



SOUTHERN AFRICA ARMS & AMMUNITION COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

KwaZulu Natal

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the **Southern Africa Arms and Ammunition Collectors' Association, KwaZulu Natal**, which may be abbreviated to **SAAACAKZN**.

ARTICLE 2: MISSION

The mission of SAAACAKZN, a non-profit organisation is:

- 1 To promote the collection, study, restoration, preservation and use of arms and ammunition.
- 2 To promote the collecting, study, restoration, preservation and use of accessories and other items related to arms and ammunition.
- 3 To work with any other body or bodies, for legislation supportive of this Association's primary mission.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Membership will only be open to persons who have satisfied the EXCO (or a sub-committee established for that purpose) that they are, or desire to become, bona-fide collectors of arms and ammunition.

Membership shall be open to any/*natural* person who to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee (*or a sub committee established for that purpose*) has displayed their bona fides to be an arms collector *in a particular category in respect of their interest in, and knowledge of, the historical, technological, scientific, heritage, educational, cultural and artistic value of firearms and ammunition and related items.*

All members are:-

- (a) *Equally entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of membership; and*

(b) Equally subject to the duties and responsibilities of membership

There will be Ordinary membership and Junior/Student membership. Junior membership shall be open to juniors up to the age of twenty one years, and fulltime students up to the age of twenty five years, whereupon they will automatically become eligible for Ordinary membership.

Membership shall be self-governing and selective but open to all collectors, including beginners, modest collectors and experienced collectors.

There shall be no upper age limit.

A prospective member shall be introduced by two members of good standing.

Mechanism for revoking membership. Should the actions of a member be deemed to be in contravention of this Constitution or contrary to the spirit of the Association:

- 1 A disciplinary committee will be established and the allegations put to the member concerned, who will be given the opportunity to answer the allegations.
- 2 The majority decision of the disciplinary committee will be referred to EXCO, and
- 3 EXCO will make the final decision regarding membership of the member concerned.

Should membership be revoked due to a member being in contravention of the Law or misusing their membership of the Association, the relevant authorities shall be notified.

Non Executive President

1 The Association shall appoint a Non-Executive President who shall:

- (i) be a person of stature; and*
- (ii) not be a current member of the Association nor serve on any regulatory body relating to arms and ammunition.*

2 *The Non-Executive President shall hold office for a period of _____ years and may be re-elected.*

3 *The appointment of the Non-Executive President shall be done by _____*

ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO)

Section 1 The EXCO of SAACAKZN will consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer plus a minimum of three additional members. The past Chairman shall be an ex officio member of EXCO until such time as a new Chairman is elected.

Section 2 EXCO shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Only members of over three years standing may be proposed.

Section 2 A The Chairman shall be elected from the ranks of duly elected Exco members who have held this office for a period of longer than 2 years.

Section 2 B The Chairman's term of office shall be for a period of 3 years and he/she may be re-elected for not longer than one further term ie two terms of office in total.

Section 2 C Members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for a term of two consecutive years. Each year and on a rotational basis 50% of the total number of Executive Members shall be required to stand for election.

Section 3 A majority of votes cast by the designated representatives of the Members present at the Annual or Special General Meeting shall constitute an election.

Section 3 A A quorum shall consist of 20% of members in good standing who are either present in person or by proxy in favour of an Executive Committee member.

Section 4 A vacancy in the office of Chairman shall be filled by the Secretary until such time as a General or Special Meeting can be called to elect a new Chairman. Other vacancies on EXCO shall be filled by nominations by the EXCO for the remaining term.

- Section 5 The secretary and the Treasurer shall manage correspondence and funds.
- Section 6 EXCO shall appoint and dissolve such sub-committees as are, from time to time, deemed necessary by them.
- Section 7 *No person shall serve or continue to serve on the Executive Committee nor hold any other official position in the Association if he/she has:*
- (i) *Been declared to be unfit to possess a firearm in terms of Chapter 12 of the F.C.A. of 2000; or is*
- (ii) *Ineligible or disqualified to be a director or prescribed officer of a company in terms of Section 69 of the Companies Act of 2008*
- Section 8: *The Executive committee shall have the following duties, obligations and limitations to its operations:*
- a) *Ensure the development and implementation of detailed procedures and programmes to further the **Article 2 Mission** of the KZN Chapter in accordance with National Guidelines and the relevant Firearms Control Acts as promulgated.*
- b) *Manage the day-to-day affairs of the KZN Chapter which includes but is not limited to, interviewing prospective members, collecting subscriptions and fees as appropriate, certifying and issuing such documents as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the current Firearms Control Act of 2000 (as amended) in terms of the National Guidelines and reporting on these activities as prescribed elsewhere in this Constitution.*
- c) *Maintain communication between Exco, the KZN members and the National body by means of notices, special meetings and functions and posting information on our KZN website.*
- d) *Manage the membership interviewing and accreditation process noted in b) above and keep records of our transactions in order that we satisfy the requirements of our Constitution and Nationally approved guidelines.*
- e) *Develop and maintain the guidelines mentioned above particularly with regard to the process of ascertaining the Good Standing of Members and Certifying the Collectability of arms as contemplated by the National Guidelines and the Firearms Control Act of 2000 or any later amendment thereto.*
- f) *The Chairman assisted by Exco shall have the power to sign Letters of Good Standing and Certificates of Collectability or any similar documentation as required by law, provided that the requirements of the approved guidelines have been met by the applicant. These powers may be temporarily delegated in writing to another Exco member should the need arise.*
- g) *The responsibility for making applications that are acceptable in terms of the national guidelines remains with the member making the application.*

ARTICLE 5: GENERAL MEETINGS

- Section 1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held on such date, time and at such place as EXCO designate. Notice of the meeting site, date and agenda shall be sent to Members two weeks before the meeting.
- Section 2 Special General Meetings shall be called by EXCO when called upon to do so by two thirds of the fully paid-up members under the rules of Article 5 Section 1.
- Section 3 Only members *in good standing* may vote at Annual or Special General Meetings. Other members may attend.
- Section 4 Amendments to the Constitution may only be made by a vote of two-thirds majority of the fully paid-up members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting called under the rules in Article 5 Section 1. *Ordinary Resolutions require a simple majority.* Notice or motion to amend the Constitution must be given on the appropriate agenda.

ARTICLE 6: DUES, FEES

- Section 1 Members *and junior members* shall pay an annual fee and new members shall pay an additional one-time registration fee as determined by EXCO from time to time.
- Section 2 Initially there shall be a Registration fee plus an Annual Fee as determined from time to time by EXCO. Fees for junior/student members shall be 50% less than those due for Ordinary members. Pensioners over 65 years and who have been members for over three years may apply to EXCO for a reduced annual fee.
- Section 3 There shall be no fees payable for circulation of documentation to fully paid-up Members.