

# **Bylaws of Cross Timbers IDPA Dallas, Texas 2007**

## **Article I. Name and Entity**

This unincorporated, nonprofit association shall be named Cross Timbers IDPA ("CTIDPA"). It will exist under the Chapter 252 of the Texas Business Organizations Code.

## **Article II. Association Objectives**

The objectives of this association shall be:

- A. To promote national and international amateur athletic competition in the sports of action pistol shooting as defined by (but not limited to) the United States Practical Shooting Association ("USPSA") and the International Defensive Pistol Association ("IDPA");
- B. To encourage the growth of organized, safe, and practical shooting among US citizens in our community;
- C. To encourage a better knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms among US citizens in our community;
- D. To encourage improved shooting skills among association members;
- E. To encourage the development of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance, which are the essential characteristics of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

## **Article III. Membership**

Any person legally able to use and own a firearm under U.S. and Texas State laws may become a member of this association on a majority vote of the Officers and on payment of the usual club dues provided the prospective member is a member in good standing or a pending member of IDPA. Currently there is no requirement for club members to be a member of USPSA.

## **Article IV. Dues**

Annual membership dues are \$26.00, due by the first match on or after February 1 each year. Membership for any member whose annual dues are not received by that date will cease.

- A. A member who joins the association after August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year will pay half

the usual annual dues.

- B. A member who leaves the association for any reason forfeits any dues paid for the current membership year.

## **Article V. Meetings**

The association will meet according to the following schedule:

- A. The Officers will set the time and place of the association's annual meeting, which will be held on the second Thursday of each February.
- B. Special meetings may be called as necessary. The Secretary or its designee will set the time, date, and place of special meetings. The Officers will notify all members in good standing of any special meetings in writing at least seven days prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be called by:
  - 1. The President; or
  - 2. Majority of the Officers; or
  - 3. Written petition of at least 40% of the members in good standing to the Officers. The petition must state the meeting objective.
- C. 40% of the association's members shall constitute a meeting quorum

## **Article VI. Officers**

The association officers are the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Prop Master, Web Master, and a Chief Safety/Range Officer. Officers will be elected by a majority of members in good standing at the association's annual meeting. Acting together, these Officers constitute the Officers' Committee (Officers), also known as the Board of Directors (BOD). The duties of the BOD are supplemented by the non-officer positions of Match Directors. There may be any number of Match Directors.

- A. Officer candidates must have been members in good standing of the association for 2 consecutive years, and a Match Director for 1 year, preceding their election, at the time of their election, and for their entire term. Officers can waive the requirements for Match Directors at their discretion, based on a majority vote by the Officers.
- B. General duties of the Officers include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1. The Officers shall have general supervision and control of all association activities. The Officers may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out association objectives.
  - 2. The Officers will determine when and where regular Executive Committee meetings will be held. Special meetings may be called by the President

or by a written petition of the majority officers to the President.

3. Three Officers constitute a quorum.
  4. Resignation of any Officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the Officers.
  5. A vacancy on the Officers' Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Officers. If more than one vacancy exists, a special association meeting must be called and interim Officers will be elected to serve until the next annual meeting.
- C. General Duties of specific Officers include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. The President will preside at all association and Officers' meetings. He is an ex officio member of all association committees and will perform other duties usually pertaining to his office.
  2. The Secretary will notify officers of all meetings and will notify members of the special and annual meetings. The Secretary will keep a true record of all Officers meetings and association meetings, and of the association's books and papers. Applications for association membership will be submitted to the Secretary.
  3. The Treasurer will receive all fees, dues, and other funds for the association. He will have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such banking institutions as may be approved by the Officers. He will keep true records of all association accounts and transactions. He will render a detailed report with vouchers at any Officers meeting, when requested. He will prepare and present an annual financial report at the annual meeting. The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining the association's affiliations.
  4. The Prop Master shall have charge of props and equipment used for matches, including the acquisition, maintenance, repair, and replacement of supplies and equipment for proper conduct of matches.
  5. The Web Master shall have charge of the association website and shall post scores, notices, and of the association news or bulletins.
  6. Chief Safety/Range Officer shall have charge of all association ranges and the conduct of all matches. These duties include, but are not limited to, establishing and documenting range rules; appointing and training assistant range officers as necessary; designing match courses of fire; presenting match safety/conduct orientation for shooters; and procuring supplies and equipment for proper conduct of matches.
- D. Non-Officer Positions of the Association:

1. Match Directors must have been members in good standing of the association for 1 year, and are non-officer positions under the direction of Range Officers. The Match Director position is not a club officer, but a club officer may be a match director.
2. A prerequisite for becoming a Club Officer is to have been a Match Director for at least one year prior to Officer elections, with all requisite requirements for being a Match Director.
3. A Match Director should hold certification of Safety or Range Officer from either IDPA or USPSA.

## **Article VII. Sanctions**

Association Officers and members may be sanctioned by the association by removal from office, by suspension, or by expulsion.

- A. Any Officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any special meeting called for this purpose. The officer in question will be given written notice of the reasons for a removal vote at least 15 days before the special meeting. Before any removal vote, the officer in question will be given a full hearing at the special meeting.
- B. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by a two-thirds majority of Officers present in any Officers' meeting. Before any removal vote, the member in question will be given a full hearing at the meeting.
- C. Charges against any Officer or member may be made by any member. The charges must be written and must clearly state the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which support the charges. The charges must be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a special Officers' meeting to hear the charges, or will schedule a hearing at the next regular Officers' meeting. At least 15 days before the hearing date, the Secretary will give written notice of the hearing to the accused member, the accusing member, and the Officers. This notice will include copies of the charge and supporting affidavits and exhibits.
- D. Any member sanctioned by the Officers may appeal to the Board of Directors.

## **Article VIII. Dissolution**

The association may be dissolved by a formal resolution of the association's members in good standing. Any dissolution resolution must be submitted in writing by a member in good standing to the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a special meeting to hear the resolution or will schedule a hearing at the next regular association meeting. At least 15 days before the hearing date, the Secretary will give written notice of the hearing to all members, the date, time, place and reason for the meeting of the hearing. Members in good standing will vote by ballot as to the

dissolution resolution. A two-thirds majority vote is required to for passage of a dissolution resolution. The association may also be dissolved by operation of other provisions of Section 252.009 of the Texas Business Organizations Code. In the event of dissolution, all assets of the association will be liquidated at a fair and reasonable value. The proceeds of this liquidation will be divided evenly between any affiliated nonprofit organizations of broadly similar objectives. Should none of the affiliated organizations qualify, the Officers shall designate another nonprofit organization with broadly similar objectives or programs to receive the proceeds.

### **Article IX. Amendment**

Amendments to these bylaws may be introduced by any member in good standing at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for this purpose. All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 20 days prior to such meeting. The Secretary will forward written or electronic copies of the proposed amendments to all members in good standing at least 15 days before the meeting. A two-thirds majority of members in good standing and present at the vote is required to pass an amendment.

### **Article X. Definitions**

“Member” or “members” are deemed to be members whose annual membership dues have been paid and who have not been suspended or expelled from membership. “Written notice” to members is deemed to be a notice addressed to the recipient according to the association’s membership rolls when delivered either via postal (USPS) or electronic (e-mail) mail. “Written notice” to the association or to the Officers is deemed to be a notice when delivered to the association Secretary or other designated officer either personally or through USPS.