# **Use of Trademarks and Logos**

The Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) or the "Association" brands, trademarks and logos (collectively its "Marks") are some of the most valuable assets of the Association and may only be used in a manner that supports our mission statement: The Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) specifically devotes its resources to promoting treestand safety through education. It endeavors to improve treestand safety with the support of its members and also by fostering relationships with organizations with similar goals.

These guidelines are being provided so that the Association's brand identity and its image are used consistently within our membership and also by organizations that support our goals in a positive way. Any use of the Association's Marks must support and align with our mission statement. More specifically, the Marks may not be used in a manner that, in the sole discretion of the Association: discredits the Association or tarnishes its reputation and goodwill; is false or misleading; violates the rights of others; violates any law, regulation or other public policy; or mischaracterizes the relationship between the Association and the User, including but not limited to any use of the Marks that might reasonably be construed as an endorsement, approval, sponsorship or certification by the Association of the User, the User's business or organization, or the User's products or services or that might be reasonably construed as support or encouragement to purchase or utilize the User's products or services.

**Special Note:** Use of the Association's Marks shall create no rights for Users in the Marks (including the Logos) or their use beyond the terms and conditions set forth in this document. The Marks shall remain at all times the sole and exclusive intellectual property (Reg. # 3,031,314, Reg. #3,031,714, Reg. #3,031,815) of Treestand Manufacturer's Association. Any failure by a User of the Marks to comply with the terms and conditions stated in this document may result in the immediate discontinued use of the Association's Marks, in addition to any other consequences imposed by the Association.

## 1. USE OF THE ASSOCIATION 'S MARKS - MANUFACTURING CLASS MEMBERS

### A. To Denote Membership in the Association.

A Manufacturing Class member, in good standing, of the Association may, without written permission, use the logo on their website, brochures and advertising to denote membership in the Association, provided the word "MEMBER" appears in the Logo as shown to the left:



A Manufacturing Class member, in good standing, of the Association may, without written permission, use the logo on any product that has been listed on the most current Member Certification Report (MCR) which is on file with the TMA office as shown to the left:

<u>Special Note:</u> The Association does not object if <u>Manufacturing Class</u> <u>Members</u> self-represent that their products meet or comply with industry standards recognized by TMA so long as Association Logo (excluding the package label shown above) does not appear in connection with such representation and there is <u>no suggestion that the Association endorses</u>, approves or certifies the product.

"SUPPORTING MEMBER" appears in the Logo as shown to the left:









2. USE OF THE ASSOCIATION 'S MARK – <u>Professional Services</u>, <u>Retailer/Buyer and Supporting Member Classes</u>: A Professional Services, Retail/Buyer and Supporting Member in these Classes, in good standing, of the Association may, without written permission, use the logo on their website, brochures and advertising to denote membership in the Association, provided the word

Supporting Members <u>WILL NOT</u> be authorized to use any TMA logo on product packaging. This will reduce confusion in the market place and/or the consumer assuming that the product meets current standards. TMA does not endorse, approve or certify any product.

<u>Special Note for all Members:</u> Appropriate use of Association's brands, trademarks and logos (collectively the "Marks") are governed by the guidelines set forth in this document entitled "Use of Trademarks and Logos" established by the Board of Directors. To preserve TMA's credibility and maintain consistency, any Member who misuses the Marks would be considered conduct deemed prejudicial to the Association. As a corrective measure, the Member shall provide the Board of Directors a written response of their intentions to take appropriate corrective measures. If such misuse is not corrected within a period set by the Board of Directors, the membership of such member would be subject to Suspension and Expulsion per the Bylaws under Article VII, Section 3.

### 3. USE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MARK – NON MEMERS & OTHERS:

### A. Linking to the Association's Internet Homepage.

(i) Users may, without written permission, use the Logo to denote an electronic link to the Association website: <a href="www.tmastands.com">www.tmastands.com</a>, or its subpages. Links from web sites that, in TMA's sole discretion, could be construed as distasteful or offensive, obscene, defamatory, libelous, misleading, or which are being used for illegal purposes are not permitted.



- (ii) Any link established must transfer the viewer directly to the Association's website, to enable viewing of the site as posted by the Association, without the imposition of any frames, browser windows or third-party content.
- (iii) Use of the Logo, or linking to the Association website, is at the User's sole risk and must comply with TMA's guidelines stated in this document. The Association provides this access "as is" and disclaims any warranties, express or implied (including but not limited to the implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose).
- **B.** The Association reserves the right to alter, amend or terminate this document at any time and without notice to the User. The User agrees to abide by any such changes or amendments.
- **C.** Use of the Marks/Logos does not imply approval or endorsement by the Association of any individual, company, products or services.
- **D.** Users may scale/resize the Logos to suit their needs, but may not change color or design or alter the graphics in any way and may not combine with any other graphic. In every use, the integrity of the Logo must be preserved.
- **E.** Events, seminars, publications, etc., which are co-sponsored by the Association, may use the Logos on their website and printed materials in conformity with the terms and conditions of this document. Any such materials or Logo use must be approved in advance by the Association.
- **F.** Accredited news media, upon request to the Association, may be permitted to use the Logos in articles and materials about the Association, its members, standards, services and mission, solely for the purposes of referring to the Association. The Association, in its sole discretion, may deny such use.

For Official Artwork please contact the TMA Office by Email: info@tmastands.com (Artwork is available in the following formats: EPS, AI, PNG, TIF, PDF and JPG)