
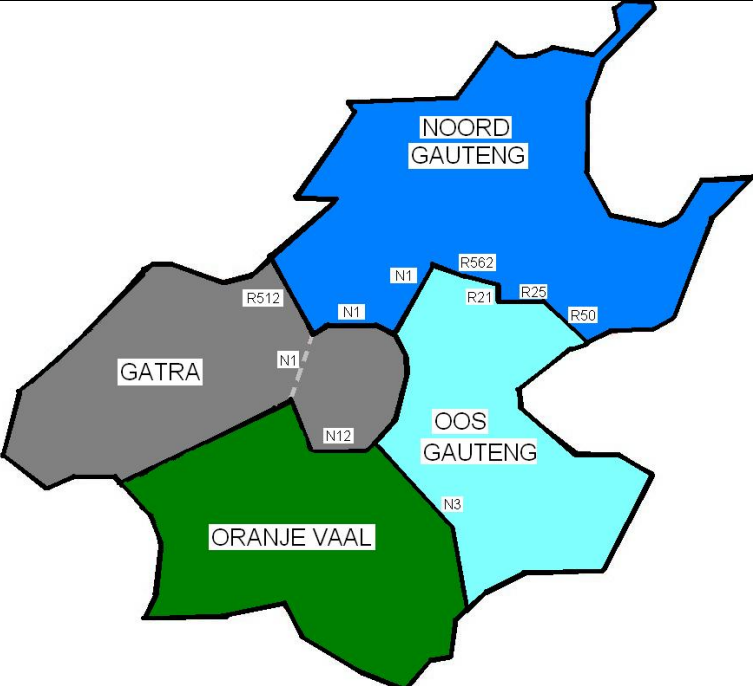


# Northern Gauteng Air Rifle Association CONSTITUTION

1	Name	The Association shall be called <b>“Northern Gauteng Air Rifle Association”</b> , hereinafter called “the Association” or NGARA
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3	Allocated Region	

4	<b>The objects of the Association shall be:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To govern and control Air Rifle Shooting Sports under the rules as per article 26 of this Constitution.</li> <li>2. The promotion and encouragement of the shooting sports it represents in the region. (e.g. Collaboration with SANSSU at schools level)</li> <li>3. To work in close collaboration with other Target Rifle Associations for mutual benefit.</li> <li>4. To act in an advisory capacity in all matters pertaining to the shooting sports it represents in the region.</li> <li>5. To arrange, organize, conduct or assist with regional championship meetings, inter-club matches and individual competitions within the region for those shooting sports it represents.</li> <li>6. To select and organize regional teams to take part in local, regional or national competitions for the shooting sports it represents.</li> <li>7. To award provincial colours to members that represented the association at national events and competitions.</li> <li>8. 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 objectives.</li> </ol>
5	<b>Government</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The affairs of government of the Association shall be vested in the Council.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> </ol>
6	<b>Composition of the Council</b>	<p>The Council shall consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairman</li> <li>2. Secretary</li> <li>3. Treasurer</li> <li>4. One delegate from each member club</li> </ol>
7	<b>Powers of the Council</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Control and administration of all the assets of the Association.</li> <li>2. The Council shall have the power to institute, defend or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the Association.</li> <li>3. Power of attorney, consists of a signed document by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Association.</li> </ol>
8	<b>Council Meetings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council shall meet at least 3 times per year on dates and at times which shall be determined by the Council.</li> <li>2. Fourteen days notice, indicating the date, time and place of the meeting shall be given of all Council meetings.</li> </ol>
9	<b>Duties of the Chairman</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings.</li> <li>2. To compile a chairman's report for the annual general meeting</li> <li>3. Media liaison</li> <li>4. Sport development</li> </ol> <p>(In absence of the chairman at a meeting, the rest of the council appoints a chairman for the meeting.)</p>
10	<b>Duties of the secretary</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accurately note all decisions made by Council, and at the annual general meeting.</li> <li>2. To maintain an accurate membership database.</li> <li>3. To maintain an accurate asset register.</li> <li>4. To compile and maintain a database of all shooting activities for the purpose of score keeping, and statutory requirements.</li> </ol>

11	<b>Duties of the treasurer</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accurately document all financial transactions of the Association.</li> <li>2. To compile the financial statements for annual review</li> <li>3. To compile a financial report for the annual general meeting.</li> </ol>
12	<b>Term of Office</b>	All members of Council shall hold office for one year and may be eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting.
13	<b>Quorum of the Council</b>	A quorum of the Council shall consist of 50% of the members of the Council.
14	<b>Voting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chairman of a Council meeting shall have a normal deliberative vote.</li> <li>2. In the event of a stay of votes, the Chairman shall have the decisive vote.</li> <li>3. All the other members of the Council shall have one vote.</li> <li>4. Voting at council meetings, annual general meetings and special general meetings shall be by secret ballot.</li> </ol>
15	<b>Vacancies</b>	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.
16	<b>Patrons and Presidencies</b>	The Council may elect a Patron-in-Chief, Patrons, a President, Vice-President and Honorary Life Members as deemed appropriate.
17	<b>Review of Financial Statements</b>	The Council shall appoint an independent reviewer (may be a member or a council member, other than the treasurer) to conduct an independent review of the financial affairs of the Association, at least annually.
18	<b>Financial Year</b>	The financial year of the Association shall run from the first day of January to the last day of December for a specific year.
19	<b>Membership</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. Membership of the Association is open to individuals (athletes, coaches &amp; organizers) associated with the shooting sports, as represented by the Association.</li> <li>3. Payment of membership fees is required, before a member is eligible to vote.</li> <li>4. Clubs should be properly constituted and affiliated with the Association, to compete in any inter-club related competitions.</li> <li>5. Affiliated clubs are entitled to nominate a member to the Council. (See council composition)</li> </ol>
20	<b>Membership Definitions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Member Club</u></b>:- Is an affiliated club in good standing and whose membership has been approved by the council.</li> <li>2. <b><u>Senior Member</u></b>:- Affiliated member who is 21 years or older on the first day of January.</li> <li>3. <b><u>Junior Member</u></b>: Affiliated member under the age of 21 years on the first day of January.</li> <li>4. <b><u>Voting Member</u></b>:- Is either a senior or a junior member in good standing that is 18 years or older.</li> </ol>
21	<b>Membership Fees</b>	Membership and affiliation fees payable to the Association shall be determined by the council.
22	<b>Suspensions and Expulsions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council shall have the power to suspend or expel from the Association any member or club affiliated to the Association, should such member or club behave contrary to the interests of the Association or the shooting sport it represents.</li> <li>2. Such expelled individual or body shall have no claim on the Association in respect of any membership fees paid to the Association.</li> </ol>

23	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held once a year, at a time and place to be decided by the council.</li> <li>2. Notice of the meeting shall be given to members at least fourteen days before the meeting.</li> </ol>
24	<b>Special General Meeting</b>	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. 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.
25	<b>Affiliation</b>	The Association may affiliate to any organization or other association or body, where it is deemed to be in the interest of the Association to do so.
26	<b>Rules and Regulations</b>	The Council shall apply the rules and regulations of the 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, but not in contradiction of the ISSF or SAARA rules and regulations.
27	<b>Range Officers</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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 organized by the association.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. Actions by range officers shall be open to appeal to a range committee appointed for the purpose.</li> </ol>
28	<b>Statutory Requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Association shall conform to all the requirements of any relevant legislation that may apply.</li> <li>2. Notices posted or delivered electronically to the available addresses of members shall be deemed to have been duly delivered to that person.</li> <li>3. Disputes over the interpretation of the Association's rules, regulations and rulings shall be subject to a final decision of the council.</li> </ol>
29	<b>Amendments to the Constitution of the Association.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The constitution of the Association shall not be amended in any way, except by a resolution passed at a general meeting (annual or special).</li> <li>2. Copies of proposed amendments to the constitution shall be in the possession of members not less than thirty days before such a meeting.</li> <li>3. 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).</li> </ol>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary)

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_