

CLUB RULES OF
THE VOORLAIERS DU VEREENIGING CLUB

CHAPTER I
Name, Purposes, and Powers

1.1. NAME. The name of the corporation shall be: Voorlaaiers Du Vereeniging, and commonly referred to, and herein, as the VDV or Club.

1.2. Purposes and Powers. The purposes of the club are:

As set out in the constitution and to encourage organised shooting among the members of the club and to develop greater knowledge on the part of such members of the safe handling of muzzleloaders, black powder arms, the safe handling of black powder as well as improved marksmanship.

1.2.1. To undertake the performance of and carry out the acts and duties incident to the administration of the club in accordance with the terms, provisions, conditions and authorisation contained in these rules.

1.2.2. To foster sportsmanship, honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance.

1.2.3. To sponsor, promote and assist the development of young and inexperienced shooters with an interest in purpose of the club.

1.2.4. To employ and pay for the services of attorneys, accountants and other professionals to represent the club as the need may arise.

1.2.5. To comply with the laws of the Republic of South Africa.

CHAPTER 2
MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY'S

2.1. Membership in the Club imposes a responsibility to uphold and further the Club's purposes and objectives as set forth in, and pursuant to, these rules and the resolutions taken and decisions of its executive committee (exco).

2.2. Members at all times should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon and enhances the reputation of the Club.

- 2.3. The exco has the power to enforce these membership obligations by removing from membership, any member who, in their judgment, gives cause for dismissal. Such causes include, but are not limited to:
 - 2.3.1. Any material misrepresentation of service, employment, or any other credentials in application for membership, during the duration of membership, or when serving in any office in the club.
 - 2.3.2. Any act intended to disrupt the existence or unity of the club.
 - 2.3.3. Any act that violates the Club's rules, such as using one's position in the Club to suggest or promote business, personal, political, policy, religious, or social agendas.
 - 2.3.4. Any act that misrepresents the Club's non-profit, non-political, educational charter, including any act that brings public disrepute or embarrassment upon the Club, or seeks to undermine the purposes or programs of the Club.
 - 2.3.5. Any defamation, vilification, or deceitful act, false accusation, calumny, or slander or libel against the Club, its officers, or its members.
 - 2.3.6. Any misrepresentation or use for purposes other than the stated purposes of the Club of the VDV name, symbols, icons, trademarks, certificates, purposes, activities, membership or member data, of the Club including any act, assertion, or implication of, affiliation with, sponsorship of, or approval by the Club not permitted by VDV.
 - 2.3.7. Any act in violation of a fiduciary or other trust exercised on behalf of the Club.
 - 2.3.8. Any intentional violation of laws whether or not related to the VDV.
 - 2.3.9. Any conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest with the Club's rules, charter, purposes, neutrality or objectives if not resolved immediately and satisfactorily upon notification and concurrence of the exco.
 - 2.3.10. Failure to comply with safety, range, and/or Club rules and regulations.
 - 2.3.11. Any unsportsmanlike or ungentlemanly conduct or foil language.

CHAPTER 3

Membership and Dues

- 3.1. Any natural person may apply to become a member of the club.
- 3.2. The individual shall submit a membership application together with the required dues and initiation fee as set by the exco.

- 3.3. The applicant must agree in writing to abide by the rules and regulations of the Club and must sign the Clubs standard indemnity.
- 3.4. The application shall be subject to approval of the exco in the exco's sole discretion.
- 3.5. If the approval is not unanimously, the exco will proceed by way of a secret ballot.
- 3.6. The ballot will be counted by the secretary and only a majority vote in favour of the applicant's application, to become a member, will confirm the membership.
- 3.7. If the majority vote is against the applicant, to become a member, such an applicant will not become a member.
- 3.8. The secretary will inform the applicant of the result.
- 3.9. The outcome of the secret ballot is final and neither the exco or any member is obliged or allowed to give any reasons for, or an explanation of the result of the ballot to the applicant, his representative, any institution or legal persona.
- 3.10. The Applicant is also not entitled to the ballot papers and after noting the outcome of the ballot, the ballot papers must be destroyed by the secretary.

3.2. Classes of Membership:

There shall be three (3) classes of membership:

- 3.2.1. Regular Membership: Individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3.2.2. Field Membership: Individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age but not residing in the Vaal Triangle.
- 3.2.3. Honorary Membership: Noteworthy individuals who have supported the shooting sports and/or the efforts of the Club.

3.3. Voting:

Only Regular members may vote at any membership meeting or hold elective office in the Club.

3.4. Membership fee:

The membership fee for membership in the Club shall be established by the exco.

- 3.4.1 The membership fee shall be payable within 6 months from the start of the new year.
- 3.4.2 Any membership fees not paid at the end of 6 months the member may forfeit the membership with a resulting loss of privileges. The member that lost its membership may have to apply for new membership.
- 3.4.3 Honorary members shall not be required to pay membership fee but will be obliged to pay for any other dues.

3.5. Initiation Fee and Special Assessments:

Initiation fees may be set by the exco.

3.6. Termination of Membership:

- 3.6.1. Membership in the Club may be terminated by the exco for any one of the following reasons:
 - 3.6.1.1 To correct an erroneous granting of membership.
 - 3.6.1.2. In the event a member shall fail to pay the membership fee.
 - 3.6.1.3. In the event a member shall commit a gross violation of safety rule or shall engage in gross misconduct or unsportsmanlike behaviour.
 - 3.6.1.4. In the event a member be guilty of theft or damage to the property of the Club or another member, guest or visitor.
 - 3.6.1.5. In the event a member engaging in behaviour or activities which are contrary to the stated purposes of the Club.
 - 3.6.1.6. In the event a member engaging in any form of discrimination.
 - 3.6.1.7. In the event a member becoming otherwise ineligible for basic membership as detailed within Section 2.1
 - 3.6.1.8. In the event a member violating the Club's Code of Ethics.
 - 3.6.1.9. Termination of membership shall be accomplished by the filing of a formal written complaint against a member, signed by any member in good standing, a copy of which shall be given to the accused member and the Secretary.
 - 3.6.1.10. The complaint shall be supported by documentary evidence or one or more affidavits. The Secretary shall immediately place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the club, or the Chairman of the Club may call a special meeting of the exco for the purpose of attending to the complaint.

- 3.6.1.11. The accused member shall be entitled to be present at said meeting, with a representative if he so wish who shall not be a member of the exco. The matter shall be decided by a majority vote of the exco, who may conduct their deliberation in secret.
- 3.6.1.12. The exco may suspend the membership privileges of a member pending the findings of allegations brought against a member.

CHAPTER 4

Books and Records

- 4.1. The books, records and papers of the Club shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any member in good standing.
- 4.2. The constitution, these rules, and the minutes of all meetings shall be available for inspection by any member in good standing and may request copies by paying for the copies.

General Provisions

5. Amendments:

Except as otherwise provided herein, these rules may be amended or repealed and new rules may be adopted only by a majority affirmative vote of the exco.

Certification

Pursuant to the necessary vote of the exco, this rules or amendment to the rules has been signed into force and effect by the chairman of the club on this the 12th day of February 2021.

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CHAIRMAN