

Constitution

of the

South Australian



Revolver & Pistol Association Inc





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CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REVOLVER AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association shall be "South Australian Revolver and Pistol Association Incorporated".

ABBREVIATIONS

2. (a) The South Australian Revolver and Pistol Association Incorporated herein will be referred to as "Association".
- (b) The Annual General Meeting herein will be referred to as "The A.G.M.".
- (c) The Commissioner of the South Australian Police Force or his/her Agent/s herein will be referred to as "S.A.P.O.L."
- (d) The Executive Committee herein will be referred to as "The Committee".

AFFILIATIONS

3. (a) The Association shall be affiliated with bodies that the Association deems relevant to the sport of shooting of pistols.
- (b) Affiliation with any relevant bodies can only be ratified by a two-third (2/3) majority of those financial members present at an A.G.M. or Extraordinary Meeting.
- (c) The cessation of an affiliation with a relevant body can only be ratified by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of those financial members present at an A.G.M. or Extraordinary Meeting.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

4. (a) Promote the correct use of the ISSF, Pistol Australia and/or any other relevant competition rules for the shooting matches.
- (b) To promote, control and foster competitive and social target shooting among its members and other members of the community.
- (c) Instruct and promote and educate the *Safe Handling* and shooting of all types of legal firearms to those people who wish to participate in the Association's activities on Affiliated Club Ranges.
- (d) Endeavour to promote to members of the general public, at every opportunity, the *Safe Handling* and shooting of all types of legal firearms.
- (e) The Association will actively promote a positive public attitude towards the responsible ownership and shooting of all types of legal firearms.
- (f) Be the central controlling organisation of which all properly constituted handgun shooting clubs may be affiliated with.
- (g) When and if required to do so, adjudicate on matters affecting both Affiliated Clubs and/or their members.
- (h) Be the controlling body to decide the membership of Affiliated Clubs.

MEMBERSHIP

5. (a) The Association shall consist of Affiliated Handgun Shooting Clubs.
- (b) Each Affiliated Club shall pay, to the Association, an annual capitation fee for its members who participate in Pistol Australia and affiliated matches (Service Pistol, Service Pistol Unrestricted, 25 Yard Service Pistol, 25 Metre Aggregate Black Powder, 50 Metre Black Powder, WA1500 Match, Action Pistol Match and pistol shooting matches of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), International Metallic Silhouette Shooting Union (IMSSU) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) as well as any of its members wishing to be capitated.
- (c) It shall be the duty of each Affiliated Club to ensure that their individual members
 - (i) Are fit and proper persons pursuant to the current Firearms Act and Legislation.
 - (ii) Are proposed to membership by two (2) financial members or produce satisfactory references.
 - (iii) Make application for membership on the prescribed form/s.
 - (iv) Pay the requisite fees of that Club and the Association.
 - (v) Receive a copy of the Club's Constitution and By laws and are familiar with their contents.
- (d) An Affiliated Club shall not be obligated to pay a capitation fee in respect of its member/s who are
 - (i) An associate member/s that are members of another Affiliated Club and have already paid the capitation fee.
 - (ii) Social member/s, Honorary member/s, Non-shooting member/s and any member/s that do not hold a current Class "H" South Australian Firearms Licence.
- (e) An Affiliated Club shall not be obligated to pay a full capitation fee for member/s whom only hold a Class "A" and/or "B" South Australian Firearms Licence.



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CONDITIONS OF NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERSHIP

6. (a) A prospective new Club application shall be refused if
- (i) S.A.P.O.L. objects to the application for any reason.
 - (ii) The Committee of the Association object to the application for any reason.
- (b) Should S.A.P.O.L., for any reason, object to any person/s becoming or remaining a member then the Club concerned shall refuse said application or terminate the membership as the case may be.
- (c) Should the Association, for any reason, object to any person/s becoming or remaining a member then the Club concerned shall refuse said application or terminate the membership as the case may be.
- (d) Each new Club application must be accompanied by
- (i) The names and addresses of the Club's Committee of management.
 - (ii) The situation of the Club's proposed Range/s.
 - (iii) The undertaking to adopt the model constitution (as per Business and Consumer affairs model).
 - (iv) Two (2) Copies of the Club's proposed constitution.
 - (v) Any other documentation as the committee may require.
 - (vi) Any entrance fee/s, which shall include the affiliation fee/s, as may be determined by the A.G.M.
 - (vii) All entrance fee/s and affiliation fee/s will be refunded if the application is not accepted.

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP

7. (a) The Association Secretary shall keep a register of all Affiliated Clubs.
- (b) The Association Secretary shall keep a register of all Affiliated Club members including
- (i) Full name
 - (ii) Address
 - (iii) Occupation
 - (iv) Birth Date
- (c) Each Club Secretary shall between the 1st and 20th of September each year forward to the Association Secretary
- (i) Three (3) copies of that Club's Register of members
 - (ii) Capitation Fees payable in respect of all current members to whom an Association Membership Card is to be issued.
- (d) As soon as possible after the 31st of October each year the Association Secretary shall, if so requested, forward to S.A.P.O.L. a copy of the register of members of all Affiliated Clubs in the Association.

INFRINGEMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

8. (a) Any Affiliated Club/s and/or member/s that may be considered to have infringed the Constitution and/or By-Laws may be called upon to appear before The Committee to answer the said allegations laid against him/her and if such charge be found to be proven The Committee may warn, suspend or expel the Club/s and/or the member/s.
- (b) The Committee shall have the power to penalise, by way of a warning, suspension, expulsion, disqualification, fine or a combination of any, all Affiliated Club/s and/or member/s that has been proven guilty of an infringement of the Association's Constitution and/or By-Laws.
- (c) Any Club/s and/or member/s warned, suspended, expelled, disqualified and/or fined shall be notified in writing, by the Association Secretary, within seven (7) days of such penalty being imposed.
- (d) Any such penalised member/s shall have the right to appeal the decision, as per clause 10.
- (e) Any unfair practice or misbehaviour in any way connected with or detrimental to the Association or any conduct detrimental to the Association and/or any Affiliated Club shall be considered an infringement.
- (f) Any Affiliated Club/s and/or member/s that may be considered to have infringed the Constitution and/or By-Laws and have been called upon to appear before The Committee to answer the said allegations shall be given a minimum of fourteen (14) days notice to appear before The Committee.

SUSPENSION OF ELECTED OFFICERS

9. (a) The Committee may suspend any elected officer/s of the Association who in its opinion has not carried out their duties properly for such period as it deems necessary.
- (b) Written notice shall be given to the officer/s concerned within seven (7) days of The Committee's decision.

APPEAL AGAINST PENALTIES

10. (a) Any Affiliated Club/s, member/s and/or Officer/s of the Association who have been fined, suspended, expelled or disqualified shall have the right of Appeal.
- (b) Any such appeal must be lodged, with the Association Secretary, within fourteen (14) days of the notice being served, in writing.
- (c) If any such appeal is lodged, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held within twenty-eight (28) days of receipt of the appeal, so that the Affiliated Club/s, member/s and/or Officer/s may have the opportunity of explaining or withdrawing from the Association and/or Club.



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- (d) A majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those financial members present at the Extraordinary General meeting shall be required to confirm the penalty, but if the penalty is not confirmed the member will be reinstated forthwith.
- (e) The decision of the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be final and conclusive.
- (f) A copy of that decision, certified in the hand of the Association Secretary, shall be a complete bar to any action at law or in equity in respect to the matters on which such decisions have been given.

PATRON AND VICE PATRON

- 11. (a) There may be only one (1) Patron and one (1) Vice patron.
- (b) This is a position of Honour which may be granted by the financial members at the A.G.M..

AUDITOR

- 12. (a) There shall be one (1) Auditor.
- (b) The auditor of the Association shall satisfy himself/herself that the balance sheet and profit and loss statement, as presented annually by the Treasurer of the Association are a true and correct record of the Association's financial activities and position.
- (c) The Auditor cannot be a member of the Association.
- (d) The Auditor shall conduct any such financial investigations as may be deemed necessary by The Committee.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 13. (a) The Officers of the Association shall be elected at the A.G.M., from and by the financial members.
- (b) Officers of the Association shall hold office until the next A.G.M..
- (c) At each A.G.M. the chairperson shall declare all offices vacant.
- (d) Any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled by The Committee.
- (e) The Elected Officers of the Association shall be
 - (i) President.
 - (ii) Vice President.
 - (iii) Secretary.
 - (iv) Assistant Secretary.
 - (v) Treasurer.
 - (vi) Publicity Officer.
 - (vii) Two (2) Executive Officers, which shall be members of an Affiliated Club.
- (f) The Executive Committee shall consist of all the Elected Officers of the Association and the Director of the Referee Council and the Director of the Coaching Council.
- (g) The nominated Referee Council Director shall be a Nationally Accredited Judge "A" and/or "B". He/She shall be elected by the Association Referee Council, which will consist of all the accredited judges in South Australia. The elected Director's name will be submitted to the A.G.M. for ratification.
- (h) The nominated Coaching Council Director shall be a Nationally Accredited Coach. He/She shall be elected by the Association Coaching Council, which will consist of all the accredited Coaches in South Australia. The elected Director's name will be submitted to the A.G.M. for ratification.

TITLES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 14. (a) **President**
 - (i) There shall be only one (1) President.
 - (ii) The President shall be the Senior Executive officer of the Association.
 - (iii) The President shall preside, as Chairperson, at all meetings of the Association.
 - (iv) He/She shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees of the Association.
 - (v) He/She will have the casting vote only on all motions before any meeting.
 - (vi) The President shall be the Public Officer of the Association.
- (b) **Vice President**
 - (i) There shall be only one (1) Vice President.
 - (ii) He/She shall perform the duties of President during his/her absence or at his/her request.
- (c) **Secretary**
 - (i) There shall be only one (1) Secretary.
 - (ii) He/She will record all meetings of the Association.
 - (iii) He/She will be responsible for all incoming and outgoing correspondence.
 - (iv) He/She shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees of the Association.
 - (v) He/She shall maintain a liaison between the Association and S.A.P.O.L..
 - (vi) These duties can be revised by the Committee as circumstances warrant.



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- (d) **Assistant Secretary**
- (i) There shall be only one (1) Assistant Secretary.
 - (ii) He/She shall perform the duties of Secretary during his/her absence or at is/her request.
 - (iii) The Assistant Secretary shall perform such duties as The Committee requests.
- (e) **Treasurer**
- (i) There shall be only one (1) Treasurer.
 - (ii) He/She shall be responsible for the finances of the Association.
 - (iii) He/She shall be responsible for the collection of all moneys due to the Association.
 - (iv) He/She shall pay all money collected, within 30 days, into a Bank account approved by the Association.
 - (v) He/She shall, after approval by The Committee, pay all debts incurred by the Association.
 - (vi) He/She shall produce, each year, to the Auditor of the Association the books of accounts.
 - (vii) He/She shall, at the A.G.M., deliver to the Chairperson a duly audited balance sheet and a profit and loss statement covering the financial year immediately preceding the A.G.M..
 - (ix) The treasurer shall at each committee meeting present a statement of receipts and expenditure, including current projected bank balance, for the month prior to said meeting.
- (f) **Publicity Officer**
- (i) There shall be only one (1) Publicity Officer.
 - (ii) He/She shall be responsible for the compilation of all and any publication for the Association.
 - (iii) He/She shall be responsible for developing and maintaining liaison within the media.
 - (iv) He/She shall foster and maintain communication between Affiliated Clubs, including the establishment of Publicity Officers within Clubs wherever possible.
- (g) **Executive Members**
- (i) There shall be two (2) Executive Members.
 - (ii) The Executive Members shall perform any duties as decided by The Committee which will assist with the management of the affairs of the Association.
- (h) **Director of the Referee Council**
- (i) The Director shall be responsible for the training of all Referees and Range Officers throughout South Australia.
 - (ii) The Director shall be responsible for the conduct of Open Shoots and State Titles in accordance with the ISSF and Pistol Australia rules and regulations.
 - (iii) The Director shall set a program of training for the year and convey this list to all Affiliated Clubs.
 - (iv) The Director shall maintain liaison between the National Referee Council and the Association.
- (i) **Director of the Coaching Council**
- (i) The Director shall be responsible for the development and implementing of shooting training programs for all Affiliated Clubs and their members.
 - (ii) The Director shall be responsible for the training and upgrading, on a regular basis, of accredited coaches throughout the Association.
 - (iii) The Director shall set a program of training for the year and convey this list to all Affiliated Clubs.
 - (iv) The Director shall maintain liaison between the National Coaching Council and the Association.

RETURNING OFFICER

15. (a) There shall be one (1) Returning Officer.
- (b) The Returning Officer shall be appointed by The Committee, by the 8th of April, each year for the purpose of overseeing the election of Elected Officers.
- (c) Should there be more than one candidate for any elective office he/she shall prepare a sufficient number of ballot papers with the candidates names placed upon them in such order as determined by him in the presence of witnesses. He/she shall initial or mark each ballot paper for identification and send them by ordinary mail to every club in such manner as to ensure secrecy in voting; he/she shall immediately after the start of the Annual General Meeting open the envelopes containing the ballot papers, check each ballot paper and count the votes in the presence of a scrutineer on behalf of each candidate and shall present the results for each election to the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting; He/she shall have the right to ask any candidate to replace a scrutineer and will generally comply with the provisions of this constitution and the directions of The Committee relating to the conduct of elections.



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DELEGATES

16. (a) Each Club, provided that it is not in default of payment of the Associations Capitation Fee, shall be entitled to be represented at General Meetings of the Association by one authorized delegate.
- (b) For the purposes of clause (a) hereof the register of members kept by each Club and required to be forwarded to the Association Secretary under clause 7(b) of this constitution shall be evidence of membership of that Club. Club members who have joined since the publication of its last register of members may act as the delegate of that Club provided all the requirements of sub-clause 16(a) are met.
- (c) Proxy delegates, appointed in writing by the Clubs unable to be present at any General, Annual General or Extraordinary General Meeting will be allowed. However, no single Club, single person or group of persons associated by membership to one club may collectively hold more than (3) three such proxy votes.
- (d) The Association may authorize delegates on its behalf at meetings of bodies to which this Association is affiliated.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

17. (a) The Committee shall conduct the ordinary affairs of the Association and such other matters as shall be entrusted to it by a General Meeting of the Association.
- (b) At meetings of The Committee the President or in his/her absence the Vice-President shall preside. Five Members of The Committee shall form a quorum.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the Association Secretary to send minutes of each meeting of The Committee to all Clubs within 14 days from the conclusion of each such meeting.

POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

18. (a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by The Committee which in addition to the powers and authorities conferred by these rules may exercise all such powers and do all such things as are within the objects of the Association, and are not by the legislation or by these rules required to be done by the Association in General Meeting.
- (b) The Committee has the control of the funds and other property of the Association.
- (c) The Committee shall have the authority to interpret the meaning of these rules and any other matter relating to the affairs of the Association on which these rules are silent.
- (d) The Committee shall meet as often as is required to conduct the affairs of the Association.
- (e) The withdrawal of monies from the Association's bank account shall be authorised by The Committee and the instrument of withdrawal shall be signed by any two of the following officers
- (i) President
 - (ii) Secretary
 - (iii) Treasurer
- (f) The Committee shall have the power to employ or sub-contract, for the appropriate periods of time, and for such remuneration as mutually agreed whatever personnel that are required to efficiently conduct the business of the Association.
- (g) Questions arising at any meeting of The Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the event of equality of votes the President shall have the casting vote only.
- (h) A quorum for a meeting of The Committee shall be no less than half of the members of The Committee.
- (i) A member of The Committee having a direct pecuniary interest in a contract or proposed contract, with the Association must disclose the nature and extent of that interest to The Committee as required by the current *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* and shall have no vote with respect to that contract or proposed contract.
- (j) The member of The Committee must disclose the nature and extent of that interest at the next General Meeting of the Association.
- (k) The office of a Committee member shall become vacant if a Committee member is
- (i) disqualified from being a Committee member by the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985*.
 - (ii) expelled as a member under these rules.
 - (iii) permanently incapacitated by ill health.
 - (iv) absent without apology from more than four meetings in a financial year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

19. (a) Should there be more than one valid nomination for election to any office such election must be carried out by secret ballot.
- (b) Such election shall be conducted and supervised by the Returning Officer in accordance with this Constitution.
- (c) The Returning Officer shall immediately after the closing of nominations determine by lot in the presence of witnesses, the order in which the names of the candidates will appear on the respective ballot paper.
- (d) There shall be a separate ballot paper for each election.
- (e) One ballot paper shall be sent to each Affiliated Club Secretary within 7 days of the closing of nominations but no vote shall be valid unless the ballot paper be in the hands of the Returning Officer by the commencement of the meeting for which the election is to take place.
- (f) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Affiliated Club to see that the ballot paper for each election is completed either in accordance with the constitution of that Club, or if it should not apply, with any directions of the Executive of the Affiliated Club.



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- (g) Should there be a tie in the election of the President, then the retiring President, if a candidate, shall be declared elected by the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting, but if not a candidate the retiring President shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote.
- (h) In all other cases where voting is equal the President or Chairman for the time shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote.
- (i) There shall be no preferential voting.
- (j) No candidate shall be elected to more than one office of the Executive Committee during any one period.
- (k) Should a casual vacancy arise in the Executive Committee at any time during the year, and the vacancy cannot be filled, The Committee may appoint an existing office bearer to fill such vacancy for the remainder of that term of office.

NOMINATIONS

- 20.
- (a) Any member of an Affiliated Club wishing to stand for election as an officer of the Association shall present to the Returning Officer a nomination form.
 - (b) Each nomination form must state clearly the position to which the person named is nominated, and be signed by the person nominating and endorsed by the Secretary of his/her Affiliated Club.
 - (c) Nominations must be in the hands of the Returning Officer not later than 30 days prior to the meeting, or by the closing date (which ever applies).
 - (d) If no written nominations are received by the Returning Officer for an office by the closing date the Chairman may take verbal nominations at the Annual General Meeting for that office.
 - (e) If written nominations are received by the Returning Officer by the due date, no verbal nominations will be taken at the Annual General Meeting, except that if a nominee withdraws their nomination before the election takes place, verbal nomination may be taken as provided in clause 20 (d) hereof.
 - (f) Should an election take place at the Annual General Meeting under clause 20 (d) hereof it shall be conducted and supervised by the Returning Officer and each authorized delegate present shall be entitled to one vote on behalf of the Affiliated Club he/she represents. The voting shall be conducted by secret ballot and the Chairman shall have the right to decide any matter of procedure not provided for in these Rules.

FEES

21. Each Affiliated Club shall, at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting in each year, pay an affiliation fee. Each Affiliated Club shall in each year, as required by clause 7 (c), pay a capitation fee for each member or such other capitation fee as may from time to time be fixed by the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.
- Every applicant for membership of an Affiliated Club shall, in addition to his/her Club entrance fees and Subscription, pay such entrance fee and pro-rata capitation fees to the Association as shall from time to time be fixed at the Annual General Meeting. Members who join in any one year following the issuance of the Club Register as required by clause 7 (c) and prior to the issue of the next year's register, shall pay pro-rata fees according to the following scale:
- (i) Members joining between November 1st and April 30th pay 100% of the fee fixed by the Annual General Meeting.
 - (ii) Members joining between May 1st and October 31st pay 33.33% of the fee fixed at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (iii) It shall be the duty of the Affiliated Club Secretary to forward such fees to the Association Secretary when the name of the member is submitted to the Association for approval.

LEVIES

- 22.
- (a) The committee may impose on all Affiliated Clubs a levy not exceeding the sum of \$0 50c per member per year, but not withstanding this rule, the Association in a General Meeting called for that purpose may impose a levy/levies in excess of the said sum of \$0 50c.
 - (b) When imposing a levy The Committee shall state the purpose of the levy and the due date of payment.
 - (c) If a levy or any part of it is unpaid by any Affiliated Club by the due date The Committee may declare that Club to be in default and unfinancial.
 - (d) Each Club shall be responsible to the Association for payment of any levy on its members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 23.
- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in June each year. The Committee may convene one other General Meeting if the conduct of the business of the Association so warrants at such time, date and place as The Committee may determine.
 - (b) Each Club shall be given by the Association Secretary at least forty (40) clear days notice in writing of the date and place of each Annual General Meeting.
 - (c) The President or in his /her absence the Vice-President, or the absence of both, an Affiliated Club member appointed by the meeting shall be the Chairman of the meeting.
 - (d) If the Annual General Meeting has not been called for some time in June in any year any four Affiliated Clubs may convene the Annual General Meeting.
 - (e) Any Affiliated Club or the President wishing to move any motion at the Annual General Meeting shall give written notice thereof to the Association Secretary not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for such Annual General Meeting.



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- (f) The agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be:
- (i) Opening of the meeting.
 - (ii) Apologies.
 - (iii) Presentation of delegates and their credentials.
 - (iv) Confirmation of the Minutes.
 - (v) President's Report.
 - (vi) Treasurer's Report.
 - (vii) Secretary's Report.
 - (viii) Declaration by the Chairman that the elective offices are vacant.
 - (ix) Election of Patron, Vice-Patron and Auditor.
 - (x) Presentation of certificate by Returning Officer to the Chairman.
 - (xi) Completion of election of officers.
 - (xii) Fixing of the Club members capitation fee.
 - (xiii) Fixing of the entrance and affiliation fee for clubs.
 - (xiv) Fixing of the entrance and affiliation fee for members
 - (xv) Any general business with which the meeting is competent to deal with including notices of motion.
- (g) The agenda for any other General Meeting shall be fixed by The Committee and notice given to all Clubs twenty-one (21) clear days prior to the meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

24. (a) The Committee may at any time for any special purpose call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association.
(b) Twenty-eight (28) clear days notice of such meeting together with the agenda thereof shall be given to all Clubs.
(c) Any four Clubs may serve a requisition on the Association Secretary to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting.
(d) All such Requisitions shall be signed by either the Secretary or the President of each Club serving the requisition.
(e) The requisitions shall state the purpose for which the meeting is required.
(f) If the meeting has not been convened within twenty-one (21) days after the service of the requisition on the Association Secretary, the four Clubs may convene the meeting on behalf of the Association.

QUORUM AT MEETINGS

25. No General Meeting of the Association shall be held unless a quorum shall be present consisting of such number of authorized delegates as is not less than one-third of the total number of Affiliated Clubs which are financial at the time of holding the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Association Secretary to send minutes of all General Meetings of the Association to all Affiliated Clubs within fourteen (14) days from the conclusion of each such meeting.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

26. The financial year of the Association shall end on the 31st March each year and to this date shall the books of the Association be balanced.

ADDRESS OF CLUB OFFICERS AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS

27. (a) Each member of every Affiliated Club shall be obliged to notify his/her Club Secretary of each and every change of address within seven (7) days of making such change while each Club Secretary shall notify the Association Secretary of such change, and each change of the Officers of that Affiliated Club.
(b) Each such change of address shall be recorded in the register of members.
(c) All notices sent by post to the address of a member or officer shall be deemed to have been duly delivered on the day following the date of posting.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND PROHIBITED DRUGS

28. No person, whether a member of an Affiliated Club or not, shall consume or use on any firing area whilst being used as such of an Affiliated Club, any intoxicating liquor or prohibited drug, or be admitted to any firing area whilst being used as such while that person is deemed to be under the influence of liquor or a prohibited drug.

VARIATION AND PUBLICATION OF CONSTITUTION

29. (a) This constitution may be added to, repealed and/or amended by resolution at any A.G.M. or Extraordinary General Meeting only and only by 2/3 of those authorised delegates present and voting thereon at the meeting and only when all the requirements in clause 23, 24 and 25 are met.
(b) When any Affiliated Club constitution or rule is in any way inconsistent with the Association's constitution and rules the later shall prevail and the former shall to the extent of the inconsistency be invalid and will not be recognized by the Association.

NON-PROFIT AND DISSOLUTION

30. Non-Profit
The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects of the Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or



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otherwise, howsoever by way of profit, to members or family of members of the Association, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association or to any member of the Association for any service actually rendered to the Association, or reasonable and proper rental for premises let by any member of the Association.

Dissolution

The members of this Association may at some meeting thereof to be specially called on that behalf dissolve or determine the same, provided that the Association shall not be dissolved or determined without obtaining the votes of three-quarters of the then existing clubs.

The Association is prohibited from making any distribution whether in money, property or otherwise to its Clubs or members.

If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any assets whatsoever, such assets shall be distributed amongst organisations having similar objects to the Association and whose rules prohibit the distribution of their income and property amongst their members of the Clubs or Association at or before dissolution.

Any such organisation so endowed that defaults on these conditions shall have the distributed share of assets confiscated and distributed amongst the remaining organisations that shared in such assets.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS OR PREMIERSHIPS

31. No Affiliated Club may promote, conduct or advertise any competition, which is covered by this Association, as a State Title without sanction from this Association.
Any Affiliated Club wishing to conduct any contest with a State Title must apply to the Association for sanction for use of such title, stating clearly the name and nature of the event and give a guarantee of the prizes to be offered.
The Association may charge a patronage fee for each such sanction, to be determined by The Committee.

OPEN AND INVITATIONAL MEETINGS

32. (a) An open meeting shall be, subject to clause 31, a meeting that is open to all members of all Affiliated Clubs.
(b) No Affiliated Club may conduct an open meeting without the sanction of the Association for which a patronage fee may be charged.
(c) An invitation meeting shall be one at which competition is open to the promoting Affiliated Club and the members of such Clubs as the promoters may wish to invite.
(d) Each Affiliated Club wishing to invite any other Club to take part in its contests must notify the Association Secretary of its intention to secure permission. No fee will be charged for permission to conduct an invitation meeting, but should The Committee consider that the nature of the invitation would make it an open meeting, it may apply all the rules concerning open meetings to the contest.
(e) The Association shall use its full power to insist that all safety and shooting rules as defined in the ISSF Rules and Regulations and the Pistol Australia Rules be rigidly followed at all meetings conducted under its auspices or by any Affiliated Club.
(f) In order to ensure the enforcement of these rules any officials of the Association shall have the right of entry to the ranges of all Affiliated Clubs.

TARGETS AND SCORES

33. Scores submitted for Association Badges, Trophies or Competitions will not be recognized unless shot on targets approved by The Committee or supplied by the Association. Such targets may be called in for scrutiny by the Association Secretary within one month of the shoot.

MATTERS NOT COVERED IN THIS CONSTITUTION

34. Where any subject, dispute or matter not covered by this constitution shall be brought before the Association, The Committee shall have the power to adjudicate on the matter and the decision shall be binding, but subject to revision by any General Meeting on proper notice of motion.

BY-LAWS

35. An Executive Meeting of the Association shall have power to make, rescind, alter or suspend any by-laws (so long as they are not inconsistent with this constitution) which may be necessary or expedient to do with the regulations or control of pistol shooting in South Australia. Any such by-law however may be disallowed by resolution at any General Meeting of the Association.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

36. In the event of any doubt or difficulty as to the meaning of any clause or sub-clause of this constitution or to any question arising as to their interpretation, The Committee shall have the power to pronounce a decision thereon and its decision shall be final and binding unless changed at the Annual General Meeting. In the absence in this constitution or in the by-laws of the Association the proceedings of the Executive Meetings, Annual General Meeting or other General Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of *Horsley's Meetings: Procedure, Law & Practice*. Anthony David Lang; Lexis Nexis Butterworths - publisher.



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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 37.
- (a) Life Membership to the South Australian Revolver and Pistol Association Inc (SARPA) is approved at the SARPA Annual General Meeting. Life Membership is the highest honour bestowed to Affiliated Club members to recognise exceptional contribution of individuals to the stated objectives of SARPA.
 - (b) Nominees must be a financial member of an Affiliated Club of the South Australian Revolver and Pistol Association Inc.
 - (c) Life Membership will only be awarded to a person in respect of whom a resolution in the form of a notice of motion to award life membership has been passed at the Annual General Meeting of SARPA, on the recommendation of the SARPA Executive Committee. A Life Member so elected shall thereafter, without payment of any fees or other monies, be entitled to all the privileges of a financial member of an Affiliated Club.
 - (d) Each Affiliated Club's nomination must be in writing and received by the SARPA Secretary not later than 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and must give the details of the person nominated and brief reasons for the nomination. The key elements that will be taken into account in awarding Life Membership are:
 - an ongoing commitment to SARPA over many years;
 - Contributions to SARPA which have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of our sport within its members and the wider community;
 - Displays an attitude that reflects a dedication to the values of good sportsmanship;
 - Commitment which does not seek personal reward; and
 - A high level of recognition from the SARPA membership of the nominee's work for SARPA over a number of years.
 - (e) Nominations must be made and seconded by financial SARPA members and endorsed by the Secretary of his/her Affiliated Club.
 - (f) Nominations may be received from current SARPA Executive Committee members for consideration in accordance with Clause 37 (d) of this Constitution.
 - (f) The current SARPA Executive Committee will meet prior to the Annual General Meeting to consider nominees for Life Membership in accordance with the above criteria. Upon approval of nominees the SARPA Secretary will prepare the notice of motion for recommendation for vote at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (g) The President or Chairman will call for a vote at the Annual General Meeting for the sanctioned nominee to be elected as a Life Member. The voting shall be by secret ballot and each authorised delegate present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote on behalf of the Affiliated Club he/she represents. The Chairman shall have the right to decide any matter of procedure not provided for in these Rules.
 - (h) In the case where voting is equal the President or Chairman for the time shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote.
 - (i) The decision of the Annual General Meeting is final.

POWER OF THE ASSOCIATION

38. The Association shall have all the powers conferred by section 25 of the Act..