

BY-LAWS OF THE UTAH DEFENSIVE PISTOL LEAGUE

(As of 2/9/08)

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this non-profit organization shall be, the **UTAH DEFENSIVE PISTOL LEAGUE (UDPL)** (hereafter known as "the Club" or "the UDPL") and will function as, and adopt the by-laws for, a Utah County based shooting club. Permanent address for contact and communication will be:

UDPL

P. O. Box 970762

Orem, Utah 84097-0762

ARTICLE II - Objectives

Objectives of the UDPL shall be:

- (a) To encourage organized shooting sports among citizens of the United States residing in our community, by offering participants safe and organized shooting opportunities, with a view toward a better knowledge of the safe handling and proper use and care of firearms.
- (b) To forward the development of the characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship.
- (c) To foster and maintain affiliations with other organizations, such as the International Defensive Pistol Association, the National Rifle Association and others that have similar ideals as the Club.

ARTICLE III - Membership

(a) Any citizen of the United States, who may legally own firearms or use them under the supervision of an adult, may become a member of the UDPL on payment of the annual fees and dues. *Junior members may participate in club activities under the provisions of Utah State law.

***Note:** According to Utah State law (as of 1/1/04):

It is **unlawful** for a minor under 18 years of age to possess a dangerous weapon unless he is accompanied by a parent or guardian or has their permission to have the weapon. A minor under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.

It is **unlawful** for a minor under 18 to possess a handgun unless the minor:

- is a patron of a lawfully operated target concession at an amusement center and the firearms used are chained or affixed to the counters,
- is in attendance at a hunter's safety course
- is engaged in practice at a range or other area where discharge of a firearm is not prohibited by law
- is engaged in organized competition
- is on real property with the permission of the owner, licensee, or lessee of the property and has permission of a parent or guardian or the owner to possess a firearm
- is hunting lawfully
- is traveling to or from any activity listed above.

(b) UDPL membership is not required to participate in any UDPL event; however, membership does offer special event discounts, as well as the privilege of voting at the annual UDPL membership/business meeting. Membership is also required for nomination and election to a club officer position.

ARTICLE VI – Membership Dues

(a) Annual UDPL membership dues shall be \$12.00 per year.

(b) No member of the Club in arrears shall be eligible to vote on elections and Club business, hold an officer position, or to enjoy any of the other privileges or benefits offered by the Club.

ARTICLE V – Club Officers

(a) The officers of the Club shall be:

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| - President | - Secretary | - Treasurer |
| - Equipment Officer | - Handgun Match Director | - 3-Gun Match Director |
| - Training Officer | - Handgun Match Assistant | - 3-Gun Match Assistant |
| - Webmaster | (at least 2) | (at least 2) |

(b) These officers, acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee (hereafter known as "the Committee").

(c) Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members, in good standing, attending the annual meeting of the Club. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors is elected. All officers must be 21 years of age or older. The Committee may also appoint additional members, in good standing, as officers to fulfill any vacated officer position or assist with any special needs of the Club.

(d) Any member that is appointed by the Committee to fill a vacated officer position will fulfill that position until the next annual membership meeting, where a majority vote of the membership will be required for them to continue.

(e) If an elected or appointed officer does not or cannot responsibly fulfill the duties of their position, the Committee, by a majority vote, can remove them from office and appoint a substitute to fulfill the remainder of their term.

(f) The Committee shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the Club. They may make any needed agreements with other organizations and/or individuals to carry out the objectives of the Club.

(g) Two members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(h) Resignation of any officer will be accepted after communicating that desire to at least the Club President and Secretary.

(i) As minor compensation for the time, energy and resources expended by Club officers in fulfilling their responsibilities, all Club officers may participate in normal UDPL shooting events at no fee. This does not include the Utah State IDPA Match that is periodically held and sponsored by the UDPL.

(j) Club officers will not receive any kind of monetary compensation for their time and efforts – only reimbursements for their direct out-of-pocket expenses as noted and itemized with the Club Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI – Club Officer Position Descriptions/Responsibilities

(a) **President:** The President shall govern the everyday operation of the Club and ensure that the necessary resources, manpower and preparations for Club events are secured, and that the ideals and goals of the Club are met. He shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Committee. He shall be a member ex officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

(b) **Secretary:** The Secretary shall properly document any of the Club activities and assist the President and other officers in whatever is needed to conduct the normal operation of the Club.

(c) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Committee. He shall ensure that all Club funds, including any match fees, annual membership fees, initial IDPA membership fees and any other funds, are properly collected, accounted for and safeguarded. He shall properly account for and dispense any funds necessary for the operation of the Club and its events. He shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report, with vouchers, at any meeting of the Committee when requested. He shall also prepare and present an annual report to the Club membership at its annual meeting.

(d) **Equipment Officer:** Inventory and manage any and all Club equipment and make it available to the Match Directors as needed. This may entail organizing, storing and transporting (or arranging for transport) all necessary match equipment from its storage place to the event and back.

(e) **Training Officer:** Be qualified for and available to conduct the necessary new-shooter training that is held prior to each Club shooting event to ensure the safety of each participating shooter and bystander. **(Note: This position may not necessarily be a specific individual officer, but may be officiated by one of the other existing officers.)**

(f) **Webmaster:** Be responsible for the location, content and maintenance of the Clubs' Internet Web Site (www.udpl.net) for the purpose of advertising, documenting and reporting the efforts, ideals and events of the Club and other information that may be pertinent to its members or other interested parties.

(g) **Handgun Match Director:** Plan for and execute the monthly UDPL matches and other shooting events that are scheduled by the Club utilizing the Assistant Match Directors, Equipment Officer, Training Officer and others, including the membership at large, as resources for conducting safe and enjoyable events that fulfill the ideals and goals of the Club.

(h) **Handgun Match Assistant:** Be a resource to the Match Director and offer any assistance they can provide for planning and executing all shooting events under his direction, including creating COFs, etc.

(i) **3-Gun Match Director:** Plan for and execute the UDPL 3-Gun matches that are scheduled by the Club utilizing the Assistant 3-Gun Match Directors, Equipment Officer, Training Officer and others, including the membership at large, as resources for conducting safe and enjoyable events that fulfill the ideals and goals of the Club.

(j) **3-Gun Match Assistant:** Be a resource to the 3-Gun Match Director and offer any assistance they can provide for planning and executing those events under his direction, including creating COFs, etc.

(k) **Officer Attendance/Involvement:** As some officer positions entail substantially more individual involvement and effort than others, those Officers that are not directly involved in UDPL events should make every effort to make themselves available to assist event coordinators by offering whatever help they can to ensure the success of each event and lighten the burden of their fellow officers.

ARTICLE VII – Financial

(a) The Club will contract with a local financial institution for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a checking account to assist in the management and accounting of Club funds.

(b) Officers authorized to be signers on the Club checking account will include the current President, Secretary and Treasurer.

(c) If any of the authorized signers of the account are replaced, the Treasurer will take whatever steps necessary to update the account.

- (d) If replaced, the exiting Treasurer will help facilitate the changes necessary to the Club account.
- (e) Membership dues, as well as collected matches fees and miscellaneous income, shall be used to pay for the general operating expenses of the Club.
- (f) None of the Club's general funds will be used as monetary compensation for the time and efforts of Club officers. Officers will only receive reimbursement for their direct out-of-pocket expenses by submitting itemized receipts to the Club Treasurer for reimbursement.
- (g) An annual accounting of Club funds will be made at the annual membership meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

- (a) **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the Club shall normally be held in January or February at a time and place determined by the Committee.
- (b) **Regular Meetings.** Regular Committee meetings, for the transaction of ordinary business, shall be held at least twice a year, at such time and place as may be fixed by the Committee.
- (c) **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of the Club may be held at any time upon the call of the President; a majority of the Committee; or upon demand in writing to the President or Secretary, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given to all officers and members in good standing, either by e-mail or in writing by United States mail, not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Committee.

ARTICLE IX - Match Rules

Events that are of a specific nature, such as IDPA and International Confederation of Revolver Enthusiasts (ICORE) matches, will be held in keeping with the philosophies and rules of the specific governing organizations. Other non-specific shooting events shall be conducted using generally accepted rules, regulations and considerations with an eye towards the safety and enjoyment of the participants.

ARTICLE X - Amendments

Any proposed amendment to these bylaws may be introduced by any member of the Club at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass or reject it.

I hereby certify that these bylaws have been adopted by the UDPL.

President's Printed Name: Pat Zaccardi

President's Signature: _____ Date: February 9, 2008

Secretary's Printed Name: L. "Red" Redford

Secretary's Signature: _____ Date: February 9, 2008

Amendment Record:

#	Description -	Approved Date
1	<p>Remove the Public Relations Officer position from the ARTICLE V – Club Officers part (a) and ARTICLE VI – Club Officer Position Descriptions/Responsibilities part (f) sections and change the section numbers as needed to reflect this deletion. This position has been considered as no longer required by the Committee.</p>	2/3/07
2	<p>Change the Officer titles in ARTICLE V – Club Officers part (a) and ARTICLE VI – Club Officer Position Descriptions/Responsibilities parts (g), (h) and (j) to more reflect the position function:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Match Director” changed to “Handgun Match Director” • “Assistant Match Director” changed to “Handgun Match Assistant” • “Assistant 3-Gun Match Director” changed to “3-Gun Match Assistant” 	2/3/07
3	<p>Add an “(As of)” date to the first page of the document under the title.</p>	2/3/07
4	<p>Add “or February” to the wording of ARTICLE VIII part (a) as the time when the Annual Meeting is normally held.</p>	2/3/07
5	<p>Remove the words “but not more than 3” from the Handgun Match Assistant and 3-Gun Match Assistant entries of ARTICLE V part (a).</p>	2/9/08
6	<p>Add the sentence “(Note: This position may not necessarily be a specific individual officer, but may be officiated by one of the other existing officers.)” to the end of ARTICLE VI part (e).</p>	2/9/08

Note: After amendments are accepted by a majority of the members attending the Annual UDPL Membership Meeting, the amended document will be posted on the WWW.UDPL.NET Web site.