

## CONSTITUTION OF THE LOTHIAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

1. The name of this Association (herein referred to as the "Association") shall be the Lothian Smallbore Shooting Association.
2. The objects of the Association are to advance the establishment and progress of rifle and/or pistol clubs and to promote widespread proficiency in the use of the rifle and/or pistol, including air weapons.
3. Any rifle and/or pistol club whose headquarters are within Edinburgh and the Lothians and which has a range of not less than 15 yards in length (6 yards in the case of air weapons) approved by the appropriate authorities, shall be eligible for affiliation to the Association, provided that the club is affiliated to the National Small-bore Rifle Association.
4. The Executive Committee shall have power to affiliate any rifle and/or pistol club with headquarters in any other area outside the boundaries of the Association provided the consent, in writing, of the Secretary of the Area Association for the club concerned is obtained. The conditions shall be as provided in Rule No. 3.
5. Any individual may be admitted to the privileges of the Association on payment of the affiliation fee for individuals and the Executive Committee shall have power to confer individual honorary membership of the Association but such individual and honorary individual members shall not be permitted to vote at any meeting.
6. Any member, upon joining, and any club, upon affiliating, shall be deemed thereby to accept and agree to observe the objects, principles and Rules of the Association.
7. The Association shall not interfere with the liberties of affiliated clubs or individual members' qualifications, as members of a club, for their own club purposes.
8. The affiliation fee for each club and for individual members shall be as approved by an Annual General Meeting of the Association, the conditions and privileges of individual membership being determined by the Executive Committee.
9. The Association year shall commence on the 1st April of each year. All members and clubs shall be deemed to have agreed to continue their membership or affiliation for the succeeding year unless they have given notice to the contrary to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven days before the termination of the Association year on 31st March of each year.
10. Affiliation Fees shall be due and payable on 1st April of each year. Members and clubs failing to pay their affiliation fee before 1st October of each year shall be liable to expulsion from the Association.
11. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held not later than 31st May of each year. All members from each affiliated club shall be entitled to attend any general meeting but a maximum of five members from each affiliated club shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting.

12. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held at any time if the Executive Committee so order, or if a requisition signed by not less than 20 members of any affiliated club or clubs, and stating the purpose of such meeting, is sent to the Honorary Secretary, who shall thereupon call such Extraordinary General Meeting. Not less than seven days notice shall be given to the members, by circular or advertisement, of every General Meeting. In the event of the Honorary Secretary from any cause not calling such Extraordinary General Meeting within one week after receiving such requisition, the members signing the requisition shall have power to depute one of their number to do so.
13. The Honorary Secretary shall write as he may be directed by the Executive Committee inviting persons prominently connected with the Lothian Region to become Honorary Presidents or Honorary Vice-presidents of the Association.
14. The Office-bearers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice-president, Association Captain, Association Vice-captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, (which two latter offices may be combined), Secretaries of Competitions which may be established from time to time, N.S.R.A. Representative and Awards Convener, who shall all be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee and subject to annual re-election.
15. An Executive Committee of six members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Any six members may constitute this Executive Committee. One-third of the Committee shall retire each year but retiring members shall be eligible for re-election. Candidates for this Committee may be nominated by an affiliated club, through the Secretary of that club, or by any two members of affiliated clubs, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary, not less than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting. In the event of the retiral of a Committee Member before his three years term of office has expired, the new member shall hold office only until the expiry of the period of office of the member whose vacancy he has filled. A candidate for any vacancy on the Executive Committee must be present at the Annual General Meeting when the nomination is being considered or, alternatively, must have intimated his acceptance of nomination in writing, otherwise the nomination will be declared null and void. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association in accordance with these rules and any instructions given in General Meeting. They shall have power to appoint standing or special sub-committees for different objects or purposes and to co-opt to the Executive Committee or to sub-committees such persons, not necessarily members of the Association or of affiliated clubs, as they may consider advantageous for the objective in view.
16. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, and the President, or whoever may be in the chair, shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.
17. A General Council consisting of one representative from each affiliated club shall meet when summoned by the Executive Committee, seven days notice being given. The functions of the General Council shall be advisory only and the matters for discussion shall be stated in the circular convening the meeting.
18. The funds of the Association shall, subject to any instruction given by the Association in general meeting, be applied by the Executive Committee to the furtherance of the objects and principles of the Association.

19. Without prejudice to its general power to manage the affairs of the Association, the Executive Committee shall have power inter alia:

To organise competitions and tournaments, make regulations for the purposes thereof, or of administration generally, to sub-divide the area of the Association, and to classify clubs according to their size, constitution or otherwise.

To fix a scale or scales of marksmanship and to issue awards for marksmanship.

To penalise clubs and individual members thereof for irregularities in connection with Association affairs.

20. The Executive Committee shall make arrangements so that members and affiliated clubs may, upon application to the Executive Committee through the Honorary Secretary, obtain advice and assistance with regard to the formation and conduct of rifle and/or pistol clubs, including air weapons.
21. The Honorary Treasurer shall present a financial statement (which shall have been audited by a person or persons appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting of the Association and submitted to the Executive Committee) to each General Meeting.
22. The Office-bearers and Executive Committee members are hereby indemnified against any claim or demand in respect of any liability properly and bona fide incurred on behalf of the Association.
23. These Rules shall not be altered, annulled or added to except by an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association. Any club having a proposed alteration, annulment or addition to be submitted to the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, shall intimate such through the Secretary of the club, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary of the Association at least fourteen days before the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, these motions to appear on the agenda of business for the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
24. In the event of the Association being wound up the property and assets of the Association shall not belong to the members of the Association but shall be made over either to the officers for the time being of the National Small-bore Rifle Association to be applied by them either in developing the work of the Association itself or for the benefit of some other institution with objects similar to those of the Association as the officers of the said Association may determine, or to any other institution recognised by law as a charity which the Committee of the Association in its sole discretion may direct.

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