

South African Air Rifle Association Oranje Vaal

CONSTITUTION

Clause 1: Name

The Association shall be called the South African Air Rifle Association Oranje Vaal. Hereinafter to be named **SAARA OVL**.

Clause 2: Objectives

The objectives of the association shall be:

- The promotion and encouragement of air rifle shooting throughout the Oranje Vaal.
- To arrange, organize, conduct and assist in air rifle meetings of a provincial or national nature.
- To select and organize provincial air rifle teams to take part in national or international competition or championships.
- To act in an advisory capacity in all matters pertaining to air rifle shooting throughout the Oranje Vaal.
- To raise and obtain such funds as may be necessary or requisite for the financing of the Association activities or the furtherance of its objectives, and for the purpose of levying subscriptions, accepting donations, contributions or bequests and to carry on suitable fund raising activities.
- To work in closest possible harmony with the parent body the South African Air rifle Association.
- To accept members, to deal with complaints against members and to suspend or excel members.

Clause 3: Government

The affairs of the Association shall be vested in and administered by a council.

Clause 4: Counsel

The council shall consist of:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Operations Manager

- Provincial coach elected/appointed by the council.
- Only members of SAARA are eligible for office on the council.

Clause 5: Duties

Chairperson

- The Chairperson will convene and preside at meetings.
- The Chairperson will have a deliberative vote at meetings and in the case of an equal vote shall have a casting vote.
- The Chairperson will be substituted by a Vice-Chairperson in his/her absence.

Vice-Chairperson

- A Vice-Chairperson will deputize for the Chairperson in his absence.
- A Vice-Chairperson will convene and preside at sub-committee meetings for the Chairperson in his absence.
- A Vice-Chairperson will have a deliberative vote at sub-committee meetings and in the case of an equal vote shall have a casting vote in the absence of the Chairperson.
- A Vice-Chairperson will execute all duties as decided by the Executive.

Secretary

- The Secretary will control and manage all administrative affairs.
- The Secretary will keep on record all copies of correspondence that the Chairperson or a council member attends to in the name of The Association relating to council matters.
- The Secretary will record and furnish minutes of Annual General Meetings to all members to reach them not later than fourteen days prior to the next Annual General Meeting.

Treasurer

- The Treasurer will keep a complete set of books of all financial affairs.
- The Treasurer will compile a Balance Sheet at the end of each financial year and submit an audited account to the Annual General Meeting or otherwise requested by the Council.

Operational Manager

- The Operational Manager will organize Provincial Championships.
- Operational Manager will arrange competitions for its members.
- Operational manager will keep record of all scores put up during official competitions.
- Operational Manager will maintain a good marking standard.
- Operational manager will be responsible for all tours, local & international

Coach

- The Coach will establish training programs.
- The Coach will obtain approval of training programs.
- The Coach will implement training programs.
- The Coach will report back to the Executive on training programs.
- The Coach will assist in development programs.
- The Coach will ensure that motivation and high standards are maintained.

Clause 6: Quorum

A Quorum of the Council and Sub-Committee/s will consist of fifty percent of the members serving thereon.

Clause 7: Voting

Members of the council will have one vote at meetings. If the voting concerns any individual, it will be by ballot.

Clause 8: Powers of the Council

- The Council will be vested with the ownership, control and administration of all the assets of the Association and will have full power to make decisions regarding all matters under Clause Two.
- The Council may appoint sub-committees to deal with any particular matter. The decision of these sub-committees will not be considered binding on the Council and all decisions will have to be ratified by the Council.

- The Council will elect two delegates and one alternative to represent the Association at the Council meetings of the South African Air Rifle Association.

Clause 9: Term of Office

- The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Operational manager will hold office for two (2) years, and will be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting of the members two years after first election.
- Other members will hold office for two years, or until such time as successors have been appointed by the council.
- The Vice-Chairperson will hold office for two years.
- The term of office of the Coach will be at the discretion of the Council.

Clause 10: Vacancies

In the event of the resignation or death of any member of the Council during or at any stage as per clause 9:

- Executives will be nominated by the Council.
- Delegates – Area concerned will be requested to appoint a successor.

Clause 11: Patrons and Presidents

The Council may annually elect Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members. An Honorary President may be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Clause 12: Auditor

The council will appoint a practicing auditor annually who will not be a member of the Association.

Clause 13: Financial Year

The financial year of the Association will commence as from the first day of January and end on the thirty first day of December.

Clause 14: Membership

Membership of the Association shall be open to paid up members of the South African Air Rifle Association. Air rifle clubs, Air Rifle Sections and Individuals complying with the amateur rules of the

International Olympic Committee as approved by the South African Olympic Committee. Members must reside within the borders of the Province of the Western Cape.

Clause 15: Acceptance and Approval of Members

The admission to membership of any Association, Club or Person will be subject to the approval of the Council.

Clause 16: Suspensions and Expulsions

The Council will have the power to suspend or expel from membership any member, association or club, if in the opinion of the council such member, association or club be deemed by it to be undesirable in the interest of The Association. There will be no claim in respect of, or refund of, any membership monies paid into The Association by any person or body under sentence of suspension or expulsion. If any Club or member has not paid their fees, the Council shall be entitled to suspend them, and during such suspension their voting powers will be suspended.

Clause 17: Membership Fees.

Upon acceptance by the Council, the membership fees payable, in advance for the financial year, will be those as set by a previous Annual General Meeting, having been ratified with a 2/3 majority of the meeting.

Clause 18: Period of Membership

The period which covered by an annual membership shall be the same as the financial year – see Clause 13.

Clause 19: Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the members will be held at a time and place to be decided by the Council. Notice of such a meeting shall be given to all members fourteen days prior to holding the meeting.

Clause 20: Special General Meeting

At a time and place decided upon by the Council, a special meeting may be called by the Chairperson on written notification signed by

any member. Notice of such a meeting shall be given to all members fourteen days prior to the holding of a meeting. Only matters which are contained in the notice shall be dealt with at the meeting.

Clause 21: Council and Sub-Committee Meetings

Fourteen (14) days notice shall be given to each member of the Council, specifying time and place of the meeting of the Council and the agenda of the matters to be dealt with. Failure to give adequate notice shall vitiate the proceedings of the meeting and any decisions taken shall not be binding.

Clause 22: Affiliations

The Association may affiliate to any organization or body where it is deemed necessary in the interest of the Association.

Clause 23: Trophies

The Association may require an adequate guarantee for the safeguard and return of all trophies which shall be returned to the custody of The Association upon request by the Council. Where it is deemed necessary, the Council may insure all or part of the trophies and properties of the Association.

Clause 24: Rules

In so far as it may deem fit, The Council shall apply the rules and regulations of the International Shooting Sport Federation, as amended from time to time, to all events under its control.

Clause 25: Qualification for Competitions

- a) International Competitions: The qualification for possible election shall be subject to the selection rules of the relevant international body.
- b) Provincial Competitions: Any competitor may shoot for the Province he/she resides in at the time of the competition.
- c) National Colors: Selection of a team will be based on scores obtained on National Trials.
- d) South African Records: Will be based on scores achieved at the National Championships, National trials or Provincial Open Championships providing that the latter targets are checked by the Technical and Competition Committee or International events recognized by The Association.

Clause 26: Definitions

- a) The Province reach from Koppies, Parys, Alberton South, Heidelberg, Balfour, Frankford and Heilbron.
- b) The Province may be sub-divided on approval by the Council of the South African Air Rifle Association.

Clause 27: Amendment of Constitution

The foregoing constitution of The Association shall not be altered, added to or amended, except by a resolution passed at a general meeting of the members of The Association. Copies of such a resolution shall be in the hands of all members of The Association 21 days before the date of the meeting. The resolution shall not be deemed to be carried out unless a majority of two thirds or more of the members present vote in favor of the amendment.

Constitution agreed to by resolution passed at general meeting of the members of the association, with a majority vote of more than two thirds of the members present, and confirmed by the elected Council Members, held on this day,

Date: 28 June 2004
Place: Hoerskool Driehoek Vanderbijlpark

Signature by Council Members:

Chairperson: Dave Wilson

Secretary: Erna Bekker

Official SAARA OVL: