

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 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:

- The constitution of the club applying for affiliation.
- A name list of members in the club applying for affiliation.
- The name list must include the member's name and surname, Identity number and email address.

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 a 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.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Any person may become a 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 member.

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 members not affiliated to any club.

6. SINGLE 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 belong to an affiliated club.

7. PARTNER MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 Two or more people 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 permitted for members who belong to an affiliated club.

8. MEMBER REGISTRATION

- 8.1 All members of the South African Distance Roller Federation must register at the beginning of each year, before the commencement of the first competition.
- 8.2 New members will register from the date of joining the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 8.3 A member may only register with one club.
- 8.4 Only registered members will be allowed to participate in South African Distance Roller Federation competitions.

9. PIGEON REGISTRATION

- 9.1 Pigeons that will compete in the year must be registered before the commencement of the first competition.
- 9.2 Should a member fail to register a pigeon/s for whatever reason, the pigeon/s may be registered afterwards at a fee as determined and approved by the Annual General Meeting, with the understanding that the specific pigeon/s was/were not registered on another member's name.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 A new member will register his/her pigeons once the membership is approved.
- 9.5 Pigeon registration forms must include: Name and or Club Name, Ring Number and Year reflected on the ring.
- 9.6 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. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

11. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 11.1 The election of the Executive Committee will take place at the Annual General Meeting. Members will be elected by the Sub-Committee from existing members of the Sub-Committee.
- 11.2 A member who stands to be elected as an Executive Committee member for the South African Distance Roller Federation must have been an Executive Committee member in his/her club for at least one year.
- 11.3 For a member of the Sub-Committee to be elected as an Executive Committee member, 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.

- 11.4 The election of the Executive Committee will be done by secret ballot.
- 11.5 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.
- 11.6 Elected members of the Executive Committee will serve in their respective positions for a period of three (3) years. The period of three (3) years constitutes one (1) term, after which they are eligible for re-election.
- 11.7 Elected members of the Executive Committee who stand 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) has lapsed.
- 11.8 In the event of death, resignation or incapacity of an Executive Committee member, the Sub-Committee will appoint a member to act in the vacant position until the next Annual General Meeting. The acting member must meet the requirements set out in paragraph 11.2.

12. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 12.1 To participate in all meetings and functions of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 12.2 The property and handling of South African Distance Roller Federation affairs vests in the Executive Committee.
- 12.3 Members will take the necessary decisions and steps to implement the rules of the Constitution.
- 12.4 Members will represent the South African Distance Roller Federation in any matter of general importance to the Federation.
- 12.5 Members will subject themselves to the rules of the Constitution to maintain discipline amongst affiliated clubs.

- 12.6 Members will regulate and control the finances of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 12.7 The Executive Committee in conjunction with the Sub-Committee will determine the awards for the annual prize giving ceremony.
- 12.8 Members will lay down rules and make recommendations at the Annual General Meeting to improve the functioning and well-being of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 12.9 As far as reasonably possible, members will make at least three (3) annual club visits to clubs affiliated with the South African Distance Roller Federation.

13. SUB-COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Sub-Committee for the South African Distance Roller Federation will consist of three Executive Committee members from every affiliated club.
- 13.2 Members will serve on the South African Distance Roller Federation Sub-Committee for a period of three (3) years where after they will be eligible for re-election.

14. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

- 14.1 To participate in all meetings and functions of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 To ensure that club ring orders are placed and sent to the South African Distance Roller Federation Ring Steward in time.
- 14.4 To ensure that club competition route forms are sent to the South African Distance Roller Federation Secretary a month in advance.
- 14.5 To do member recruiting on a continuous basis to ensure growth in the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 14.6 To assist the Executive Committee to determine the awards for the annual prize giving ceremony on the Annual General Meeting.

15. MEETINGS.

- 15.1 Meetings will only be held once a quorum is formed by no less than two thirds of the Committee members present.
- 15.2 The Annual General Meeting will be held in January of each year. Only Executive and Sub-Committee members will attend the meeting.
- 15.3 The Executive or the Sub-Committee will meet as often as necessary to carry out the business of the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 The Chairman will have a normal as well as a deciding vote during any meeting.
- 15.6 Records and minutes of all Sub-Committee meetings will be available to members on request, given proper notice to the Executive Committee.

16. FINANCES

- 16.1 South African Distance Roller Federation fees will be determined by the Annual General Meeting.
- 16.2 All members who wish to renew their membership must do so by the end of February each year.
- 16.3 Flying members will pay a registration fee which includes their ring fees for 50 rings.
- 16.4 New members will pay a pro rata registration fee at the time of joining the South African Distance Roller Federation.
- 16.5 Individual and single members will pay a registration fee as determined and approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- 16.6 Members of a partnership will pay a registration fee as determined and approved by the Annual General Meeting.
- 16.7 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.
- 16.8 A flying member will pay "**ALL**" competition fees irrespective of whether he competes in a monthly competition or not.

- 16.9 Financial records will be available to members on request, given proper notice to the Executive Committee.
- 16.10 A Payment Advice form will always be accompanied by the proof of payment made to the South African Distance Roller Federation and sent to the email address sadrf2017@gmail.com
- 16.11 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. RINGS

- 17.1 Only fully paid up members with no outstanding debt to the South African Distance Roller Federation will be allowed to order rings.
- 17.2 A South African Distance Roller Federation ring will only be ordered once a year, in May.
- 17.3 Members who order South African Distance Roller Federation rings must provide proof of payment before any rings will be ordered.
- 17.4 A minimum of 50 rings must be ordered by members.
- 17.5 Rings will be ordered and distributed by the South African Distance Roller Federation Ring Steward.
- 17.6 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.
- 17.7 The ring colour will change every year in accordance with the South African National Pigeon Organization standard.
- 17.8 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.
- 17.9 The South African Distance Roller Federation will also only accept the 'B' category ring from the National Fancy Pigeon Association and the South African Fancy Pigeon Association.
- 17.10 Members sharing rings must notify the South African Distance Roller Federation Ring Steward in writing with particulars of new ownership.

- 17.11 Only rings bearing a name and or club name, number and year will be accepted by die South African Distance Roller Federation.

18. SCORE SHEETS

- 18.1 Only South African Distance Roller Federation Score Sheets will be used for competitions.
- 18.2 Before any Score Sheet is accepted by the South African Distance Roller Federation, it must be signed by all five (5) Judges, the club chairman, the umpire and a participating member.
- 18.3 Score Sheets must be sent to the South African Distance Roller Federation Secretary on the first working day directly following the competition.

19. COMPETITIONS

- 19.1 The South African Distance Roller Federation league consists of eight (8) competition which will be held from March to October of each year.
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 Clubs must notify the South African Distance Roller Federation Secretary of date, time, and member route seven (7) days prior to each competition.

20. COMPETITION RULES

- 20.1 The duration of a competition will be fifteen minutes.
- 20.2 All the members of a club will compete on the same day, unless a member qualifies for a re-flight.
- 20.3 Clubs are allowed to fly two or more panels with the understanding that rules 20.2, 25.1 and 25.2 apply.
- 20.4 Score Sheets must be handed in to the first person on the competition route.
- 20.5 Participants are allowed to hand in two score sheets, but they must choose which score sheet to use before the start of the competition.
- 20.6 A competition kit consists of five (5) pigeons, and only one (1) reserve pigeon is allowed.

- 20.7 A participant has five (5) minutes after releasing his pigeons in which to shout "time". Only then will his pigeons be judged.
- 20.8 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"**.
- 20.9 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.
- 20.10 No score will be afforded to a pigeon that cannot be positively identified.

21. FLY RULES

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

22. GROUPING RULES

- 22.1 Any pigeon leaving the kit in the first ten (10) minutes of the competition gets five (5) minutes to re-group before it is awarded two (2) bonus points for grouping.
- 22.2 A pigeon that rolls between one (1) and five (5) seconds in the first ten (10) minutes of the competition gets five (5) minutes to re-group before it is awarded two (2) bonus points for grouping.
- 22.3 A pigeon that rolls between five (5) and ten (10) seconds in the first ten (10) minutes of the competition gets seven (7) minutes to re-group before it is awarded two (2) bonus points for grouping.
- 22.4 A pigeon that rolls ten (10) seconds and longer is awarded that roll point. It is automatically awarded two (2) bonus points for grouping irrespective if it re-groups or not.
- 22.5 The grouping rule **MUST** always be applied in conjunction with rule 20.8.

23. ROLL DOWN RULES

- 23.1 When a pigeon rolls down in the first ten 10 minutes of a competition, it gets five (5) minutes to take flight undisturbed before it is disqualified for rolling down.
- 23.2 A pigeon that rolls down in the last five (5) minutes of the competition retains its highest

roll score at the time of rolling down.

23.3 The roll down rules **MUST** always be applied in conjunction with rule 20.8.

24. SETTLE RULE

24.1 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 but then settles.

25. JUDGING

25.1 A judging panel will consist of five (5) judges and one (1) umpire.

25.2 A judge is not allowed to simultaneously judge two pigeons during a competition.

25.3 A member whose pigeons are being judged will be present at all times during the judging of his/her pigeons.

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

25.5 The participating member may under no circumstances interfere with the judging of his/her pigeons, unless asked to identify his/her pigeons.

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

25.7 The umpire is the only judge to overrule a decision and his decision is final.

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

25.9 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.

25.10 Family members are allowed to judge each other's pigeons provided that there is an umpire who is not a family member, present.

25.11 Partnership members may judge each other's pigeons provided that there is an umpire who is not a member of the partnership, present.

26. RE-FLIGHT

26.1 A participating member will only qualify for a re-flight in cases of:

- Rain
- Hailstorms
- Total cloud cover
- Severe winds
- Where birds of prey "**STRIKE**" the kit

26.2 Where a competition is suspended and a decision is made by the club for a re-flight, a member who has already participated may elect to retain his/her current score or participate in the re-flight. This decision will be final and may not be changed.

26.3 The re-flight will be seen as a new competition and the same rule as for a monthly competition will apply.

27. AWARDS

27.1 Categories in which members compete are:

- Monthly competition winners where 1st, 2nd and 3rd places are awarded.
- League Champion
- Best Bird
- Longest Roll
- Highest Competition Score
- Best Novice
- Best Junior

27.2 In order for a pigeon to qualify for the Best Bird or Longest Roll category, it must comply with rule 28.1 and be alive at the end of the league which ends on 31 October of each year.

27.3 Monthly competition awards are calculated where the:

- 1st place winner receives 50% of the total monthly competition sum received.
- 2nd place winner receives 30% of the remaining 50% competition sum received.
- 3rd place winner receives 20% of the remaining 50% competition sum received.

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

28. FLOATING THROPHIES

28.1 Annual floating 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)

29. ANNUAL AUCTION

29.1 It is compulsory that two top ten (10) pigeons in the Best Bird and Longest Roll categories will be auctioned at the end of the South African Distance Roller Federation league.

29.2 The annual auction will be held in November of each year.

29.3 Auction rules will be decided on during a Special General Meeting. This may include but is not limited to:

- Date
- Time
- Venue
- Registration fee
- Reserve price on pigeons
- Penalties for “no show” (Members not having their pigeons on auction)

30. ANNUAL SHOW

30.1 The SA distance roller pigeon is a working as well as an exhibition pigeon; therefor, the South African Distance Roller Federation will host an annual show.

30.2 The annual show will be held in September of each year.

30.3 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

31. DISCIPLINE

- 31.1 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 acts in any way that places the name of the South African Distance Roller Federation in disrepute.
- 31.2 If found guilty by the Executive Committee, the decision may result in a member's expulsion from the South African Distance Roller Federation, in which case he/she forfeits all rights to any awards.
- 31.3 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.
- 31.4 When membership of one member of a partnership is terminated or suspended, it means the termination of that partnership as a whole.

32. SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PIGEON ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION (SANPO)

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

33. AMENDMENTS

- 33.1 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.
- 33.2 The chairman will have a normal as well as a deciding vote at the Annual General Meeting.

34. EFFECTIVE DATE

34.1 The constitution becomes effective on the 25th day of August 2018 and replaces all previous editions.

35. 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 TREASUR