



CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this Organization shall be

HIGH STANDARD COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Organization are:

1. To establish a permanent non-profit Organization and to promote friendship for those interested in the collection, possession, and use of High Standard firearms and their accessories by responsible persons.
2. To provide a means of exchanging knowledge among High Standard collectors.
3. To establish an annual meeting for members and guests with an emphasis on a convenient and quality location where:
 - a. H.S.C.A. business may be conducted.
 - b. Members may display arms and accessories and exchange such arms and accessories in accordance with local and national laws.
 - c. Members may assist each other in locating and acquiring arms and accessories of the types which interest them most.
4. To establish, uphold and promote the highest ethical standards in our activities.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the High Standard Collectors' Association shall be open to all persons having no criminal record and having an interest in the collection, possession, preservation, use and study of High Standard firearms, accessories and related history. Each prospective member must be sponsored by one member.
2. Any member may be suspended for a fixed or indefinite period, or terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

1. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall perform the duties of that particular office. Officers may hold more than one office, except that the President may not also be Vice President. Should no nominations be received for the offices of Secretary and/or Treasurer those positions may be filled by a director on a voluntary basis or appointments made by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION

1. Each member shall have one vote on any question presented to the membership at any meeting or ballot. Members must be present or return their ballot or e-mail to vote.
2. A Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership. The Board of Directors shall consist of the regularly elected officers, and additional elected or appointed members. The Board of Directors shall determine questions of policy and meet upon call of the president or as otherwise provided in the by-laws. The positions of Publications Director and Membership Director are appointed as Directors in consideration of the work involved in their jobs. These appointments must be confirmed by the other officers and directors. For good cause shown, an Officer or Director may be removed by the affirmative vote of not less than 2/3rds of the Directors.
3. There shall be a standing Executive Committee consisting of the President and Vice President. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to authorize expenditure of \$1000.00 for any single purpose without prior approval of the Board of Directors.
4. There shall be a standing Nominating Committee consisting of those elected Directors whose terms are not expiring with the next election.
5. The President shall from time to time appoint such committees as may be necessary or desirable to achieve the objectives of this of this organization.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

1. Officers and Directors shall be nominated by the membership and the nominating committee and shall be elected by balloting conducted by U. S. Mail. Each officer and director elected shall assume office on June 1st. Directors shall serve staggered terms of three years.
2. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by election of the Director of Board. The election of a Director by the Board of Directors shall be for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

1. There shall be at least one meeting of the membership each year unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

- 1 Dues will be levied and become payable by January 1st of each year. The amount of dues and the initiation fee (if any) shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX COMPLIANCE WITH RULES

1. Various rules for the safety and benefit of the membership have been and will be established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Failure to comply with rules and regulations will be cause for immediate suspension of membership

ARTICLE X QUORUM

1. The voting members present at any meeting or ballots, including e-mail received by the deadline date shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI BY-LAWS

1. The Board of Directors may make such By-Law, Safety Rules, and Permitted Exhibit Rules as it may from time to time deem necessary or appropriate, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

**ARTICLE XII
HSCA DISSOLUTION**

1. In the event of dissolution of HSCA, all asset, after payment of debts and return of funds held in escrow, will be donated to a nonprofit, tax exempt gun organization(s). The recipient(s) of the assets shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS**

1. This Constitution may be amended, altered or repealed at any meeting of the membership by the affirmative vote of a majority of members voting. An amendment to this Constitution shall be in writing or e-mail by any member in good standing, to the Board of Directors, and must be approved by the Board of Directors before being submitted to the membership for approval at any regular meeting, ballot or e-mail. Amendments disapproved by the Board of Directors may be submitted to the membership to be voted upon if presented by petition of not less than fifty (50) percent of the membership unless twenty (20) days written notice, together with a copy of the proposed amendments, shall have been given to each member. Notice shall be deemed to have been received if notice thereof has been deposited in the United States Postal Service, addressed to the address of record as furnished by each member.

**ARTICLE XIV
EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. This amended Constitution shall become effective immediately if it receives the majority of members voting.





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ARTICLE 1
MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is obtained by application on a standard form for that purpose furnished by the Association. The completed form must be forwarded to the membership Director along with at least a full year's dues. Incomplete forms may be cause for delay or rejection of membership. Applications received after October 1 will effect membership for the following year. All memberships shall run from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
2. Upon payment of dues, the applicant will receive a membership card and upon request a copy of the HSCA Constitution, By-Lays and Rules. A full refund of initiation fee and dues will be made if application is rejected.
3. The names of all new members will be published in the following Newsletter for examination by the general membership. New members will be considered to be probationary until 30 days have passed since the receipt of that Newsletter by the membership, and no objection have been filed. The Board of Directors shall make judgement on the validity of any objection.
4. Any member may be suspended or terminated for a major violation of these By-Laws, unethical business practices or conviction of a felony. The member must be given the opportunity to answer any charges either in writing to the President or personally appearing at the Board of Directors meeting. The member must be notified by the President stating the charges at least 30 days prior to the initial hearing. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final. Dues paid for the current year by any terminated individual will be refunded. All Officers and Board members are required to keep confidential all information and identities of people involved in a termination procedure.
5. Members of HSCA must be good citizens of their country. They must not be unethical, users of illegal narcotics or belong to any organization considered terrorist, "hate" or subversive by the United States of America. They must conduct themselves properly and deal fairly and equitably at all functions of HSCA.

ARTICLE II DUES

1. Dues are due and payable on a calendar year basis by January 1st. (Notice of payment due, is mailed with the last Newsletter of the year.) If payment is not received by January 31st of the new year, a member may not attend a membership meetings or receive other member benefits until his dues are current. If payment is not received by March 31st, members names will be purged from the files, but can be reinstated by paying two (2) years dues before December 31st. After that date, a member cannot be reinstated but must reapply for membership. A member is responsible for timely payment of his dues whether or not he is notified by HSCA.
2. Dues of those whose membership has been in effect for at least one year may be paid in advance in one of the following ways and in accord with the following Schedule:
 - A. One Year @ \$20.00
 - B. Life Membership @ \$500
3. Dues are subject to change without notice by action of the Board of Directors. Dues are refundable only if application is rejected or a membership is terminated for cause. Make checks or money order payable to HSCA—no cash please. Send check to HSCA, c/o the current address of the membership chairman.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

1. The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. if no nominations for Secretary and/or Treasure are received, they may be appointed by the Board of Directors. Elected or appointed officers shall be elected for a term of one year, and must be current on HSCA dues. Publication Director, Membership Director are voluntary officers appointed by the elected officers.
2. The elected officers may disburse HSCA's funds for reasonable HSCA expenses supplies and fees. All expenditures must be written within a budget determined by a mutual agreement of the Board of Directors. All receipts shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
3. Officers may be terminated for failure to perform duties, not complying with HSCA's By-Laws or failure to attend meetings. Any officer may be terminated by a majority action of the Board of Directors. Resigning officers, officers whose terms have expired and terminated officers must turn over to one of the remaining officers all material, money, valuables and records belonging to HSCA within ten (10) days after notice of termination. In the event of the termination, resignation or death of an officer, the position shall be filled for the remainder of the current term by election of the Board of Directors.

4. **President.** The president shall be the chief executive officer of the organization. The President shall have authority, under the direction of the Board of Directors, to direct the work of the organization, to supervise the activities of all other officers and to represent the organization in any matter. Subject to the Constitution, he/she may appoint such standing or special committees as may be necessary or desirable and shall ex-officio be a member of all committees. The President shall work creatively to promote HSCA, increase membership and improve the quality of all aspects of HSCA. He/she shall call meetings with the other Officers and Directors, selecting a time and place of meeting convenient to all other Officers and Directors. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members, and do and perform such other duties as shall from time to time be required by the Board of Directors. He/she shall closely coordinate the planning of HSCA events. He/she shall be the HSCA spokesman on all matters of policy and render decisions on any dispute arising from HSCA activities. He/she shall jointly originate and schedule all events taking place at the annual meeting, shows and other HSCA functions. The President may appoint all committee members subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The President may enforce the By-Laws at meeting and HSCA functions, or appoint a Sergeant at Arms to do so.
5. **Vice President.** The Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President in his/her absence. The Vice President shall be responsible for the selection and procurement of display awards for the Annual Show. It will be his/her duty to present the awards at the Annual Show. He/she shall appoint the Show Chairman each year, and assist during the show. He/she will select display judges and instruct in the rules and methods used in judging. He/she will determine the winners of each award by using and maintaining the reports turned in by the judges at the closing of the show.
6. **Publication Director.** The Publication Director is responsible for producing and mailing a periodic Newsletter to all members. He/she shall be responsible for photography at the show and general publicity.
7. **Membership Director.** The Membership Director shall receive membership applications, updated forms from members, dues checks and maintain a computer data base of membership information. This information will then be available to the Publication Director and other officers. A yearly membership listing will be produced each spring.
8. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all proceedings of the meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors and shall certify all such minutes. He/she shall transmit to each officer and member of the Board of Directors a copy of the minutes of all meetings. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him.
9. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be custodial of all moneys and funds belonging to the organization and all disbursements of moneys and funds shall be regulated and controlled by the duly elected officers. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all financial transactions, give a report at the meetings and submit his records for annual review as requested by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers above, plus three (3) additional Directors-at-large, to be elected by the membership. All Directors must be current on HSCA dues. In addition, Honorary Directors may be elected by the Board of Directors. Honorary Directors may attend meetings of officers and directors, but have no vote.
2. The Board of Directors shall determine all questions of policy be the governing body of HSCA. The Board shall meet on the call of the President or Vice President, or upon the call of the majority of the Board members.
Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote regardless of the number of offices they may hold.
3. One half of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
4. Directors may be terminated for failure to perform duties, not complying with HSCA By-Laws, failure to attend meetings, failure to perform within the best interests of HSCA or unethical or criminal activities. Any Director may be terminated by a majority action of the Board of Directors, or by a special recall vote petitioned by 25% of the membership and confirmed by a majority vote of the membership
Resigned/terminated Directors must turn over to a remaining officer or director all material, money, valuables and records belonging to HSCA within ten (10) days after notice of termination.
5. In the event of the termination, resignation or death of a Director, his position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the remaining members of the Board of Directors or remain vacant if a regular election is imminent.
6. The President shall only vote when necessary to break a tie vote.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

1. All nominations shall be in writing or e-mail and must be supported by a written letter or e-mail from another current member agreeing to second the nomination. All nominees shall accept that nomination in writing or e-mail. All nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee by January 15.
2. The Election Committee shall furnish a list of nominees, consisting of a selection made by the Committee from qualified membership names. This list will be included as a separate ballot form with the first Newsletter after January 15. Members may mail the ballot to the Election Committee. The Election Committee shall then count the ballots and announce the results of the election to the Publication Chairman for inclusion in the first Newsletter after the election. Newly elected Officers and Director shall take their office as of June 1.
3. All candidates and voting members must be current on HSCA dues.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

1. At least one regular meeting shall be held each year.
2. All discussions of new or old business shall be limited to no more than ten (10) minutes per item. Items on the agenda, submitted to the President or Secretary prior to the meeting, will be given preference to any item submitted during the meeting.

ARTICLE VII RULES

1. The Board of Directors shall establish and review from time to time rules pertaining to safety and permitted exhibits at sanctioned HSCA shows. They shall also provide for enforcement and appropriate penalties for anyone in violation.
2. The Rules shall be published as a Rules Appendix to these By-Laws and shall be in two parts. One shall be called Safety Rules and the other shall be called the Rules of Permitted Exhibits.
3. All Rules shall be adapted or amended upon the affirmative vote of the majority of members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended altered or repealed at any meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. No amendment shall be acted upon unless twenty (20) days written notice, together with a copy of the proposed amendment, shall be given to each member of the Board of Directors. Notice shall be deemed to have been received if notice thereof has been deposited in the United States Postal Service, addressed to the address of each Director.

ARTICLE IX EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

1. All Officers are entitled to immediate reimbursement of money spent directly for authorized operating expenses of the organization. Officers may not be reimbursed for labor, meals, lodging, or travel expenses connected with a regular meeting, show or other HSCA function.

2. Any Officer, Director, or officially assigned member may be reimbursed for supplies and materials purchased solely for the purpose of fulfilling HSCA duties, provided a valid receipt is submitted to the Treasurer. Expenses must not exceed any budgeted amount without Board of Directors approval. Travel expenses may be reimbursed with approval of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE X
POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT**

1. HSCA or its Officers shall not engage in attempting to influence legislation and it shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for any public office. This does not apply to the acts of HSCA members or Officers as individuals.

**ARTICLE XI
CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Each spring, HSCA shall publish a membership roster of all members. This list shall include the name, address and telephone/fax numbers. Only the “public” address, as stated on the membership form and update form, shall be published. Other information about a particular member will be supplied only with the written permission of that member. Members may request that their address and telephone numbers be omitted from the Membership Director. All names will be published.

**ARTICLE XII
EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. These By-Laws and any future amendments shall be presented to the Board of Directors for vote at any regular meeting and shall become effective immediately upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.



RULES

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ARTICLE I

RULES OF EXHIBIT

1. Any show held by HSCA alone, shall be deemed a “High Standard only” show. Items allowed to be exhibited is such a show are as follows:
 - a. Firearms and other items manufactured by or for High Standard, or manufactured by Hartford Arms or their predecessors.
 - b. Items such as cases or holsters that are considered to be accessories to High Standard items.
 - c. Books, catalogues, advertising and pamphlets about High Standard firearms or products.
2. Other collectible firearms and items may be brought into the show, but must be in a special non-High Standard area, which is restricted in size.
3. Any show held by HSCA in conjunction with another show will be considered as an “open” show and any items may be displayed on the tables of members. However, if there is a specific HSCA section in an open show, then the members displaying in that section must have at least 75% of their table dedicated to High Standard items as outlined in Section 1.
4. Guidelines for selection of display judges:
 - a. May not have display in the competition.
 - b. Must have knowledge and experience in High Standard collecting.

ARTICLE II

SAFETY AND SECURITY RULES

1. The rules for “open” shows will be determined by the overall show organizer.
2. Rules for “High Standard only” shows are as follows:
 - a. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for his firearms and must have checked each one to insure it is unloaded.
 - b. Semi-automatic weapons that are displayed in the open must have a spacer between the bolt and chamber. The spacer can be cardboard, plastic, wood or an suitable material. Magazines must be removed. This does not apply to new cased commemoratives, boxed or cased guns.
 - c. No gun powder, ammunition explosives, flammable material, primers, or gas shell may be brought into the show.

