



# VEKTOR SHOOTING CLUB CONSTITUTION

## 1. **NAME**

The club, a non-profit sporting body, is known as the Vektor Shooting Club (VSC), hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

## 2. **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Club is to help promote, organize and control the sport of practical shooting and to foster the good image of the sport in the public eye. The Club will strive to promote the safe, competent and responsible use of firearms for anyone legally entitled to use them.

## 3. **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Club results from the common interest in shooting by a group of like-minded people. It is not desirable that membership be extended to any "radical" element. Membership shall consist of members and honorary members.

### 3.1 **Members**

Any person of good standing with the Club, who is legally entitled to use a firearm, may be a member of the club.

New members may join the Club by applying in writing to the Executive Committee and supplying the relevant information as determined by the Executive Committee from time to time. The Executive Committee may, at its sole discretion, refuse membership to any prospective member or revoke the membership of any member not in good standing with the Club.

All members will be liable for regular membership fees as determined from time to time. Failure to pay these fees may place a member out of good standing with the Club.

The liability of the members for debts incurred by the Club shall be limited to the amount of unpaid membership fees.

### 3.2 Honorary Members

Honorary membership of the Club may be granted by the Executive Committee only if a resolution to do so is carried unanimously. Honorary members enjoy the full rights and privileges that any other member enjoys. Honorary membership status will be reviewed annually except where honorary life membership has been awarded.

## 4. COMMITTEES

### 4.1 Executive Committee

The management, control and administration of the Club shall vest in the Executive Committee, constituted as follows:-

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice Chairman
- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary
- e. Range Management
- f. Shooting Coordinator
- g. Equipment Officer
- h. Safety Officer
- i. Training Officer
- j. Admin Officer
- k. Denel Liaison Officer

Additional portfolios may be created from time to time and the Executive Committee may co-opt additional members as required. Co-opted members do not have a vote.

No one person may fill more than two positions on the Executive Committee at any one time.

Subject to point 9 "Affiliation to other bodies", only members that have affiliated to SAPSA may be elected to the Executive Committee.

The position of Denel Liaison Officer must be filled by an employee of Denel Land Systems.

For this definition, "employee" includes a contactor or other approved representative of the company who is able to adequately represent the company's interests. This position should be combined with one other position on the Executive Committee.

### 4.2 Other Committees

The Executive Committee may appoint other committees as required to deal with specific tasks. At least one Executive Committee member shall serve on such committee.

#### 4.3 Delegates

Delegates may be appointed by the Executive Committee to represent the Club's interests at any association or body that the Club is affiliated to.

### 5. **INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Members of the Executive Committee and every Officer of the Club shall be and are indemnified by the Club against all proceedings, cost and expenses incurred in connection with the Club not arising from their gross negligence, dishonesty or fraud.

### 6. **DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

The Executive Committee shall, where it considers it to be in the interest of the Club and its objectives, be entitled:

- a. To suspend the membership of any member
- b. To expel any member
- c. To take other disciplinary measures as may in the circumstances be deemed appropriate.

A member subjected to disciplinary measures shall be given an adequate opportunity to explain or defend himself/herself.

A member who has been expelled from the Club shall have no claim against the Club for any property or monies paid.

### 7. **MEETINGS**

#### 7.1 Annual General Meeting

There shall be an Annual General Meeting every calendar year held within the first six months of the year. Suitable notice of at least 14 x days shall be given to the Club members. All members present, in good standing with the club, shall have equal voting powers. Those members present, subject to the lesser of ten or half of the members in good standing with the Club, shall constitute a quorum.

The Annual General Meeting shall elect the members of the Executive Committee. It will also consider the financial situation of the Club as well as the Chairman's report relating to the business of the Club for the previous year and shall instruct and/or make recommendations to the newly elected Executive Committee in regard to its functions for the ensuing year.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be taken and kept for record purposes for a period of at least five (5) years.

## **8. SHOOTING RULES**

The Club and its members shall apply the shooting rules as determined from time to time by the Executive Committee. The rules of the International Shooting Confederation (IPSC) as adopted by the South African Practical Shooting Association (SAPSA) will be used as guidelines. Range Officers, to control the range during Club shoots, will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to decide on the competence of any member to participate in the Club's shooting activities, as well as their competence to participate as a Club member, in provincial leagues and/or National competitions.

## **9. AFFILIATION TO OTHER BODIES**

The Executive Committee may from time to time affiliate the Club to other bodies and/or associations in furtherance of the objectives of the Club.

The Club will affiliate on an annual basis to SAPSA, through a recognised Provincial body as per the SAPSA constitution. This Provincial body must be affiliated to the South African Practical Shooting Association (SAPSA), which in turn is affiliated to the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC).

It is a condition of membership of Vektor Shooting Club that individual members become and remain members of SAPSA and a recognised Provincial body affiliated to SAPSA. A Member who has not affiliated through Vektor Shooting Club will on request provide proof of their status to the Executive Committee of the club.

The Club will apply annually for corporate membership of the South African Gun owners Association (SAGA) in furtherance of the interest of legal firearm ownership in South Africa.

The above affiliations will be subject to the Club being in good financial standing.

## **10. FINANCES**

Membership fees, donations and other sources shall finance the activities of the Club.

The Executive Committee shall administer all financial matters in a controlled and responsible way and shall keep suitable records for a period of at least five (5) years. A banking account may be used for which the signature of either the Chairman or the Treasurer shall be sufficient.

The Executive Committee shall use the funds of the Club to further the objectives of the Club. Sponsorship of events and/or individuals is permitted at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Members of the Executive Committee and every Officer of the Club shall not be entitled to remuneration from the Club for their services, with the exception of the Administration Officer.

The Admin Officer may be entitled to remuneration for services rendered in order to carry out all administration necessary to comply with requirements of the Provincial- and National Bodies, and the smooth operation of Club and Administrative requirements.

The value of such remuneration will be proposed by the Executive Committee according to the Club Budget and must be voted on at the annual Club AGM by the members.

The financial year shall run from 01 April to 31 March every year.

Once a year, prior to the Annual General Meeting, a competent person who is not a member of the Executive Committee shall audit the financial records. Financial records shall be presented to the Club members at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **11. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution may be amended at a General Meeting of the Club by a two-thirds majority of votes of those members present.

Any proposed changes of the constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing and be available to Club members for their perusal in advance of a General Meeting.

#### **12. DISSOLUTION**

The Club may be dissolved at a General Meeting by a three quarters majority of votes of those present.

Subject to prevailing legislation at the time, the Executive Committee will negotiate with the relevant stakeholders on the distribution of all assets of the Club to a similar approved public benefit organization, or an organization established by law which carries on an approved public benefit activity, or a department or administration in the national, provincial, or local sphere of Government of South Africa.

Accepted by the Vektor Shooting Club on \_\_\_\_\_.