

The Gauteng Target Rifle Association

CONSTITUTION

Clause 1 Name

The Association shall be called “The Gauteng Target Rifle Association”, hereinafter called “the Association”.

Clause 2 The objects of the Association shall be:

- (a) To work in close association with other Target Rifle Associations if it is desirable for their mutual benefit and for the furtherance of the aims of the shooting sports represented by the Association in the region.
- (b) The promotion and encouragement of the shooting sports it represents in the region
- (c) To govern and control the shooting sports it represents in the region.
- (d) To arrange, organise, conduct or assist with regional championship meetings, inter-club matches and individual competitions within the region for those shooting sports it represents.
- (e) To select and organise regional teams to take part in local, regional or national competitions for the shooting sports it represents.
- (f) To act in an advisory capacity in all matters pertaining to the shooting sports it represents in the region.
- (g) To raise and obtain such funds as may be necessary and appropriate for the financing of the association’s activities or for the furtherance of its objects.

Clause 3 Government

- (a) The affairs of the Association shall be vested in and administered by a Council.
- (b) The Council may appoint sub-committees to deal with any particular matter and may delegate to such sub-committees the appropriate authority

required to deal with such matters.

Clause 4 Composition of the Council

The Council shall consist of:

- A Chairman
- 2 Vice-chairmen
- A Secretary/treasurer
- A Competition Secretary
- A Chief Range Officer
- One delegate from each member club

Clause 5 Powers of the Council

(a) The Council shall be vested with the control and administration of all the assets of the Association.

(b) The Council shall have the power to institute, conduct, defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the Association, for which purpose a power of attorney signed by the Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Association shall be sufficient.

(c) The Council shall have the power to refuse membership to any person or club without being bound to disclose the reason for such refusal except that applications for membership shall not be refused unreasonably.

Clause 6 Duties of the Chairman

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of the Chairman,

a Vice-Chairman shall preside. In the absence of the Chairman and both Vice-Chairmen, the members of the Council present shall elect a member of Council to act as Chairman.

Clause 7 Term of Office

All members of Council shall hold office for one year and may be eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting. (this does **not** include club representatives who must be appointed by the respective clubs annually)

Clause 8 Quorum of the Council

(a) A quorum of the Council shall consist of 50% of the members of the Council. Should no quorum be present at a meeting those present shall wait for 15 minutes after the appointed time, adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes, after which time those present shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The Council shall meet at least quarterly on dates and at times which shall be determined by the Council from time to time.

Clause 9 Voting

The chairman of a Council meeting shall have a deliberative vote. In the event of equality of votes, he shall have a decisive vote. All the other members of the Council shall have one vote.

Clause 10 Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy arising on the Council a successor shall be appointed by the Council to hold office until the next annual general meeting.

Clause 11 Patrons and Presidencies

The Council may elect a Patron-in-Chief, Patrons, a President, Vice-

President and Honorary Life Members as deemed appropriate.

Clause 12 Review of Financial Statements

The Council shall appoint a council member or, failing which, another member of the Association to conduct an independent review of the financial affairs of the Association as required but not less frequently than annually

Clause 13 Financial Year

The financial year of the Association shall run from the first day of November each year until the last day of October of the following year.

Clause 14 Suspensions and Expulsions

The Council shall have the power to suspend or expel from the Association
 any member, club or any section of a club associated with the shooting sports represented by the Association if the Council deems that such a member, club, or section of a club is behaving contrary to the interests of the Association.
 Such expelled individual or body shall have no claim on the Association
 in
 respect of any membership fees paid to the Association.

Clause 15 Membership

Membership of the Association shall be open to all clubs or sections of clubs practicing the shooting sports represented by the Association and to individuals provided that no club or section of a club shall be eligible for membership unless it is properly constituted and that no individual shall be eligible for membership unless such individual's membership has been approved by the council. Where and individual is permitted membership

he/she will, in addition to the individual affiliation fee, also be required to pay the affiliation fee applicable to clubs.

Clause 16 Membership Fees

Membership and affiliation fees payable to the Association shall be determined by the council from time to time.

Clause 17 Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held in November of each year at a time and place to be decided by the council. Notice of the meeting shall be given to members at least fourteen days before the meeting.

Clause 18 Special General Meeting

Upon a written request from at least two clubs or a majority of members the Council shall call a special general meeting. The request shall state in full the business to be dealt with by the meeting and only that business shall be discussed at the meeting. The date, time and place of the meeting shall be set by the Council provided that members shall be given at least fourteen days notice of the meeting.

Clause 19 Council Meetings

Fourteen days notice, indicating the date, time and place of the meeting shall be given of all Council meetings.

Clause 20 Affiliation

The Association may affiliate to any organisation or other association or body where it is deemed to be in the interest of the Association to do so.

Clause 21 Trophies

The Association may require adequate guarantees for the safeguard and

return of trophies which shall be returned to the Council upon request.
All Association trophies remain the property of the Association.

Clause 22 Rules and Regulations

The Council shall apply the rules and regulations of the South-African Target rifle Association, South African Air Rifle Association and those of the ISSF insofar as they are appropriate and as they may be amended from time to time. It shall also have the right to make such other rules as it deems appropriate.

Clause 23 Definitions

(a) *Small-Bore Rifle/Air Rifle*

The appropriate rules and regulations of the ISSF shall apply.

(b) *Member Club*

Is an affiliated club in good standing and whose membership has been approved by the council.

(c) *Senior Member*

Is an affiliated member who is twenty-one years or older on the first day of January of any given year.

(d) *Junior Member*

Is an affiliated member under the age of twenty-one years on the first day of January of any given year.

(e) *Voting Member*

Is an affiliated member over the age of eighteen years on the first day of January of any given year and who has been a member in good standing for at least 6 months.

Clause 24 Range Officer

Appointed range officers shall have the authority and responsibility to issue such commands and instructions as they deem necessary to ensure the safety of persons and the smooth and lawful running of any events

organised by the association. This shall include the authority to order persons off a shooting range and/or to institute disciplinary procedures against persons in terms of the rules of the Association as may apply from time to time.

Actions by range officers shall be open to appeal to a range committee appointed for the purpose.

Clause 25 Member's Register

The Association shall keep an up to date register of members detailing any relevant information which may be required from time to time.

Clause 26 Statutory Requirements

(a) The Association shall conform to all the requirements of any relevant legislation that may apply from time to time.

(b) Notices posted or delivered electronically to the available addresses of members shall be deemed to have been duly delivered to that person.

(c) Disputes over the interpretation of the Association's rules, regulations and rulings shall be subject to a final decision of the council.

Clause 27 Amendments to the Constitution of the Association.

The constitution of the Association shall not be amended in any way except by a resolution passed at a special general meeting called for that purpose or at an annual general meeting. Copies of proposed amendments to the constitution shall be in the possession of members not less than thirty days before such a meeting.

The resolution(s) shall not be deemed to have been carried unless at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting vote in favour of the resolution(s).

Voting at council meetings, annual general meetings and special general meetings shall be by secret ballot.