

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

OF

CENTRAL NEW YORK TRAP LEAGUE, INC.

As Amended 2023

**CONSTITUTION OF THE**  
**CENTRAL NEW YORK TRAP LEAGUE**

The constitution was drawn at the direction of Mr. Robert Spence, league president 1977, and formulated and presented by the following members.

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The draft of the constitution is hereby presented as a package and must be voted upon as a whole. Individual articles will not be broken for vote and the package will be accepted or rejected as a whole.

The committee further suggests the development of a permanent constitution committee to serve in future years for changes, ratification, etc, that will have to be made to compensate for growth of the league.

## ARTICLE I

The Organization shall be known as the Central New York Trap League. Incorporated as a Not-For-Profit in 1979.

## ARTICLE II

The object of the Organization shall be the encouragement of trapshooting, safety, sportsmanship and good fellowship. The protection and propagation of fish and game, and the preservation of forests.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP:

Any regular organized club in the state of New York, shall be eligible for membership in the Organization, after first being approved by the Board of Directors of the Organization.

Primary considerations for holding league shoot-offs by league clubs will be as follows:

1. Provide six (6) or more operating traps for score.
2. Supply and pay cashiers, squad pushers, trap pullers, trap loaders, and any other help that may be necessary to run the annual shoot-off.

## ARTICLE IV

### PRIVILEGES:

Any individual, a resident of the state of New York, who is a member of the Central New York Trap League, shall have the privilege of discussing or speaking at any annual or special meeting of the Organization.

## ARTICLE V

### SHOOTING RULES

The latest revised rules of the Amateur Trapshooting Association Section VII Official Scoring A thru E and Section XIII Traphouses, Targets, Target setting, Guns and Ammunition A thru G will be used by the organization.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

The Officers and Directors of the Organization shall be a President, Northern Vice President, Southern Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Directors.

The Officers shall be elected at the fall meeting by public vote of the Directors and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected and have assumed office. They shall assume office at the conclusion of the fall meeting.

The two (2) Vice Presidents will be elected from opposite zones, Northern and

Southern.

Not more than two (2) members from any one club may be Officers or Directors at the same time;

Directors shall consist of a Delegate or an Alternate, from each club. They are to be elected for the duration of their elected or appointed time set by their respective clubs. Further, they shall be empowered by their club to vote on any matter concerning the League, and as such, shall constitute the only vote (1) for their club in any executive session, and at the annual spring meeting.

The four (4) Officers and the Directors or Alternates shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Nominations for Officers shall be submitted to the League Secretary not later than July 1 of the election year. A listing of all candidates shall be returned to the individual clubs by the League Secretary, not later than July 15. All candidates for office will be posted for review of the league members on the day of the shoot off. Election shall be by majority vote at the fall meeting.

An Officer elected or appointed by the Directors may be removed, with or without cause, only by majority vote of the board, but the Officer's authority to act as an Officer may be suspended by the board for cause. Written notice of suspension of authority and/or office removal must be issued to the Officer.

## ARTICLE VII

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Organization, to execute all legal contracts and instruments and to have general charge and supervision over all business meetings of the Organization. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

A Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall discharge the duties of the President. If the President and Vice Presidents cannot attend any meetings, the Secretary/Treasurer, shall discharge such duties.

The Secretary/Treasurer as Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Organization in proper books to be provided for that purpose. Shall issue notices of all meetings and perform all duties as may be required by the President or Board of Directors. A copy of the minutes of the annual meeting will be sent to all member clubs in good standing within fifteen (15) days of said meeting. As Treasurer, shall be custodian of all monies, trophies, and securities and vouchers of the Organization, and shall preserve the receipts of all monies paid out. The Treasurer is authorized by the Organization to collect all dues and funds owing the Organization. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies to the credit of the Organization in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors shall designate and shall make no disbursements for other than incidental expenses, such as postage, printing, etc, unless authorized to do so by the vote of the Organization at annual meeting or by the Board of Directors.

A detailed report all money received and disbursed by the Secretary/Treasurer shall be made at the annual meeting. An audit of the League Records may be ordered by the Board of Directors at any time. The Secretary/Treasurer shall post a year-end financial statement the day of the annual shoot-off. Further, shall make payable all purse monies on

the day of the annual shoot-off, monies not paid the day of the shoot-off will be sent to each shooter with a pay-off sheet no later than then (10) days after the shoot-off.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs of the Organization and may properly assume such other duties as are not specifically assigned to or performed by the officers of the Organization or by specific committees and they may create and appoint such other committees as may be necessary in their judgment.

The Board of Directors shall have supervision over all tournaments given under the auspices of the Organization.

At the annual meeting of the Organization it shall be decided which club shall have the responsibility of conducting the next annual shoot-off, being selected from a rotation list of qualified clubs.

All other monies as received from any source whatsoever shall be expended as directed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of securing trophies or awards approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct investigations or hearings relative to any complaints against any individuals who, or club which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or prejudicial to the best interest of the Organization and shall have the power to discipline said delinquent in accordance with its findings. Further, it shall have the right to refuse any individual for cause.

The Board of Directors shall have full charge of all matters not fully covered in the Constitution of By-Laws or not otherwise provided for the resolutions passed at any annual meeting.

The Board of Directors may fill any League Officers vacancy caused by death, resignation, or removal of any member or members of said Board.

## ARTICLE IX

### MEETINGS:

The annual meeting of the Organization shall be held in a centrally located place on the first Monday of the month of March. Time and place of the meeting to be mailed to each member club at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

A fall meeting of the Organization shall be held in a centrally located place on the last Monday of the month of September.

Each member club of the Organization shall be entitled to one (1) vote, to be placed by the Delegate or Alternate, in the absence of the Delegate, on all questions.

Special meetings of the Organization may be called at any time by the President, Secretary/Treasurer, or any affiliated club.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENTS OF CONSITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended as follows: the proposed change shall be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer, in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting or any special meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer shall notify each club at least fifteen (15) days prior to that meeting, stating exactly what the change in the Constitution or By-Laws is proposed. It shall take the majority vote by the clubs represented by either Delegate or Alternate present to pass such amendment. The day to day League Shooting Rules can be changed at the annual spring meeting without prior notification.

## ARTICLE XI

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Order of Business shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of the minutes
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Committees
5. Unfinished Business
6. Selection of place to hold annual shoot off.
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

**CENTRAL NEW YORK TRAP LEAGUE, INC.**  
**SHOOTING RULES AMENDED 2025**

1. **LEAGUE:** The league will consist of two (2) divisions North and South. The team number be permanent and will not change from year to year. If any team should drop out and is replaced by a new one, the new team will assume the number of the team dropping out. Each year the schedule will be established by using the previous year's schedule, moving the top line to the bottom and moving all others up one space. The only scheduling consideration to the above is that Bridgeport be away from home the week of the New York State shoot.
2. **TEAM EVENT:** The best eight (8) scores of all team members on twenty-five (25) pre-designated targets (score).

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING "LOST TARGET" IS QUOTED FORM THE ATA RULES WITH REFERENCE TO "SUB-EVENT", "HANDICAP", "DOUBLES" OR ANY OTHER LANGUAGE NOT PERTAINING TO THE CNY LEAGUE OMITTED.**

**3 Lost Targets:** ATA Rules will govern as follows:

The referee shall rule "LOST"

- a. When the contestant shoots and fails to break the target, whether missed completely, or when only dust falls form. It.
- b. When a whole target appears promptly after a contestant's recognizable command and is within the legal limits of flight and the contestant voluntarily does not fire.
- c. When an illegal target, a freak target, or a target of a markedly different color is fired at and missed. A contestant may refuse illegal, freak or off color targets, but if he fires at them, then the results must be scored.
- d. When a contestant voluntarily withdraws from, or is disqualified from, and takes no further part in a match after having fired at one (1) or more targets of said match and thereby does not fire at the total number of targets (25) comprising such match, the referee shall rule all targets which the contestant did not fire at in the match to be "lost" targets and they shall be scored accordingly.
- e. When the score sheet shall come into the office with one or more targets that are not scored either "DEAD" or "LOST", they shall be scored as "LOST" targets by shoot management.
- f. All previous rules regarding flinches, defective or dud shells, safety on, unloaded gun or barrel, defective gun, broken gun, misfires, when all of the charge of shot or the wad remains in the barrel, malfunctions of gun or otherwise which previously entitled a contestant to re-shoot the target or to change guns or shells and continue the match without all subsequent misfires being called "LOST" are **RESCINDED**. The following procedure shall hereafter be followed in all matches.
  1. A contestant shall be allowed two (2) failures to fire, for any reason other than stated in paragraph 3.b, above during each match. When the allowable failure to fire in any match occurs, the contestant shall be allowed to call for and fire at another target, and the result of the shot

will be scored in accordance with these official rules.

2. Whenever an allowable failure to fire, as provided in this rule, occurs the scorekeeper shall mark a large legible "F" on the score sheet in the same where the target is scored along with the score for that target and also place the same mark beside the total match score. After two (2) "F" are in place in the space where the individual target is scored any subsequent failure to fire in the same match and for any reason, when a target is called for and the target appears promptly and within legal limits of flight, shall be ruled as "LOST" and shall be scored accordingly. Cumulative application of the rule is prohibited.

- g. When a commonly called "soft load" occurs, and the shot is fired but no part of the overpowder wad or shot remains in the barrel and the target is missed. The target is "LOST" and does not get re-shot.

4. **TIME: 4PM is the earliest time on Tuesdays that scores may be shot and recorded.**

- a. You can shoot for score any time after arrival at the trap fields. Late arrivals shooting for score have preference over practice shooter during legal shooting hours. Both teams may mix their late arrivals to make up full squads. Practice shooter may be used to make up full squads, but the practice shooters will be labeled as "practice" and no name or number shall appear in that position. All shooters must be **present** and signed up by **8:00 P.M.**, regardless if the fields are lighted or not. Team captains/delegates have the right to put squads out on ANY field as needed after 8:00 PM.

- b. ALL TARGETS THROWN ON A SCHEDULED LEAGUE NIGHT WILL BE OF ONE (1) LEGAL COLOR AND TYPE FOR SCORE. **THAT COLOR AND TYPE MAY BE CHANGED WITH CONSENT OF THE HOST TEAM CAPTAIN AND VISITING TEAM CAPTAIN.** All traps shall be set in the number 2 (2) hold to throw the targets.

5. **SCORING:** Two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) for a loss. The winner for each zone will be determined by the total points. In case teams are tied at the end of the season, the scores of those teams at the annual shoot-off will determine the winner.
6. **FEES:** Each shooter must pay \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) in league fees to be eligible for participation in the shoot-off. The \$10.00 fee must accompany the first score, or the score will not be registered. This fee will be collected by the team captain and sent to the League Secretary with the score sheets of the shooters first match. A record of fees paid will be kept by each team captain as well as the League Secretary. A shooter may sign up and shoot for only one team per year. No new shooter shall be allowed to join the CNY Trap League and shoot in the Tuesday Night League during the week of the New York State Shoot. Shooters are assigned a number upon joining the League, this number remains the same no matter which

club they shoot for, or what year it is. If a shooter rejoins the League after not shooting for two (2) or more years, he or she will be issued a new number.

**LEAGUE NIGHT TARGET FEES** will be Adults \$5.00 (FIVE Dollars) and all practice shooters \$4.00. Junior and Sub Junior \$2.00.

**SHOOT-OFF** will be Adults \$7.50 per twenty-five (25) targets for score and \$5.00 (Five Dollars) for Sub Juniors, Juniors, Vets and Sr Veterans per 25 targets. Practice is \$4.00 per round of 25 targets.

**7. POSTPONEMENTS/LOCATION SWITCH:** If one team does not wish to shoot, they will forfeit. There will be no postponements except for extreme conditions that will prevent the host club from hosting the scheduled event on that date. In this case, the two team captains shall agree that the match be postponed and rescheduled. Any scores recorded before postponement that evening shall be automatically canceled. If 50 targets are to be shot at the postponed shoot with a regular scheduled shoot, the first 25 targets shall be scored for that night's event only; the second 25 targets shall be scored for the rescheduled event only. If a shooter shoots only 25 targets, the score shall be recorded for that night's event only. In the event the two team captains cannot agree on a make-up date, both teams will receive 0 (Zero) points. Any rescheduled scores will be counted for any special team or trophy. If for some reason the Teams need to switch the location for a scheduled shoot (due to weather, lighting, field conditions, etc.) **PRIOR** to the scheduled date, both Team Captains/Delegates must agree and must notify the Secretary/Treasurer of the switch **PRIOR** to the date of the switched shoot.

**8. SCORE SHEETS ON LEAGUE NIGHT:** Each team must mail their own scoresheets to the League Secretary as soon as possible. If these are not received by the following Tuesday, the team will be fined \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) per occurrence. This fine will be payable to the League before the spring meeting, if not paid by then the club will not be allowed to start the League that year. Please date your score sheets and print the name of the clubs clearly. Also, print the names and ID number of the contestants clearly as well as any straights (e.g. 25, 50, 75, etc.). The quicker the Secretary gets these sheets the sooner the teams will know their standings. The host team captain is required to notify the League Secretary by telephone, before 11:00 P.M. on match nights, the total score shoot by each team and any straights of individual shooter for both teams.

**9. AVERAGES:** League averages will determine class at the shoot-off. To be classified, a shooter must participate in at least one (1) more than half the League shoots in their division. Any shooter not having the required number of shoots, must to compete in class AA at the shoot-off.

Class averages break down as follows:

Class AA	.940 to 100.
Class A	.880 to .939
Class B	.820 to .879
Class C	.760 to .819
Class D	.759 and under

Known ability is a factor to be included in determining class for the shoot-off. (ATA

printed averages and other data presented by team captains to the classification committee prior to the shoot-off). The classification committee being the four League Officers.

10. **PRIZE MONEY:** Purse money will be divided evenly among five (5) classes, each class shooting for its own money on the day of the shoot-off, divided 50-30-20 percentage, for the high three scores of each class.

All class money to be paid as follows: The treasurer of the League shall send a pay-off sheet and check in the total amount of monies due each shooter as a result of that shoot-off no later than ten (10) days after the shoot-off.

Optional Lewis class will be \$10.00 60%/40% High Gun 5 classes maximum

Checks that are paid out as a result of the CNY League Shoot-off, must be cashed within ninety (90) days from when the check is issued. If at the end of the 90-day period, the check is not cashed it will become null and void and the resulting monies shall be returned to the CNY Trap League and shall be added to the following years money at the shoot-off.

Checks that are issued as a result of the CNY Shoot off which include both the purse and the Lewis categories, shall be stamped "CASH WITHIN 90 DAYS" of "VOID AFTER 90 DAYS".

#### 11. **TROPHIES:**

- \*A. Trophy to the League Winner (team) Shoot-off
- \*B. Trophy to the League Runner-up (team) Shoot-off
- C. Trophy to the 1st Place Team, each division
- D. Trophy to the 2nd Place Team, each division
- \*E. Trophy to the Hi club of the day if other than first place North & South Teams
- G. Trophy to the League High-Average Shooter. Must have shot 80% of League Shoots, including the first and last shoot. 13 shoots if a Bye
- H. Trophy to the Most Improved Shooter, each division based on previous year's average. The shooter must have shot 325 targets of the League shoots for both years.
- \*\*J. Trophy for Hi-Average Sub-Junior boy or girl (age 12-15), each division. Age at start of season determines category
- \*\*K. Trophy for Hi-Average Junior boy or girl (age 16-18), each division. Age at start of season determines category.
- \*\*L. Trophy to Hi-Average Veteran Male or Female (over 62 years of age), each division. Age at start of season determines category.
- \*\*M. Trophy to Hi-Average Senior Veteran Male or Female North and South (70 years of age and older). Age at start of season determines category.
- \*\*N. Trophy to Hi-Average lady, each division.
- \*\*\*O. Trophy to the Five (5) Class Winners at the Shoot-off
- \*\*\*P. Trophy to the High Gun at the Shoot-off and Runner Up.
- \*\*\*Q. Trophy to the High-Sub Junior Boy or Girl at the Shoot-off
- \*\*\*R. Trophy to the High Junior Boy or Girl at the Shoot-off
- \*\*\*S. Trophy to the High Lady at the Shoot-off
- \*\*\*T. Trophy to the High Veteran Man or Lady at the Shoot-off

- U Individual trophies to the winners of the North versus South, (five-man team). To qualify for the team a shooter must have shot 80% of the League shoots, including the first and last shoot. 13 shoots if a Bye If some of the shooters average are tied, the score shot that day will decide, if still tied then a coin toss. The Five-Man Team Shoot-off shall rotate fields for each twenty-five (25) targets during the fifty (50) target event.  
Eligible participants must have competed in that days 50 target program
- \*\*\*V Trophy to the High Senior Veteran Man or Lady at the Shoot-off (70 years and over). Age at start of season determines category.
- W Trophy to the North & South High-Average Shooters (not to include the High League Average, see G). Must have shot 80% of League Shoots, including the first and last shoot. 13 shoots if a Bye (added 2017)
- \* To be determined from the results of the top eight (8) scores of the Northern and Southern division winners.
- \*\* To qualify for the trophy, the shooter must have shot at least 325 targets in the League shoots.
- \*\*\* Shooter are limited to one (1) individual trophy at shoot-off.

**12. PROCEDURE TO BREAK TIES AT THE SHOOT-OFF:** In the event a tie should occur at the shoot-off, the captains of the teams involved will select five (5) shooters, available on the field, to shoot an additional twenty-five (25) targets to break such a tie. Also, if either team fails to field a team after three (3) calls from the shoot chairman, said team will forfeit. The host club will absorb the cost of the targets. **The new 2010 ATA shoot off rule for champion & runner up will not be used. (Mar 2010).** In the event that a shoot-off should occur for any reason, the following rule will be followed: **Two (2) League Officers, Club Management and the Shooters** in such a shoot-off must agree before the trap machine is adjusted to throw a stronger target either by cranking the machine up or changing the machine to another hole (effective 9/93).

**13. SHOOTER DECLARATION IN A SHOOT-OFF:** When shooters are tied at the end of the shoot-off, they must report to shoot management to declare what they will be shooting for (i.e. High Gun, High AA, etc.) and “falling back” to if they qualify for more than just Class (i.e. Category). Shoot-off management will make 3 announced calls of all shooters involved in the shoot-offs within a 10-minute period. Shooters NOT reporting to management will default and their winning place will be determined by Shoot Management.

#### **SHOOT-OFF SCHEDULE**

2026	Central Square
2027	Dewitt
2028	Toad Harbor
2029	Bridgeport
2030	Pathfinder
2031	Pompey