you need to know:

Much of the information needed is available to review or download from the “mynsca.com” website. You should familiarize yourself with the following items:

Bylaws of the NSSA (NSCA uses NSSA by-laws)

Be familiar with the “mynsca.com” website

The structure of the NSCA and the relationship with the NSSA

Instructors in your area

Clubs in your state or zone

NSCA rule book

National Delegates

Regional Delegates

Club managers in your state or region

Partnerships (i.e. Sponsor programs)

Field grant information

Scholarship program

Hall of Fame information