

# **NSSA DIRECTORS HANDBOOK**

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## **An NSSA Director**

As a director of the National Skeet Shooting 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, leadership, judgment and your commitment to your constituents. The future of our sport lies with the association executives and staff of the NSSA, the Executive Committee and you, a member of the Board of Directors. As such, it would be helpful for you to know how you can make the most of the position you now occupy. Please read through this booklet and be sure you are aware of the expectations and opportunities that are open to you in this position.

### **Your Role as a Director:**

As a director, you are one of a select group of people in your state designated to vote, communicate and direct the future of the game. You are the ambassador of the game from NSSA to the members, and the advocate of the members to NSSA through your position on the Board of Directors, working through your Executive Committee representative. You should be in a position to attend meetings, hear suggestions and complaints, notice opportunities, educate and answer questions about skeet. You are as close to an expert resource as there is. You represent the game to the members of the NSSA in your state and to all shooters and non-shooters with whom you come in contact as it relates to skeet. You are expected to support and advise the association, be the ears of the group and disseminate relevant 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. Thank you again for stepping up to this responsibility.

## **Expectations:**

-As a director, there are certain expectations you should meet. From time to time issues will come up requiring your vote for approval or rejection. This information will be mailed to you. You should be able to respond to these in a timely manner and have your vote reflect your personal as well as the opinion of members whom you represent. Voting is the voice of the member's position to the NSSA.

-Attending the Board of Director's meeting is also expected, although not mandatory. The meeting occurs annually at the World Shoot in San Antonio. 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 input to the Executive Committee and the Association executives. This is something you should be willing to do each year.

-Being acquainted with all the programs and relationships the NSSA has with vendors, partners, clubs and members is part of the director's responsibility. This involves knowing the people and businesses with whom we are working. Leagues, instructor programs, the GMC relationship and other programs should be understood and communicated to the shooters in your State.

-Attending meetings in the state and zone in which you reside is also expected. Each state and/or Zone has its own planning schedule. You should plan on being available to these events.

-Attending your state shoot as well as other shoots in your state is another expectation. This allows you to keep in close touch with others in the game and interface 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 desired. This helps us get the cooperation of trap, international skeet, sporting clays and other clay target shooters to be aware of us so we can be unified to protect our respective sports.

-You are also expected to promote skeet shooting in your state. This is a very important part of the position. Ideally, you and any other directors from your state will meet with skeet clubs or gun clubs and familiarize them with our programs. The goal is to encourage them to start throwing or to increase their number of registered targets thrown and 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 properly explain same to your constituents. Details on the Club Assistance Program, club membership information and the "how to" of getting forms, selling memberships etc can be found on the NSSA web page.

### **Information you need to know:**

Bylaws of the NSSA - ( see attachment )

The structure of the NSSA & the relationship with the NSCA - ( see attachment )

Club Assistance Program information - on web-site

Scholarship program - on web-site

Hall of Fame information - on web-site

Rule book - on web-site

Instructors in your area - on web-site

Clubs in your state - on web-site

State officers - on web-site

Skeet Officers and Executive Committee and Chairperson and list of all NSSA Committees - ( see attachment )

Familiar with the "mynssa.com" web site