

Florida Sport Shooting Association, Inc.
Articles of Incorporation
of
Florida Sport Shooting Association, Inc.
A Corporation Not For Profit

We, the undersigned, desiring to form a corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, as contained in Chapter 617 of the General Statutes of Florida, entitled "Corporation Not For Profit Act," and the several amendments thereto, do hereby make, subscribe, and acknowledge this certificate, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Name. The official name of this organization shall be Florida Sport Shooting Association, Inc.

ARTICLE 2. Purposes. The corporation is formed exclusively for purposes for which a corporation may be formed under the Corporation Not For Profit Law and not for pecuniary profit or financial gain. No part of the assets, income, or profit of the Corporation shall be distributable to, or inure to the benefit of, its members, directors, or officers except to the extent permitted under the Corporation Not For Profit Law.

In accordance with the purposes and objectives of the National Rifle Association, this Association will strive to create a public sentiment of support for the individual possession of firearms by law-abiding citizens. The Association will also encourage education and training in the use of firearms for sport, as an essential contribution to national security, for personal defense, and as a bulwark of individual liberty.

It shall also be the purpose of this organization to encourage the proper organization, operation, and administration of member clubs; to promote and coordinate statewide activities related to the ownership and lawful use of firearms, and to cooperate with other organizations in the conservation of wildlife resources within the State of Florida and throughout the United States.

The detailed objectives of this association include, but are not limited to:

- (i) The protection and defense of the inalienable constitutional rights of the individual American citizen to acquire, transport, possess, carry, and transfer ownership of arms, in order that the people may exercise their rights to self-preservation and defense of family, person, and property, as well as defend the nation and the individual liberty of its citizens.
- (ii) The promotion of marksmanship practice both as a sport and as a fundamental aspect of national defense.
- (iii) To promote and approve the execution of State Championship Tournaments and promote all other shooting Sectional and Regional Championships and other competitions.
- (iv) The promotion of all the shooting sports.

- (v) The encouragement of the acceptance of marksmanship as a major competitive sport in the State's publicly and privately endowed school systems, both secondary and collegiate.
- (vi) To assist in the planning, construction, acquisition, and preservation of civilian-owned shooting ranges of all types.
- (vii) To support the Civilian Marksmanship Program of the Department of Defense, and to encourage member clubs to enroll and participate in that program.
- (viii) The promotion and defense of hunter safety training, hunting as a shooting sport, and conservation, as viable and necessary methods of fostering the propagation, growth, conservation and wise use of renewable wildlife and natural resources.
- (ix) The promotion of the highest degree of sportsmanship and good fellowship among the membership of the Association, and to prevent the occurrence or tolerance of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- (x) Any other lawful purpose not expressly prohibited by the law of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE 3. Qualification of Members. The qualification of members and the manner of their admission shall be controlled by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 4. Duration. The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 5. Incorporators. The names and addresses of all the incorporators are:

Name	Address
Tom Baber	4309 Plaza Gate Lane Jacksonville, Florida 32217
Rod Fitz-Randolph	666 Dunbarton Circle, NE Palm Bay, Florida 32905
Paul A. Larson	3700 45th Avenue N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33714
Bruce Laubenheimer	136 St. Croix Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931
Dave Luke	P.O. Box 541 Port Richey, Florida 33568
Charles W. Maness	1460 Neptune Road Kissimmee, Florida 32743
Mike O'Conner	517 West South Park Street Okeechobee, Florida 33472
James W. Perkins	8975 Wildwood Lane, N. Seminole, Florida 33542
James Pettengill	2015 N.W. 19th Lane Gainesville, Florida 32605
Sherman E. Pitts	3820 47th Street Sarasota, Florida 33580
LaVerne Smith	4709 Persimmon Way Tampa, Florida 33624

Tom Smith	1305 Alfred Drive Orlando, Florida 32810
Ron Spiers	4516 Summergrove Avenue Orlando, Florida 32806
Gary Swaney	1557 77th Avenue N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33702
David Tadder	7350 14th Street, NE St. Petersburg, Florida 33702
Thomas M. Washington	3 N. E. 109th Street Miami Shores, FL. 33161

ARTICLE 6. Management of the Corporation. The Corporation is to be managed and the officers are to be elected in conformity with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 7. Officers. The names of the Officers who are to serve until the first election or appointment under the Articles of Incorporation are:

President:	Paul A. Larson
Vice President:	David Tadder
Secretary:	Bruce Laubenheimer
Treasurer:	Gary Swaney

ARTICLE 8. Initial Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be 16, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first meeting of the Corporation or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

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ARTICLE 9. Agent for Service of Process. The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation and the name of its initial registered agent at such address are:

Lawrence S. Katz, Esquire
One Lincoln Road Building
Suite 219
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

ARTICLE 10. Amendments.

- (i) The Articles of Incorporation, and Articles III and IV of the Bylaws, may be amended by a three-quarters vote of the Board of Directors entitled to vote present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors duly called and held in conformity with the Bylaws applicable hereto, notice of such proposed changes having been sent in writing to the Directors entitled to vote thereon not less than thirty days before such meeting.
- (ii) The Bylaws, except for Articles III and IV, may be amended or repealed by a three-quarters vote of the members entitled to vote present at any annual or special members' meeting, duly called, notice of such proposed changes having been sent in writing to the members entitled to vote thereon in conformity with the notice requirements of the Bylaws, applicable thereto.
 - (a) Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors on its own initiative, or by petition of any twenty-five members entitled to vote, addressed to the Secretary and received not less than sixty days prior to any annual meeting.
 - (b) All such proposed amendments shall be presented by the Board to the membership with or without recommendation.
- (iii) Any amendment approved under this Article shall be sent to all members of the Association by the Secretary as soon as possible and submitted to the National Rifle Association.

ARTICLE 11. Powers. The Corporation shall have all the powers granted Corporations under the laws of the State of Florida. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the purposes of organizations set forth in the subsection of Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 under which the Corporation chooses to qualify for exemption, as the same now exists, or as it may be amended from time to time.

