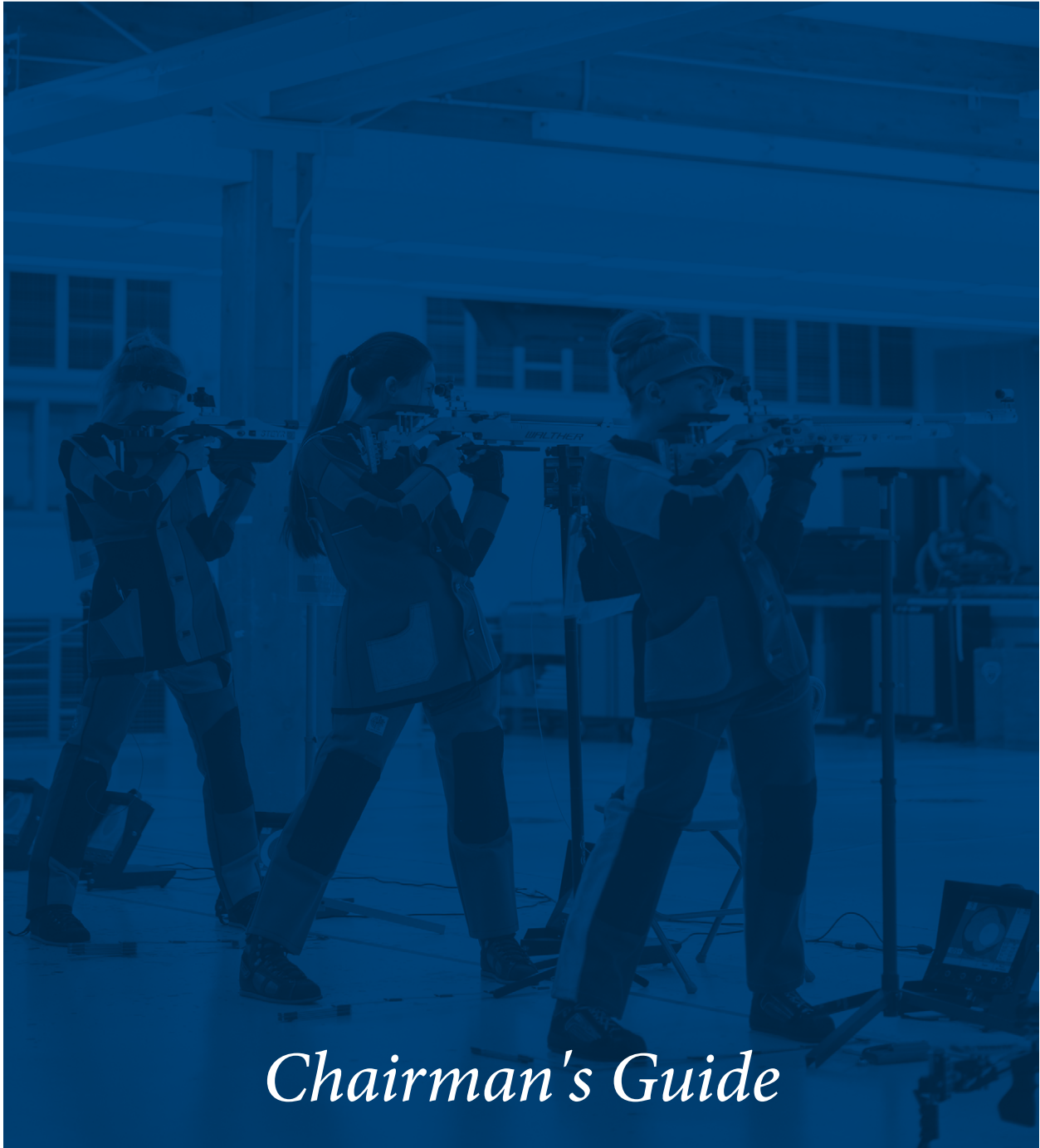




THE AMERICAN LEGION

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS



Chairman's Guide

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Introduction

The American Legion embodies strong American values and forms a grassroots force dedicated to love of country and commitment to veterans, their families, the communities in which they live, and youth. In accordance with Resolution No. 30: “American Legion Shooting Sports,” Oct. 12 – 13, 1988, The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) is to promote rifle safety, education and marksmanship. It also lets youth of the community participate in an Olympic sport while fostering healthy competition. All interested youth under 18 years old (or high school seniors no older than 20) are welcome, regardless of gender or physical ability, as this sport creates an equal playing field for all competitors.

This guide has been developed to assist Junior Shooting Sports chairmen at all levels in organizing and understanding responsibilities for the Junior Shooting Sports Program, administered at either the post or department level as well as outside entities that wish to participate in The American Legion’s National Tournament. The guide is designed as an aid and should not be used as a promotional piece, or distributed to schools or to prospective participants.

In some American Legion departments, rules and regulations may vary from those used in the National Tournament. Therefore, since this guide is offered merely as an aid, JSSP at any department level should be familiar with their respective department’s rules.

Please keep in mind that when you are administering the Junior Shooting Sports Program you are dealing with young people and their futures. So, when a program-related mistake is made, it is often the young people who are affected. Avoid mistakes by taking the necessary preparations and being familiar with the rules of JSSP.

The Shooting Sports - A Perspective

Shooting sports is a competitive and recreational activity in America as tens of thousands of competitors across the United States participate in matches from community tournaments to the Olympic Games.

A proud part of our national heritage is marksmanship and there is a call for expert marksmen in the exciting sport of competitive shooting. In recent years, the United States has been a dominant force in international shooting competition.

You are embarking on a sport that can, with study, practice and hard work, lead your junior shooters all the way to the Olympics.

Competitive marksmanship does not require great physical size or strength. And even though

physical fitness and stamina are important, mental discipline determine whether a shooter will become a champion. So being able to concentrate on a task and relax under pressure are two of the mental keys to shooting sports success.

What is Shooting?

Shooting is a skill sport. The skills learned enhance other valuable aspects of life – learning to be a safe shooter teaches responsibility; learning to hit a difficult target teaches self-discipline and self-control; learning to hold a firearm steady and hit the target teaches concentration; and knowing that the shooter alone is ultimately responsible for his or her performance teaches self-reliance and enhances individual esteem.

Shooting tests how well one can control his or her body in using a firearm to hit a target. In shooting sports, youth learn to almost always hit a target the size of a typed period from 10 meters away.

Shooting is a participation sport. All shooters take part in the competition; no one must sit on the sidelines and watch. This active involvement is important because sports are fun when young people can participate personally instead of watching others. Persons with physical disabilities also can take part in shooting, often right alongside other shooters in matches.

Shooting is an Olympic sport. The Summer Olympics have rifle, pistol, running game target and shotgun shooting events. The Winter Olympics have a biathlon event that combines cross-country skiing and shooting. Shooting is the third most popular Olympic sport. Only two sports – track and boxing – regularly have more participating nations.

Shooting also offers international championship events in the Pan American Games, World Shooting Championships, and Shooting Championships of the Americas.

Shooting is a safe sport. Shooting is safe because it has a strict code of safety that all shooters follow. Like water safety training, the firearm safety training associated with a shooting activity is of lasting value, even if the young people do not develop an ongoing interest in the shooting sports.

Shooting is a lifetime sport. Persons of all ages participate successfully in shooting. Children as young as eight or nine can learn to shoot using BB guns and lightweight air rifles.

Shooting is an exciting sport. There is a special thrill in being able to hit a target the shooter isn't sure can be hit. It is fun to see shooters' abilities improve. The challenges of preparing shooters in your club to compete against other shooters throughout the nation make every practice session an exciting event.

Shooting is a sport for girls and boys. Boys and girls compete equally in shooting. Recent national junior championships and The American Legion Junior Air Rifle National Championships have been won both by girls and boys.

Chapter 1

Starting and maintaining a program at a post

To start a shooting sports club at an American Legion post, there are a few things to keep in mind. The brochure “Jr. Shooting Sports – How to Start a Club” on The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Resource webpage offers basic suggestions on a few items to consider. Consultation with your department Junior Shooting Sports Program chairman and/or your department staff is also important.

Depending upon the department there might be the need to draft a resolution and club by-laws. Examples of resolutions and club by-laws are found in Appendix A. Again, if you have any questions regarding what a necessary requirement is please consult your department JSSP chairman and/or your department staff.

Also included in Appendix A are examples of a program application form, medical release form, liability and medical release form as well as a media release form. Please consult your department headquarters to determine if these meet your department’s requirements.

Once you have established your program, the next concern will be qualified instructors. Various organizations such as Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and National Rifle Association (NRA) have certified training programs. You also might want to look to local organizations of the Boy Scouts of America or 4H to see if they have either a certified training program or qualified instructors that would be available for your program.

Since this sport is an Olympic sport, there is a need to be cognizant of the federal requirements set forth for the protection of athletes. In adherence to these requirements, please review Resolution No. 32: “Risk Management Mandates for National Youth Programs,” October 2020, that is in Appendix B. Please consult your department headquarters to see what their requirement would be. Further information can be found at usashooting.org/11-resources/safesport.

Once you have qualified instructors, basic marksmanship courses are available in a couple different formats. Visit legion.org/shooting/resources for links to various free training guides, as well as a nominal cost CD-ROM from CMP. The CD-ROM has the capability to develop lesson plans and to download written tests that go along with the lessons on the CD-ROM.

Once the basic marksmanship course is finished, start with some competitive shooting. Competitive shooting is not a sport which gives an advantage to individuals of great size or strength. Physical fitness and stamina are important, but it is mental toughness and self-discipline, which determine success. Competitive shooting is also one of the few sports where men and women can compete as equals. If you have more than one shooter in your program, start with some in-house competitions. Check with local organizations to see if there are competitions in your area. CMP and USA Shooting also stage matches across the country. Check their websites for more details to see if there is a competition in your area. And don't forget about The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Air Rifle Tournament. This tournament starts with a postal match to determine a state winner. Those competitors scoring a minimum score in the current year Official Match Program will receive second round postal targets to determine eligibility to participate in the National Championship in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Chapter 2

Post affiliation with outside organizations who wish to participate in the JSSP national tournament

There are organizations such as Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC), Boy Scouts of America, local gun clubs and 4H in your area that may wish to participate in the JSSP National Tournament. One of the requirements for an outside organization to participate in the National Tournament is to be affiliated with a local post. Local posts can affiliate more than one team if they choose.

According to current guidelines in the Official Match Program, affiliation forms are to be signed by the post commander no earlier than Sept. 1 of each tournament season. Affiliation forms will be part of the registration process which will be downloaded, signed and uploaded prior to the outside organization being able to purchase targets. Tournament season will run from Sept. 1 each year to the following July when the National Championship concludes. Before signing the Affiliation Form, it is recommended that the post confirm that all adults engaging minor age competitors have completed the required national background check (not their own or department) and the sexual abuse awareness training course as prescribed by Resolution No. 32. Proof of the background check with an "Accept" rating and the abuse awareness courses completion certificate should be presented as proof of completion.

Affiliated posts will also need to understand there is a witness requirement to both rounds of postal competition. This means that someone from the post will need to witness the firing on targets ordered by the outside organization that is participating in the JSSP National Tournament. Duties of the witness are summarized in the Official Match Program and instructions are included in the target sets sent to the outside organization.

Posts are encouraged to engage the competitors and their families during the season. Engagement should not only be at competitions but also with post activities.

Chapter 3

Post clubs who wish to participate in the JSSP national tournament

Posts that wish to participate in the JSSP National Tournament will need to follow the registration process as outlined in Chapter Two. An affiliation form will need to be downloaded out of the registration process and signed by the post commander no earlier than Sept. 1 of each year. This form will then be needed to be uploaded as part of the registration process before target sets can be purchased.

Posts also need to remember that they will also need to comply with risk management requirements as prescribed in Chapter One.

Departments may also require an affiliation form as part of any department activities. Departments may want a copy of the affiliation form that is uploaded or may require a form of their own.

Appendix A

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program Junior Club Sample By-Laws

These sample by-laws have been prepared by The American Legion based on those of the National Rifle Association to assist junior clubs in writing their own by-laws. These sample by-laws can be modified or, if found suitable, may be adopted by the club as written.

A Junior Club's by-laws are important. They should not include minor rules, such as the selecting of teams, hours of shooting, or other matters that may change from time to time. Instead, by-laws are the permanent regulations governing the administration and operation of the club and serve as a guide for the officers and members. Each newly elected officer and member of the sponsoring committee should be completely familiar with the bylaws and should consult them frequently.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the _____ Junior Shooting Sports Club.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to improve the knowledge and skill of its members in matters relating to the proper care and handling of firearms; the management of target shooting ranges and competitions; the concepts of hunting and conservation; and to develop among its members those qualities of leadership, loyalty, cooperation, and good sportsmanship which are essential to good citizenship.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any boy or girl whose application for membership is approved by a parent or guardian, and is approved by the Executive Committee of the club.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

The annual dues of this organization shall be _____. No member in arrears shall be eligible for the benefits offered by the club or by The American Legion. The club initiation fee shall be _____.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of this club shall be an adult leader 21 years of age or older, at least three adult advisors, a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The officers shall constitute the club's Executive Committee.

All action taken by the club's Executive Committee shall become effective only upon approval of the Club Leader.

The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of the club members present at the regular annual meeting, or at a special meeting called by the leader for the purpose of electing officers.

The affiliating American Legion post shall appoint the Club Leader. The affiliating American Legion post may also appoint the leader as an advisor if he or she is qualified for these duties.

Club advisors shall be appointed by the affiliating American Legion post (according to program participation) subject to certification as an official instructor/coach by the National Rifle Association, Civilian Marksmanship Program, or USA Shooting.

ARTICLE VI - SPONSOR

There shall be a sponsoring committee consisting of not less than three or nor more than seven adult members of the affiliating American Legion post. The Club Leader shall be the permanent chairman of the sponsoring committee. Club advisors will also be members of the committee.

Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the committee.

The duties of the sponsoring committee shall be to advise and assist the Club Leader on financial and other matters pertaining to the operation of the club, to assist the Club Leader and club members in developing proper public relations within the community, and in cooperation with the leaders to do any and all things which will aid in carrying out the club's objectives.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Executive Committee: Subject to approval by the leader as provided in Article V, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the club including the discipline of club members, the acceptance or rejection of applications for membership, the designation of depositories for the club's funds, the establishment of financial and administrative procedures, and such other matters as are normally the duty of an organization's Executive Committee.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting.

Club Leader: The Club Leader shall be responsible for the general administration of the club. Working with the instructor/coach(s), he/she shall arrange club activities and be certain that all

shooting is done with the safety precautions and appropriate rules prescribed by the sponsoring organization(s). He/she shall promptly render to the sponsoring organization(s) such reports as may be required. The Club Leader shall be a member of all committees.

Advisors: The Advisors are responsible for the proper instruction of the members of the club. The National Rifle Association, Civilian Marksmanship Program, or USA Shooting shall certify advisors as an official instructor/coach. If not certified when appointed, he/she shall apply for such certification and become certified within one year. (Note: Where desired, the adult club leader may also be designated to serve as an advisor. In such cases, he/she must meet the necessary qualifications specified for that capacity. In other cases, different adults can be appointed as the various Advisors.)

President: The President shall preside at all regular or business meetings of the club and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He/she shall appoint all special committees and shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees.

Vice President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or at his/her request.

Treasurer: The Treasurer, under the supervision of the Leader, shall have charge of all funds of the club. He/she shall deposit such funds in the bank designated by the Executive Committee in joint account requiring the signature of both the Treasurer and the Club Leader for any withdrawals or payments from such account. He/she shall pay all bills contracted by the club and approved by the Executive Committee. He/she shall keep an accurate record of all transactions and shall render a detailed report whenever requested by the Executive Committee and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.

Secretary: The Secretary, under the supervision of the Club Leader, shall conduct the club's correspondence. He/she shall notify all club members of special and annual meetings and shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings. He/she shall maintain the minutes of all Executive Committee and club meetings. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary. He/she shall collect all fees and dues, turning the same over to the Treasurer and taking proper receipt, therefore.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Meetings of the organization will be held on the call of the Club Leader or the President. One-third of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Meetings of the Executive Committee will be held on the call of the Club Leader or the President. Three committee members will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX - WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member whose conduct shall be decided by a majority vote of the Executive Committee to have been injurious to the interest or welfare of the club may be suspended or expelled from the organization. Such vote shall not be taken without giving the offender two weeks' notice of the charges against him/her and affording an opportunity of being heard in his/her defense. He/she may appeal from a decision of the Executive Committee to the club at a special meeting called for that purpose, but it shall require a two-thirds vote of those present to reverse the committee's decision. The sponsoring organization(s) shall be given a complete report whenever a member is expelled, showing charges and action taken.

ARTICLE X - SHOOTING RULES

All shooting competitions and record shooting held by the club will be governed by either the current National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules (preferred) or of the National Rifle Association.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to these by-laws may be presented at any meeting of the club. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary for adoption.

Note: The Club President, the Club Leader, and The American Legion Post Commander should sign the document.

Sample Resolution

The following sample resolution can be used to promote firearm/air gun safety training for school age children. The resolution, through modification, can be adopted for all levels of government.

WHEREAS, Thirty-eight percent of the households in the United States are estimated to contain firearms; and

WHEREAS, Improper or unsupervised use or handling of firearms by children can be hazardous; and

WHEREAS, An unfortunate and preventable number of children in the United States are the victims of unnecessary firearms accidents each year; and

WHEREAS, The right of United States citizens to keep and bear arms is a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, It is expected that United States citizens will continue to have a high level of private ownership of firearms; and

WHEREAS, Safety training for other life hazards or injury hazard topics, such as driving a car and fire evacuation, is currently being conducted in most schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Widespread firearms safety training for school-age children could result in a significant reduction in firearm-related injuries and deaths among this country's children; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion offers a program of gun safety and marksmanship training for youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY _____ That _____ encourage the provision of firearms safety training for school age children in (state or community) through cooperation between school districts and appropriate local organizations they represent the shooting and sporting community in _____ the cooperation shall include:

1. The dissemination of information on firearm safety;
2. Information on the availability of firearms safety training programs offered by the appropriate local organizations; and
3. An agreement or relationship be initiated to provide facilities at the local school or at another suitable site for the firearms safety-training program offered by an appropriate local organization that represents the shooting and sporting community.



Last Name	First Name	MI
Address	City	State ZIP
Gender	Date of Birth	

Father's Name	Home/Cell Number
Employer	Work Number

Mother's Name	Home/Cell Number
Employer	Work Number

Are you a current member of the National Rifle Association or USA Shooting? Yes No

If yes, please provide membership number(s)

Have you had any previous shooting experience or training? Yes No

If yes, please list experience

Are either of your parents or guardians veterans of military service? Yes No

If yes, are they members of The American Legion? Yes No

I have read the above information and find it to be true to the best of my knowledge. I give permission for my son/daughter to become a member of this club and participate in the club activities.

Signature of applicant	Date
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Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Date
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Last Name		First Name		MI
Address		City	State	ZIP
Gender	Date of Birth	Home / Cell Phone		

Person to contact in case of an emergency				
Address		City	State	ZIP
Phone Number				

Medical Insurance Company	Policy Number
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Please check "YES" or "NO" and provide details where requested. All information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.

Are you allergic to any medication (including aspirin, penicillin, sulfa, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
List any allergies you have		
Do you take any prescribed medication on a permanent or semi-permanent basis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
List medications and give reason		
Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have epilepsy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever had an epileptic seizure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever been treated for diabetes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever been told by a doctor that you were anemic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have sickle cell anemia?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have or have you had high blood pressure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have or have you ever had heart disease?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have or have you ever had lung disease?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No



Do you have or have you ever had kidney disease?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have or have you ever had liver disease?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have asthma?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever had a hernia or "rupture"?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has it been repaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever been "knocked out" (unconscious) in the past three years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List dates	
Have you had a concussion or other head injury in the past three years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List dates	
Have you been hospitalized overnight due to a head injury?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List dates	
Is there any special accommodations needed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please list	

The information above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of member	Date
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**** If the member is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also sign.***

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Date
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Participant Name

If I am injured or suffer illness or disease while participating in the programs of the _____ Shooting Club, except as may be caused by the gross negligence or reckless conduct of the Shooting Club, I and my parent(s) or guardian(s) waive any legal claim against the _____ Shooting Club and its affiliating American Legion Post. If injured while traveling to or from any _____ Shooting Club activity by public, private or any other means of conveyance, I agree to waive any legal claims against the _____ Shooting Club, its leaders and its sponsors.

I give consent for the _____ Shooting Club to provide medical attention, transportation, and emergency medical services as warranted by the circumstances. (The club sponsor may require a guarantee of medical, doctor, or hospital bills.)

I state that I am in good physical condition and I am not aware of any disease or injury that would be aggravated or result in my being incapacitated or injured during any program participation.

I further understand and agree to abide by the general rules of conduct prescribed for the members of the _____ Shooting Club and that violations may result in denial of privileges and a forfeiture of all fees paid.

I have read this release. I understand that it affects my legal rights and responsibilities, and I hereby agree to its terms and conditions.

Signature of member	Date
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Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Date
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For club members under 18, parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign the statement below:

I have explained to my son/daughter the aforementioned stipulated conditions and their ramifications and I further consent to his/her membership in the _____ Shooting Club. As his/her parent/guardian, I understand the terms of this release and hereby waive any claim(s) as set forth herein.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Date
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I, hereby expressly grant to The American Legion Department of _____ and its employees, agents and assigns, the right to film, videotape or photograph me and use my picture, silhouette and other reproductions of my physical likeness (as the same may appear in any still camera photograph and/or motion picture film and/or interactive media/internet), in and in connection with the exhibition theatrically on television, or otherwise. I further understand there will be no monetary compensation paid to me for said filming and any promotional materials, which may be derived from the same. I have read this document and discussed it with my parents or guardian and I freely enter this contract:

Minors Full Name			
Address	City	State	ZIP

Signature of minor

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Date
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Parent/Guardian Affirmation

I, the undersigned, hereby warrant that I am the parent or guardian of _____ , a minor and have full authority to authorize the above Release which I have read and approved.

I hereby release The American Legion Department of _____ , and its and their respective licensees, successors and assigns, from and against any and all liability arising out of exhibition of the releaser’s picture, silhouette and other reproductions of his/her physical likeness in connection with any print, film, interactive media/internet or videotape advertisement or other promotional media.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)	
Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Date

Appendix B

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Resolution No. 32: Risk Management Mandates for National Youth Programs

Origin: Americanism Commission

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

(As amended) “

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 4 of the National Executive Committee, May 2012, titled “Background Screening Of Staff For National Youth Programs” initially mandated background check screening of staff of American Legion national youth programs in order to uphold the integrity and safety of youth and to mitigate the risk and liability to an organization; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16 of the National Executive Committee, October 2012, titled “Mandatory Background Check Screening for Coaches, Managers and Volunteer Staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball Teams” initially established policy and procedures for mandatory background screening for coaches, managers and volunteers of junior and senior American Legion Baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, Federal law (Public Law 115-126) titled “Protecting Young Victims From Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017” has been enacted requiring amateur youth sports organizations affiliated with a national governing body or non-affiliated organizations to develop policies and procedures to prevent the emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of amateur athletes; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Baseball is affiliated with the national governing body of USA Baseball; and

WHEREAS, USA Shooting is a National Governing Body member of the U.S. Center for SafeSport; and

WHEREAS, USA Shooting is the organization upon which The American Legion patterns its American Legion Junior Shooting program; and

WHEREAS, Because the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports National Tournament is administered by the national organization, the national organization therefore possesses the authority to impose mandates for the protection of minor children participating in that national tournament; and

WHEREAS, The aftermath of numerous cases of child sexual molestation across the nation has demonstrated the importance for diligent protection of vulnerable populations, such as children and youth; and

WHEREAS, It is paramount The American Legion meet its legal, moral and ethical responsibility to parents and guardians by protecting their children from abuse and harm when participating in any and all youth programs under the Legion brand; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That The American Legion, under the advice and guidance of the compliance and risk manager of the national organization and the national judge advocate, shall have policies and procedures established beginning in 2021 which mandates sexual abuse awareness training and criminal history background check screening for:

- **American Legion Baseball program staff (coaches, managers and volunteers 18 years of age or older) who have regular contact with players who are minors**
- **Coaches, managers and volunteers 18 years of age or older who have regular contact with minors who are in clubs affiliated with an American Legion post and who are participating in the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports National Tournament**
- **Those selected to staff national tournaments of American Legion Baseball, the American Legion Boys Nation program, the American Legion National Oratorical Contest, the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Shoulder-to-Shoulder National Championship, and National Boy Scouts of America Jamborees, or who are adults and have regular contact with program participants who are minors; and, be it further**

RESOLVED, That the national adjutant, after legal review and approval of the national judge advocate, be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract(s) as may be necessary to support the execution of criminal history background check screening and/or sexual abuse awareness training; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That departments of The American Legion are strongly urged and encouraged to establish procedures and policies for sexual abuse awareness training and criminal history background check screening similar to those of the national organization for those adults who are selected to support youth programs conducted within their departments; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 4 of the National Executive Committee, May 2012, titled “Background Screening Of Staff For National Youth Programs” and Resolution No. 16 of the National Executive Committee, October 2012, titled “Mandatory Background Check Screening for Coaches, Managers and Volunteer Staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball Teams” are hereby superseded and rescinded.




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