

By-Laws

Canadian Airgun Field Target Association

CAFTA

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be Canadian Airgun Field Target Association (hereinafter referred to as CAFTA)

Article II – Purpose

CAFTA is established for the purpose of promoting field target shooting clubs in Canada.

To insure that participants may compete in regional and national completions in a manner that is fair to all, a set of rules and guidelines will be established by CAFTA.

To provide these rules and guidelines to affiliated clubs in the interest of creating a common standard among all members.

To assist affiliated clubs in conducting regional and national competitions governed by CAFTA rules and guidelines.

To further the sport of Airgun Field Target Shooting in Canada by encouraging appropriate conduct, safety, fairness and participation by all members.

To promote airgun shooting as a healthy, recreational activity to the general public.

Article III – Membership

The membership of CAFTA will be comprised of affiliated airgun field target clubs within Canada.

Section A

A member shall consist of a club with at least two members, which applies for membership and is accepted by the Board of Governors.

Section B

Member clubs must attend or host one field target match per year following the CAFTA rules and guidelines to remain in good standing.

Section C

Upon acceptance by the board of governors, clubs will be issued a certificate of membership to CAFTA.

Section D

Members are required to submit to CAFTA match results from sanctioned matches. Members are encouraged to submit all match results to CAFTA and are further encouraged to submit information on club activities and matches to local, regional and national news sources.

Article IV – Responsibilities to Affiliates

CAFTA will endeavor to assist clubs as requested and to maintain, as a national standard, the CAFTA rules and guidelines for field target shooting. Affiliates are responsible for their own affairs, to include safety, club organization, disputes among members, dissemination of information, and liability and conduct in shooting activities. CAFTA will designate the site for the Canadian Field Target Championship each year. Trophies will be provided by the host club.

Article V – Dues

CAFTA will be a non-profit organization. No dues for membership will be collected at this time. Nominal dues may be requested in the future to promote field target shooting in Canadian membership clubs.

Article VI – Meetings

Section A

The annual meeting of the association shall be held at the Canadian Field Target Championship match each year with the general membership that is present.

Section B

Regular meetings for the business of the association shall be held at such times and places, as may be fixed by the Board of Governors.

Section C

Issues brought forward at the annual meeting will be decided by two-thirds majority vote of those present and to include proxy votes.

Article VII – Board of Governors

The Board of Governors shall be responsible for the business affairs of CAFTA, and shall be the enforcement and regulatory body for the rules and guidelines mentioned herein.

The Board of Governors will consist of up to six (6) members elected by a majority vote of the membership.

Board members will be elected for a term of three (3) years.

Two new Board members will be elected each year, as the previous Board members' terms expire.

Should a member of the Board of Governors resign, or for any reason is not able to serve their full term, a replacement will be appointed by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors will consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-chairperson, a Secretary Treasurer and Publicist elected by a majority vote of the Board.

Members of the Board of Governors may be suspended or expelled for any cause deemed sufficient by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Governors

Article VIII – Representatives

Member clubs of CAFTA will appoint a representative who will handle all business between the Board of Governors and his member club.

Article IX – Rules and Guidelines

The Board of Governors, with input from all member clubs, will establish the rules and guidelines of CAFTA.

Article X – Suspension or Expulsion

Any member may be suspended or expelled from CAFTA for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Governors by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the general membership present at the annual meeting of the association.

Article XI – Amendments

Any member at the annual meeting may propose amendments to an entire article of these By-laws. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval. After the Board of Governors approves any amendment, they must be acted upon by the CAFTA membership at the next general meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the general membership will be necessary for its passage.

Any member at the annual meeting may propose amendments to a section of an article of these By-laws. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval. After the Board of Governors approves any amendment, they must be acted upon by the CAFTA membership at the next general meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present will be necessary for its passage.

Associate Membership in CAFTA

Any person, who does not belong to a member club, may apply to the Board of Governors and become a non-voting associate member of CAFTA.

Resolution

Clubs and associations outside of Canada may join CAFTA as an Associate Member Club or Association. There will be no fee required, just a request in writing subject to the approval of the Board of Governors. Upon acceptance by the Board of Governor, a Certificate of Associate Club/Association will be issued to the new Associate Club/Association. This associate membership carries no voting privileges.