

CONSTITUTION

**OF THE
SOUTH AFRICAN DISTANCE ROLLER FEDERATION**



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CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DISTANCE ROLLER FEDERATION

1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the organization is the South African Distance Roller Federation.

2. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The objective of the South African Distance Roller Federation is to improve the quality and standard of the distance roller pigeon in South Africa.

3. AFFILIATION

- 3.1 Any Distance Roller Pigeon Club that consists out of three (3) or more members (Chairman, Secretary and Treasury) may affiliate to the South African Distance Roller Federation by submitting the South African Distance Roller Federation's Application for Affiliation form.

Application for affiliation must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Constitution of the club applying for affiliation.
 - Name list of members in the club applying for affiliation.
- 3.2 The application will be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the South African Distance Roller Federation, during their Annual General meeting or special executive meeting.
- 3.3 It is compulsory for a flying member of an affiliated club to take part in the South African Distance Roller Federation league.
- 3.4 Newly affiliated clubs who have not competed in a South African Distance Roller Federation league competition will not have the right to table new motions or vote during their first Annual General meeting.
- 3.5 All newly affiliated clubs will pay an affiliation fee as determined and approved at the A.G.M
- 3.6 For newly affiliated clubs and individual membership the registration fee will be R250.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Any person may become a member or non-flying member of the South African Distance Roller Federation by completing a registration form and paying the prescribed membership fee.
- 4.2 Membership is open to all races, genders and includes junior as well as senior persons.
- 4.3 Membership entitles a member to the following privileges:
- To purchase South African Distance Roller Federation pigeon rings and branded clothing.
 - To participate in all South African Distance Roller Federation competitions.
 - To receive all South African Distance Roller Federation literature.
 - To be elected as a Sub-Committee or Executive Committee member.
- 4.4 Members that migrate to another club must provide a clean letter to indicate that all their fees to their previous club and to the South African Distance Roller Federation is up to date. The letter must also include a short behavior history of the member before they can compete under the new club.
- 4.5 A Novice Member is a first-time flyer who has never competed in any club competitions.

5. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 Any person may join the South African Distance Roller Federation as an individual member by completing an application form and paying his/her registration fee for an individual member.
- 5.2 Individual members are those members who reside outside a 50km radius from an Affiliated club **and does not belong to a club.**
- 5.3 **Individual members will pay an affiliation fee of R250 as per Par 3.6.**
- 5.4 **Individual members will also pay a registration fee of R400 per year, which includes 50 rings.**
- 5.5 **SADRF affiliated clubs may not be forced to accommodate an individual member within their club.**
- 5.6 **If an individual member wants to compete, the member may only register at one of the affiliated clubs, and the said club where the member is then registered is the only club that may judge the member during the official club competitions.**

6. SINGLE FLYING MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 Any person may join the South African Distance Roller Federation as a single member by completing an application form and paying his/her registration fee for a single member.
- 6.2 Single membership will be for members who belongs to an affiliated club.
- 6.3 Single flying member registration fee is R400 per year, includes 50 rings

7. PARTNER MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 A maximum of two (2) members may join the South African Distance Roller Federation as a partnership by completing an application form and paying their registration fee for a partnership.
- 7.2 Partner membership will be for members who belong to an affiliated club.
- 7.3 Partnerships must have an assigned name (Example: JJ Lofts).
- 7.4 A partnership may only compete from a single nominated premises.
- 7.4 Partnership registration fee is R600 per year, which includes 50 rings.

8. NON FLYING MEMBER

- 8.1 Any person may join the South African Distance Roller Federation as a non flying member by completing an application form and paying the prescribed registration fee.
- 8.2 Non flying members may only be a non flying member for one year, in the ensuing year the member must be registered as a flying member.
- 8.3 Non flying members may be utilised as judges, but not as an Umpire.
- 8.4 Non flying member registration fee is R100 per year, member will not be allegeable for any rings.

9. MEMBER REGISTRATION

- 9.1 All members of the South African Distance Roller Federation must register at the beginning of each year, before the commencement of the first competition.
- 9.2 New members will register from the date of joining the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 9.3 A member may only register with one affiliated club.
- 9.4 Only registered members will be allowed to participate in South African Distance Roller Federation competitions.
- 9.5 All member registration forms must be sent via email to: secretary@sadrf.co.za as well as treasurer@sadrf.co.za by the affiliated club Secretary.

10. PIGEON REGISTRATION

- 10.1 Pigeons that will compete in the year must be registered before the commencement of the first competition.
- 10.2 Should a member fail to register a pigeon/s for whatever reason, the pigeon/s may be registered as a “late registration” at a fee as determined and approved by the Annual General Meeting, with the understanding that the pigeon/s was or were not registered on another member’s name.
- 10.3 Late registration fee will be R50 per pigeon as per Par 10.2
- 10.4 Where members exchange registered competition pigeons amongst one another these pigeons must be de-registered by the current owner and registered by the new owner. These pigeons will only be allowed to compete in competitions after six months from date of registration, novice members are excluded from this rule.
- 10.5 New members will register his/her pigeons once their memberships are approved.
- 10.6 Pigeon registration forms must include, Name and or Club Name, Ring Number and Year reflected on the ring.
- 10.7 No Score Sheet will be accepted by the South African Distance Roller Federation without pigeon registration forms being completed, submitted and approved by the Executive Committee.
- 10.8 All pigeon registration forms must be sent via email to: secretary@sadrf.co.za as well as treasurer@sadrf.co.za by the affiliated club Secretary.

11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11.1 The Executive Committee of the South African Distance Roller Federation consist of a Chairman, Vice - Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer/Ring Steward.

12. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 12.1 The election of the Executive Committee will be done by the Sub-Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
- 12.2 Two or more members from one (1) club are not allowed to be elected for a position on the Executive Committee.
- 12.3 A member who stands to be elected as an Executive Committee member for the South African Distance Roller Federation must be an Executive Committee member of his/her club.
- 12.4 For a member of the Sub-Committee to be elected as an Executive Committee member in the event of a vacant position the following must happen:
- The vacant position must be advertised with a closing date for submission of applications.
 - Application must be done in writing and must be submitted on or before the closing date. No late applications will be accepted.
 - Successful applicants will complete a questionnaire to assess their capabilities for the position for which they have applied. Candidates who achieved a score above 80% will be placed on the shortlist.
 - The shortlist of names will be handed over to the Sub-Committee.
- 12.5 The election of the Executive Committee will be done by secret ballot.
- 12.6 Where the vote for two (2) or more candidates in a particular position is equal, the Sub-Committee will vote again. If the result remains the same the outcome of the election will be determined by lot.
- 12.7 Elected members of the Executive Committee will serve in their respective positions for a period of (3) years. The period of three (3) years constitutes one (1) term, after which they are eligible for re-election.
- 12.8 Elected members of the Executive Committee who stands for re-election after their first term may after they are re-elected serve for a second term. Thereafter they will only be eligible for re-election after one term (3 years) have lapsed.

- 12.9 In the event of death, resignation, or incapacity of an Executive Committee member a new member will be elected in terms of rules 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5 and will serve in his elected position until the end of the term after which he is eligible for re-election.

13. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 13.1 To participate in all meetings and functions of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 13.2 The property and handling of South African Distance Roller Federation affairs vest in the Executive Committee.
- 13.3 Members will take the necessary decisions and steps to implement the rules of the Constitution.
- 13.4 Members will represent the South African Distance Roller Federation in any matter of general importance to the Federation.
- 13.5 Members will subject themselves to the rules of the Constitution, to maintain discipline amongst affiliated clubs.
- 13.6 Members will regulate and control the finances of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 13.7 The Executive Committee in conjunction with the Sub-Committee will determine the awards for the annual prize giving ceremony on the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.8 Members will lay down rules and make recommendations at the Annual General Meeting to improve the functioning and wellbeing of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 13.9 As far as reasonably possible the Executive Committee members will make at least one (1) annual club visits per club affiliated with the South African Distance Roller Federation.

14. SUB-COMMITTEE

- 14.1 The Sub-Committee for the South African Distance Roller Federation will consist of three Executive Committee members from every affiliated club.

- 14.2 Members will serve on the South African Distance Roller Federation Sub-Committee for a period of three (1) years where after they are eligible for re-election.

15. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

- 15.1 To participate in all meetings and functions of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 15.2 To ensure that all member applications, pigeon registrations as well as member registration forms are completed and sent to the South African Distance Roller Federation Secretary and Treasurer.
- 15.3 To ensure that club ring orders are placed and sent to the South African Distance Roller Federation Ring Steward in time.
- 15.4 To do member recruiting on a continuous basis to ensure growth in the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 15.5 To assist the Executive Committee to determine the awards for the annual prize giving ceremony on the Annual General Meeting.

16. MEETINGS.

- 16.1 Meetings will only be held once quorum is formed by no less than two thirds of the Committee members present.
- 16.2 The Annual General Meeting will be held in February of each year. Only Executive and Sub- Committee members will attend the meeting.
- 16.3 The Executive or the Sub-Committee will meet as often as necessary to carry out the business of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 16.4 Except for any amendment to the Constitution, a motion will only be accepted when passed by a majority vote of members present at a meeting.
- 16.5 The Chairman will have a normal as well as a deciding vote during any meeting.
- 16.6 Records and minutes of all Sub-Committee meetings will be available to members on request, given proper notice to the Executive Committee.

17. FINANCES

- 17.1 South African Distance Roller Federation fees will be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

- 17.2 All members who wishes to renew their membership must do so by the end of February each year.
- 17.3 Flying members will pay a registration fee which includes their ring fees for 50 rings.
- 17.4 New members will pay a prorated registration fee at the time of joining the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 17.5 Individual and Single members will pay a registration fee as determined and approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- 17.6 Members of a partnership will pay a registration fee as determined and approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- 17.7 Non flying Members will pay a registration fee as determined and approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- 17.8 Existing members will pay a registration fee as determined and approved by the Annual General Meeting. This fee is payable before the commencement of the first competition.
- 17.9 A flying member will pay "**ALL**" competition fees irrespective of whether he competes in a monthly competition or not.
- 17.10 Financial records will be available to members on request, given proper notice to the Executive Committee.
- 17.11 Payment Advice forms will always be accompanied by the proof of payment made to the South African Distance Roller Federation and sent via email to secretary@sadrf.co.za and treasurer@sadrf.co.za by the affiliated club Treasurer.
- 17.12 Competition fees will be split where 70% of the fee is allocated for awards and 30% of the fee is allocated for administration fees by the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 17.13 Members with outstanding fees must first settle their debt before they are allowed to register to compete in the new season.
- 17.14 The SADRf will at all time have a bank account with a registered financial service provider (FSP) where at least two EXCO members have signing authority.

18. RINGS

- 18.1 Only fully paid up members with no outstanding debt to the South African Distance Roller Federation will be allowed to order rings.
- 18.2 South African Distance Roller Federation rings will only be ordered once a year in May.
- 18.3 Members who order South African Distance Roller Federation rings must provide proof of payment before any rings will be ordered.
- 18.4 A minimum of 50 rings must be ordered by members.
- 18.5 Rings will be ordered and distributed by the South African Distance Roller Federation's Ring Steward.
- 18.6 The South African Distance Roller Federation rings consist of a solid closed aluminium inner ring with printed sticker and transparent plastic outer ring coating as per the South African National Pigeon Organization standard.
- 18.7 The ring colour will change every year in accordance with the South African National Pigeon Organization standard.
- 18.8 The South African Distance Roller Federation only accepts closed size 7 to 7.5mm rings for registered competition birds. No other ring size will be accepted.
- 18.9 The South African Distance Roller Federation will only accept the 'B' category ring from the National Fancy Pigeon Association and the South African Fancy Pigeon Association.
- 18.10 Members sharing rings must notify the South African Distance Roller Federation Ring Steward in writing with particulars of new ownership.
- 18.11 Only rings with Name and or Club Name, number and year will be accepted by die South African Distance Roller Federation.

19. SCORE SHEETS

- 19.1 Only South African Distance Roller Federation Score Sheets will be accepted for competitions.
- 19.2 Before any Score Sheet is accepted by the South African Distance Roller Federation it must be signed by all five (5) Judges, Club Chairman, Umpire and Participating member.

- 19.3 Score Sheets must be sent to the email address secretary@sadrf.co.za on the first working day directly following the competition, this includes Score Sheets of participants who did not qualify for a re-flight.

20. COMPETITIONS

- 20.1 The South African Distance Roller Federation league consists out of eight (8) competitions, which will be held from March to October of each year.
- 20.2 Competitions may not be carried over to the next month, if for some reason the competition could not be completed in a month the member forfeits that competition and will receive a zero (0) score.
- 20.3 Clubs must notify the South African Distance Roller Federation Secretary of date, time and member route seven (7) days prior to each competition.

21. COMPETITION RULES

- 21.1 The duration of a competition will be fifteen minutes.
- 21.2 All the members of a club will compete on the same day, unless a member qualifies for a re-flight.
- 21.3 Clubs are allowed to fly two or more panels with the understanding that rules 21.2, 26.1, 26.2 and 26.3 applies.
- 21.4 Score Sheets must be handed in at the first person on the competition route.
- 21.5 Participants are allowed to hand in two Score Sheets, but they must choose which Score Sheet to use before start of his competition.
- 21.6 A competition kit consists of five (5) pigeons, and two (2) reserve pigeons are permissible.
- 21.7 A participant has five (5) minutes after releasing his pigeons in which to shout "time" only then will his pigeons be judged.

- 21.8 Every roll exceeding one (1) second will be recorded as a roll score. Only the improved score will be recorded on the Score Sheet, judges must call out every score, where the score is not an improvement the score must be called out followed by **"NO IMPROVEMENT"**.
- 21.9 A pigeon may only be judged if it forms part of the kit, or when it is within the five (5) minute **"TIME"** period after rolling or leaving the kit.
- 21.10 No score may be afforded to a pigeon that cannot be positively identified by the appointed Judge and/or appointed Umpire. No inference will be permitted by any other participating or non-participating members or visitors.

22. FLY RULES

- 22.1 Pigeons must fly for the duration of the competition to be awarded one (1) bonus point for flying.

23. GROUPING RULES

- 23.1 Any pigeon leaving the kit in the first 10 minutes of the competition gets five (5) minutes to re-group before it is awarded two (2) bonus points for grouping.
- 23.2 A pigeon that rolls one (1) second and longer in the duration of the competition as per rule 20.1 gets five (5) minutes to re-group before it is awarded two (2) bonus points for grouping, this includes a pigeon that rolls in the last 5 minutes in a competition.

24. ROLL DOWN RULES

- 24.1 Where a pigeon rolls down in plain sight for the duration of the competition it has (5) minutes to take flight undisturbed before it is disqualified for rolling down.
- 24.2 A pigeon that rolls down behind an obstruction has (5) min to reappear before it is disqualified for rolling down.
- 24.3 The roll down rules **MUST** always be applied in conjunction with the GROUPING RULES.
- 24.4 A pigeon must re-appear within five (5) minutes after rolling down even if the competition time has expired, the pigeon must be awarded five (5) minutes to re-appear undisturbed.

25. SETTLE RULE

25.1 A pigeon that settles forfeits all points awarded to it. This includes a pigeon that has rolled down, took flight in the allowed five (5) minutes as per rule 23.1 and 23.2 but then settles.

26. JUDGING

26.1 A judging panel will consist of five (5) Judges and one (1) Umpire.

26.2 A judge is not allowed to simultaneously judge two or more pigeons during a competition.

26.3 A participating member is not allowed to judge his/her own pigeons.

26.4 The participating member or any other member, visitors that is not part of the current Judging panel at the Participating member may under no circumstances interfere with the scribe or judging of his/her pigeons unless requested by the Umpire and/or Judge to identify a pigeon.

26.5 The score given by a judge will always be accepted unless it is overruled by the Umpire.

26.6 The Umpire is the only judge to overrule a decision, his decision is final.

26.7 Electronic stop watches will be used to judge. The true reading on the stopwatch will be recorded.

26.8 A Novice will rotate between judges during the first three (3) months of joining, he will then be evaluated by a member of the Executive Committee from his club to ensure that he qualifies as a judge.

26.9 Family members are not allowed to judge each other's pigeons.

26.10 Partnership members are not allowed to judge their own birds.

26.11 Non flying members must be affiliated at a club and may only judge if the Umpire is a flying member

27. RE-FLIGHT

- 27.1 A participating member will only qualify for a re-flight in cases of:
- Rain
 - Hail storms
 - Total cloud cover
 - Where birds of prey "**STRIKE**" the kit
- 27.2 Only the effected participant qualifies for a re-flight, all the other participants retain their score and may not take part in the re-flight.
- 27.3 Where a bird of prey has struck the kit the competition may be suspended on request of the participant, the participant will be given the option to retain his/her score or apply for a re-flight, once he/she has made a decision it cannot be changed.
- 27.4 When tested positive for Covid or when in isolation for Covid. The necessary Doctors documents must be sent to the Executive Committee to apply for a re-flight. The Executive Committee will have the final decision.
- 27.5 The re-flight will be seen as a new competition and the same rule as for a monthly competition will apply.

28. MONTHLY RESULTS

- 28.1 Monthly results will be announced after all the affiliated clubs have flown and the results have been reviewed by the Chairman.
- 28.2. October/Final results will only be presented at the Year End Function and prize giving ceremony.
- 28.2 The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place scoresheets of each competition must be displayed on the sub-committee communication forum.

29. AWARDS

- 29.1 Categories in which members compete are:
- Monthly competition winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) are awarded.
 - League Champion
 - Best Bird
 - Longest Roll
 - Highest Competition Score

- Best Novice
- Best Junior

29.2 In order for a pigeon to qualify for the Best Bird or Longest Roll category it must comply with rule 30.1 and be alive at the end of the league which ends on 31 October of each year.

29.3 Monthly competition awards are calculated where the:

- 1st place winner receives 50% of amount allocated in 17.12
- 2nd place winner receives 30% of the remaining amount.
- 3rd place winner receives 20% of the remaining amount.

29.4 Monthly awards will be calculated on the actual monthly sum received.

30. NATIONAL AWARDS

30.1 Annual national award trophies are for:

- South African Distance Roller Federation League Champion (Highest score total out of eight (8) competitions)
- Best Bird (Pigeon must compete in at least 5 competitions to qualify)
- Longest Roll (Only the seconds rolled count)
- Highest Competition Score (The highest score in eight competitions)
- Best Novice (A minimum of two (2) competing members is required)
- Best Junior (A member must be under the age of 18 years)

30.2 The following trophies are floating trophies and remains the property of the South African Distance Roller Federation:

- League Champion
- Best Bird
- Longest Roll
- Highest Competition Score

31. ANNUAL AUCTION

31.1 The annual auction will be held in November of each year where possible

31.2 Auction rules will be decided on, during a Special General Meeting, this may include but is not limited to:

- Date
- Time
- Venue

32. ANNUAL SHOW

- 32.1 The SA distance roller pigeon is a working as well as an exhibition pigeon therefore the South African Distance Roller Federation will host an annual show.
- 32.3 Show rules will be decided on during a Special General Meeting. These may include but are not limited to:
- Date
 - Time
 - Venue
 - Registration fee
 - Categories
 - Awards

33. DISCIPLINE

- 33.1 All members of the South African Distance Roller Federation will be subjected to disciplinary measures where a member acts contrary to any regulations or rule of the constitution or act in any way that places the name of the South African Distance Roller Federation in disrepute.
- 33.2 If found guilty by the Executive Committee the Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend or expelled members for their misconduct from the South African Distance Roller Federation, in which case he/she forfeits all rights to any awards.
- 33.3 A member has the right to appeal the outcome and if two-thirds of the Executive Committee reaffirms the decision, the member will be suspended with immediate effect.
- 33.4 When membership of one member of a partnership is terminated or suspended, it means the termination of that partnership as a whole.

34. SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PIGEON ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION (SANPO)

- 34.1 The South African Distance Roller Federation is a recognized affiliate of the South African National Pigeon Organization and is therefore bound by their Constitution.

35. AMENDMENTS

- 35.1 Amendments to the Constitution will only be done at the Annual General Meeting by way of secret ballot where a motion to amend, remove or include a rule is seconded by at least one other Committee member and the motion carries a majority vote.
- 35.2 The Chairman will have a normal as well as a deciding vote at the Annual General Meeting.

36. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 36.1 The Constitution becomes effective on the 21th day of February 2022 and replaces all previous editions.

37. SIGNATORIES

Original signed

SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Original signed

SIGNATURE OF THE VICE - CHAIRMAN

Original signed

SIGNATURE OF THE SECRETARY

Original signed

SIGNATURE OF THE TREASURER