

**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 Officers, Executive 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 Delegate**

As a National 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 Executive Council and the NSCA staff of their concerns. The future of our sport lies with the Executive Council and staff of the NSCA, and you as a National 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. 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 Assistant Director or Director, to obtain the correct response.

The NSCA Rule Book contains a Regional Map, which designates the assignment of states to regions. National Delegates within each region, oversee and establish the selection and location of the host range and dates, for the Regional Championship shoot and perform such other duties as are necessary to those tasks or assigned by NSCA. National Delegates within the region work together 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. National Delegates provide leadership, assistance, and advice as needed, to the NSCA members and the State Associations within their regions. National Delegates and State Associations within the regions assist the NSCA management in resolving problems and disputes within the Region. National Delegates are elected by the NSCA membership, within their home states, according to the new governance structure approved by the NSSA Executive Committee on June 5, 2018.

## **Expectations:**

-As a National Delegate, you have assumed certain expectations. All changes made in rules, regulations, and governance shall be decided by the National Delegates. This information will be emailed 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 Article 3, section 1-i of the new governance structure. Voting is the voice of the position to the NSCA and all voting records are published on the website.

-Being acquainted with all the programs and relationships the NSCA has with vendors, partners, clubs and members is part of the National Delegate's responsibility. This is knowing with whom we are working 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 region

NSCA rule book

Governance Structure

National Delegates

Executive Council

NSCA Officers

Club managers in your state or region

Partnerships (i.e., Sponsor programs)

Scholarship program

Hall of Fame information