

Adopted Unanimously by ESSFTA Board, at its Annual Meeting on February 22, 1992, as amended by ESSFTA Board on November 28, 1992, and again on November 29, 1994.

## ESSFTA BOARD RESOLUTIONS ON NATIONAL AMATEUR

### BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That these resolutions are being promulgated by the Board of Governors, pursuant to Article VI, Section 2 of the ESSFTA By-Laws, and shall be amended only in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3, below.

2. That primary responsibility for the conduct of the National Amateur Championship Field Trial (sometimes hereafter "Championship Field Trial" or "Trial") each year shall be vested in the National Amateur Championship Committee (hereafter "Committee"), as constituted from time to time, subject to the ESSFTA By-Laws and to the specific provisions of these Resolutions; and that, subject to the foregoing requirement, the Committee, at its option, may establish such other guidelines, practices, and/or procedures for effectively carrying out such Championship Field Trial each year as it deems appropriate.

A. Principal Officers and Committee Members.

(i) The principal officers of the Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) General Chairman
- (2) General Chairman-Elect
- (3) Vice Chairman
- (4) Secretary
- (5) Treasurer

The determination of the principal officers each year (to hold office for one year) shall constitute a "major decision," as defined in subparagraph 2(B)(ii), below, such determination to be effectuated at the annual meeting of the Sponsoring Clubs' Delegates, to be held each year in conjunction with the Championship Field Trial. Except with respect to the posts of Secretary and Treasurer, no individual shall hold more than one of the above principal officership positions at the same time. Each principal officer shall be a member of the ESSFTA (or, alternatively, if a nominated principal officer is not a member, he shall agree to submit a duly completed ESSFTA membership application as soon as practicable, as well as tender his initial dues forthwith). As soon as practicable after the annual meeting of the Sponsoring Clubs' Delegates, the new General Chairman each year shall advise the ESSFTA President and the ESSFTA Board of Governors in writing of the names (plus addresses and phone numbers) of the new Committee members. Irrespective of the actual date of such written communication from the new General Chairman, the new principal officers and other new Committee members each year shall commence their terms of office as of the date following the final day of the Championship Field Trial in that calendar year. By adoption of these resolutions, the Board is herewith establishing the principle that each year the duly determined principal Committee Officers and other new Committee members shall be deemed appointed by the President, as well as deemed approved by the Board, without further Presidential or Board action being necessary.

(ii) The ESSFTA President and ESSFTA Vice President (Field) shall serve as ex officio non-voting members of the Committee. Apart from the principal officers and

foregoing ex officio members, other members of the Committee shall be appointed by the General Chairman, subject to any guidelines established from time to time by majority vote of the Delegates from Sponsoring Clubs.

(iii) Each principal officer shall serve until his successor takes office. Any vacancy in any principal officership post that arises for any reason, at any time, shall be filled by a majority vote of the incumbents in the other principal officership positions, provided such action occurs within forty-five (45) days after the vacancy begins. Subsequent to the foregoing period, if the vacancy continues, the ESSFTA President, at his option, may appoint an individual to fill the vacancy, subject to approval of the ESSFTA Executive Committee. A vacancy shall be deemed to occur in the event of an incumbent's (i) death, (ii) mental or physical incapacity (to be determined by majority vote of the other principal officers), (iii) failure to be approved for ESSFTA membership, if at the time he took office the incumbent was only an applicant for such membership, or (iv) suspension or expulsion from the ESSFTA, pursuant to Article VII of the ESSFTA By-Laws.

(iv) Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of the Sponsoring Clubs' Delegates, the incumbent General Chairman each year shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five individuals, subject to the approval of a majority of the other principal officers of the Committee. The Nominating Committee for a particular year shall tender its proposed slate of principal officers of the Committee at the annual meeting of the Sponsoring Clubs' Delegates for that year, at which time the General Chairman shall entertain any and all motions from the floor for other nominees. After the close of nominations from the floor, the General Chairman, as to uncontested principal officership positions, shall declare the nominee(s) from the Nominating Committee's slate elected, and, as to contested principal officership positions, shall call for a vote (which shall be conducted by secret ballot). The duly elected principal officers each year shall commence their terms of office as of the date set forth above.

**B. "Major Decisions" and Role of Sponsoring Clubs**

(i) Relative to the planning for and conduct of the Championship Field Trial each year, the ESSFTA Board is establishing parameters herein for the determination of "major decisions" (as defined below) at the Committee level, based on votes from Sponsoring Clubs or from representatives (i.e., delegates) therefrom. The objective of these parameters is to maintain a system conducive to such "major decisions" each year having the demonstrated support of at least a majority of the Sponsoring Clubs. While it is anticipated that "major decisions" each year will be made primarily at the annual meeting of Sponsoring Clubs' delegates, on the basis of voting by such Delegates, any "major decision" that is appropriately made at another time may be made by the Committee polling (via mail) all incumbent Sponsoring Clubs (i.e., all Clubs that duly paid the sponsoring fee at or prior to the immediately preceding annual meeting of Sponsoring Clubs Delegates). Generally, all decisions incident to any Championship Field Trial other than "major decisions" (as defined below) shall be made by the General Chairman, the principal officers, or the Committee as a whole, pursuant to such guidelines, practices, and/or procedures as the Committee establishes from time to time. In appropriate areas, though, non-major decisions may be made by the ESSFTA Board, after consultation with the General Chairman.

(ii) For purposes of these Resolutions, a decision on any issue within the scope of any of the following areas shall constitute a "major decision":

- (a) Nomination and determination of principal officers each year;
- (b) Determination of basic requirements for eligibility for an individual to be a judge at a National Amateur Championship Field Trial, as well as the selection of the two judges for any particular Championship Field Trial;
- (c) Determination of the dates and general location of the Championship Field Trial each year;
- (d) Setting of the requirements for entry and the amount of entry fee for the Championship Field Trial each year;
- (e) Setting of the amount of the annual sponsoring fee to be paid by each Sponsoring Club; and
- (f) Utilization of any accumulated funds derived from prior profitable National Amateur Field Trials for any purpose other than establishing an imprest fund for a succeeding year's Trial or otherwise defraying expenses of such a Trial.

(iii) Any Springer Club in the United States that has held a licensed Field Trial during a particular calendar year (or during either of the preceding two calendar years) is eligible to become a Sponsoring Club with respect to the National Amateur Championship Field Trial at the end of such calendar year. Any such Club shall become a Sponsoring Club immediately on payment of the annual sponsoring fee, which may be paid at any time prior to the commencement of the annual meeting of the Sponsoring Clubs' Delegates, which shall be held each year in conjunction with that year's Championship Field Trial. By virtue of paying a sponsoring fee in a particular calendar year, the Sponsoring Club shall be entitled to designate a Delegate (as well as an alternate) to the annual meeting of such Delegates that year, as well as entitled to participate in any poll of Sponsoring Clubs during the succeeding year. Each Delegate (or alternate) shall be entitled to cast one vote on each and every matter brought before the Committee at the annual meeting of such Delegates.

(iv) Prior to commencement of the meeting, written confirmation of the designation of the Delegate (or alternate) of a Sponsoring Club for a particular annual meeting of Sponsoring Clubs' Delegates shall be presented to the Committee Secretary. (Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if a Sponsoring Club desires no change in the designation of its Delegate and alternate from the preceding year, no new written confirmation of such designation shall be necessary, as such Club's Delegate and alternate for the prior year shall be deemed to remain in office until written confirmation of a new designation is presented to the Committee Secretary.) For any particular annual meeting of Sponsoring Clubs Delegates for which a Sponsoring Club does not have one of its own members present, such Club (or the duly designated Delegate) may designate

another individual as the Delegate's proxy, via written proxy instrument (to be filed with the Committee Secretary prior to commencement of the meeting), provided such designated individual is, in fact, present at the annual meeting. No single individual may represent (in person or by proxy) more than three Sponsoring Clubs at any particular annual meeting.

C. Committee Funds and Annual Statement.

(i) The aggregate revenues generated by sponsoring fees from the Sponsoring Clubs shall be utilized by the Committee each year, to defray expenses for carrying out the Championship Field Trial for that year. Any excess of receipts for the Championship Field Trial from all sources (plus starting balances), over disbursements, in any particular year, shall constitute a starting balance for the Committee's imprest fund in carrying out such Trial in the succeeding year, with the excess to be transferred to the ESSFTA Treasurer to be held as restricted invested capital.

(ii) The principal officers of the Committee shall maintain such bank account (or accounts) as are appropriate to effectively carry out the Championship Field Trial each year. Unless a specific decision in a particular year is made by the General Chairman or the Committee to the contrary (and solely with respect to the Trial in the year in which such General Chairman serves), the Committee Treasurer shall maintain all accounts and sign all checks. No funds in any Committee account shall be commingled with noncommittee funds at any time. Any starting balance shall be kept in an account (or accounts) maintained by the Treasurer of the Committee, with any excess over the imprest fund amount from time to time in effect to be returned to the ESSFTA Treasurer for short-term investment purposes. Committee funds transferred to the ESSFTA Treasurer shall not be commingled with any other ESSFTA funds (unless special procedures are worked out in writing and are approved by both the ESSFTA Executive Committee and the principal officers of the Committee).

(iii) After the close of the Championship Field Trial each year, the Committee Treasurer shall submit a Receipts and Disbursements Statement to the ESSFTA Board, such submission to be made no later than at the ESSFTA Board's annual meeting in the following year (i.e., the fourth Saturday in February), a copy of which shall be sent to each Sponsoring Club).

D. Miscellaneous.

(i) The use in these Resolutions of masculine terms (e.g., "General Chairman") is solely for purposes of brevity; and each such term shall be construed to encompass the correlative feminine term.

3. That these Resolutions may be amended by the Board of Governors only, if prior to presentation of any particular amendment to such Board, the proposed amendment has been submitted for a "straw vote" to the incumbent Sponsoring Clubs; that the results of any such "straw vote" shall be submitted to the Board in writing, simultaneously with the submission of the proposed amendment; and that a "straw vote" hereunder may be conducted at an annual meeting of the Sponsoring Clubs' Delegates or may be conducted via the polling procedure.