

**Vaaldriehoek Praktiese Skietvereniging  
Vaal Triangle Practical Shooting Association**



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**CONSTITUTION**

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## **1. NAME**

1.1. The Association, a non-profit amateur sporting body and open to all reputable persons, is known as the Vaal Triangle Practical Shooting Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

### **Legal Status**

1.2. The Association, in its own name, shall be capable in law of suing and of being sued and of acquiring, holding and alienating property, movable and immovable.

1.3. After all legal requirements have been met, may act as dealers in arms and ammunition and shooting accessories, and as importers, wholesalers, retailers and manufacturers of such goods or items as may serve the interests of the sport of practical shooting in the Vaal Triangle.

## **2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

2.1. Words not defined in the Associations rules shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, bear the meanings assigned to them in the constitution and unless inconsistent with the context, all words and expressions imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine, words signifying the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa.

2.2. The following expressions shall have the following meanings assigned to them:

<b>Affiliated Club</b>	A club at which practical shooting is conducted, which is affiliated to the Association, which has paid its affiliation fees to the Association and which is situated within the Vaal Triangle District as determined from time to time by the South African Practical Shooting Association.  A club, according to the same description as above, that falls outside the Vaal Triangle District that wishes to affiliate to the VTPSA as provided for by the constitution of SAPSA.
<b>Amateur</b>	An amateur as defined by the South African Olympic and National Sports Council.
<b>Association</b>	The Vaal Triangle Practical Shooting Association (VTPSA).
<b>Auditor</b>	An auditor registered under the Public Accountants and Auditors Act of 1951.
<b>Executive Committee</b>	The Executive Committee of this Association as provided for in this Constitution.
<b>Delegates Committee</b>	Highest governing body of this Association comprising of members of the Executive Committee and club delegates as provided for in this Constitution.
<b>IPSC</b>	International Practical Shooting Confederation
<b>Member</b>	A member of an affiliated Club, in good standing with such Club and the Association and who has paid all required fees to the Association; and shall also mean a person outside the District of the Vaal Triangle approved of by the Committee who shall become a member as provided for by the constitution of SAPSA.

<b>SAPSA</b>	South African Practical Shooting Association
<b>SAIRO&amp;I</b>	South African Institute of Range Officers and Instructors
<b>VTPSA</b>	Vaal Triangle Practical Shooting Association
<b>VT</b>	Vaal Triangle

2.3. In the event of any doubt as to the meaning of any of the provisions of this constitution the interpretation placed thereon by the Executive Council shall be final and binding upon all members of the Association.

### **3. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Association are to promote, organise and control the sport of amateur practical shooting in the Vaal Triangle and in particular, without restricting the generality of the clause, to:

- 3.1. Organise IPSC league shooting matches (Level II) under the auspice of SAPSA.
- 3.2. Organise Range Officers and Safety Officers training courses, whether in conjunction with SAPSA/SAIRO&I or independently.
- 3.3. Select teams to compete in inter-regional, national and/or international competitions.
- 3.4. Raise funds by levying membership or affiliation fees, or otherwise by whatever lawful means, for the exclusive promotion of the activities and objectives of the Association.
- 3.5. Arbitrate on disputes that may arise between Affiliated Clubs and/or Affiliated Members.
- 3.6. Acquire, hire or lease immovable property for the promotion of the objectives of the Association.
- 3.7. Cooperate and coordinate its activities with those of SAPSA and any other body, Association or authority with objectives compatible with those of the Association.
- 3.8. Foster the good image of the sport of practical shooting in the public eye and to promote the safe, competent and responsible use of firearms by anyone legally entitled to do so.

### **4. RULES**

- 4.1. The Association shall recognise and accept the authority of the IPSC and SAPSA constitutions.
- 4.2. The following rules will be applied by the Association, its Affiliated Member Organizations, Affiliated Clubs and visitors attending VTPSA sanctioned events:
  - 4.2.1. The current IPSC rules governing the sport of practical shooting.
  - 4.2.2. Any other safety rules of the club, shooting range or terrain where a shooting event is taking place and where such safety rules are not in contravention with, or less strict, than the latest version of the IPSC rules.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1. Any person, irrespective of occupation, race, gender or religion, who is a paid up member with an Affiliated Club, the VTPSA and SAPSA.
- 5.2. It shall also mean any other person outside the district of the Vaal Triangle approved of by the Committee who shall become a member as provided for by SAPSA and has paid the annual affiliation fees as determined by the Association.
- 5.3. All competitors at league matches (Level II) must be affiliated to SAPSA.
- 5.4. Clubs or Organizations applying for affiliation must be situated within the borders of the Vaal Triangle Province or, if not so situated, the Committee must be satisfied that valid reasons exist why the club is not able to join the Provincial Association that serves the area in which the club pursues its activities, as provided for by SAPSA. In addition it shall satisfy the following requirements:
- 5.4.1. A copy of its constitution is to be furnished to the Executive Committee and to be approved of by the Executive Committee.
  - 5.4.2. An annual affiliation fee to be paid in advance. The amount is to be decided on at the Annual General Meeting.
  - 5.4.3. All relevant information regarding its members as required by the Association are to be furnished to the VTPSA Secretary.
  - 5.4.4. All relevant information regarding its elected and appointed office-bearers or committee members as required by the Association are to be furnished to the VTPSA Secretary.
  - 5.4.5. All members are to be amateurs.
- 5.5. Affiliated Clubs and Affiliated Member Organizations that offer IPSC events at their facilities shall conduct it according to the latest IPSC rules and subject to the constitutions of IPSC, SAPSA and the VTPSA.
- 5.6. The Executive Committee shall, where it considers it to be in the interest of the Association and its objectives, be entitled to:
- 5.6.1. refuse an application for membership,
  - 5.6.2. suspend the membership of any member,
  - 5.6.3. expel a member,
  - 5.6.4. refuse an application for affiliation of a Club,
  - 5.6.5. suspend the affiliation of any Club,
  - 5.6.6. expel an affiliated Club, and
  - 5.6.7. take such other disciplinary measures as may in the circumstances be deemed appropriate.
- 5.7. In the exercise of its discretion in terms of sub clause (5.6.) hereof, the Executive Committee may appoint a disciplinary committee to act on its behalf.
- 5.8. Before a member or Club is expelled or suspended, such member or Club shall be given the opportunity to state his or its case, explain or defend himself or itself against any charges brought against it, during a hearing held on a date decided upon by the Executive Committee. Upon which date the hearing must be concluded.

5.9. A member or Club who has been expelled or whose affiliation or membership has been suspended shall have no claim against the Association for reimbursement of any monies paid.

## **6. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

6.1. The Liability of the members for debts incurred by the Association shall be limited to the amount of the unpaid membership fees.

## **7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

7.1. The Executive Committee consists of the following members of the Delegates Committee and additional members:

7.1.1. Chairperson

7.1.2. Vice-chairperson

7.1.3. Secretary

7.1.4. Treasurer

7.1.5. Range officer representative

7.2. The duties associated with each position is described in Appendix A.

7.3. All to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for a period of two years as follows:

7.3.1. Chairperson and Treasurer even numbered year: (i.e. 2022 - 2024).

7.3.2. Vice-chairperson, Secretary and Range officer representative uneven numbered year: (i.e. 2023 - 2025).

7.3.3. Members may be re-elected for a second term in the same position if so selected at the Annual General Meeting.

7.3.4. Members may hold a specific position on the Executive Committee for a maximum of four years after which they may be re-elected, but in a different position.

7.3.5. Any member of the Executive Committee must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible for election on the Executive Committee.

7.4. In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee, the Committee shall appoint a successor, subject to the approval of the Delegates Committee, who's term in office will continue until the date that his predecessor's term would have ended. The member co-opted in a vacated position shall have the usual voting rights associated with the position.

7.5. The executive committee may co-opt up to two additional members at a time to perform specific functions for a specified period of time. These members will contribute their services in support of the committee to achieve the objectives as stated in section 3. These co-opted members shall have no voting powers whatsoever associated with this position.

## **8. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

8.1. The ownership of the Association shall be vested solely in the sum of its members that are current as determined at any given point in time. The members of the Association delegates control and administration of the Association (via the Delegates Committee) to the Executive Committee who shall manage the Association on behalf of and to the best interest of the Association's members.

8.2. The Executive Committee have full authority to act between Delegate Committee Meetings on behalf of the Association in all matters concerning it and to do all things consistent with the objectives of the Association within the provision of the Constitution (see Appendix A) and will be held responsible by the Delegates Committee for all actions taken or performed.

## **9. DELEGATES COMMITTEE AND POLICY MAKING**

9.1. The management, control and administration of the Association shall be vested in the Delegates Committee. It shall be responsible for the policy making of the Association and setting annual objectives, it shall be constituted as follows:

9.2. The members of the Executive Committee.

9.3. One delegate per affiliated Club appointed to the Delegates Committee by the respective Clubs for each Delegate Committee Meeting.

9.4. The Delegates Committee shall meet at least twice in a calendar year and shall use as its office bearers the respective office bearers of the Executive Committee.

9.5. Meeting formats could be physical (in person), or virtual by making use of commercially available technology options.

## **10. NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

10.1. At least 10 calendar days written notice of Executive Committee meetings shall be given to members of the Executive Committee. The notice shall include the date, time, place and format of the meeting.

10.2. At least 10 calendar days written notice of Delegates Committee meetings shall be given to Club Secretaries and such notice shall state the date, time, place and format of the meeting.

10.3. Special meetings (Executive Committee and Delegates Committee) can be scheduled by a request to the secretary in writing signed by at least half of the relevant Committee members according to 10.1 and 10.2.

10.4. Meeting formats could be physical (in person), or virtual by making use of commercially available technology options.

## **11. QUORUM AND CONDUCT AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

11.1 The Committee members who are present at any Committee Meeting (Executive or Delegates) shall constitute a quorum, but if less than one-half of the Committee members are present, the meeting will be adjourned for half an hour after which the meeting shall proceed with those Committee members present who shall constitute a quorum.

11.2 Equal voting rights exist for all members of the Committee. A single vote per person is allowed, except for the case as specified in 7.5 (except where the co-opted member is also a club delegate as in 9.3) and 11.3.

11.3. Matters shall be decided by a majority vote and in the event of a tie the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to his own deliberative vote.

11.4. All meetings shall be properly documented.

## **12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

12.1. An Annual General Meeting shall be hosted by the Executive Committee each year before the 30th of April at a suitable venue and the office bearers of the Executive Committee shall be the respective office bearers at such meeting.

12.2. At least one month's written notice stating the time and place of such Annual General Meeting shall be given to the Secretaries of all affiliated Clubs for communication to their members.

12.3. All Association members in good standing that are present shall have equal voting powers at the Annual General Meeting. No proxy votes will be accepted.

12.4. The Annual General Meeting shall elect the members of the Executive Committee, consider the balance sheet of the Association and the Chairman of the Executive Committee's report relating to the business of the Association 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.

12.5. All meetings shall be properly documented.

## **13. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

13.1. Any 20 members may at any time in writing and under their signatures request a Special General Meeting.

13.2. Such written request shall set out clearly and concisely:

13.2.1. the purpose for which such Special Meeting is required,

13.2.2. the nature of the motion(s) to be considered, and

13.2.3. the reasons for such motion(s) and why it cannot be left over for consideration and decision at the next Annual General Meeting.

13.3. On receipt of a request in the proper form the Chairman shall determine a date and format for such Special General Meeting. The date is to be within one month of receipt of such notice and he shall notify the Secretaries of all affiliated Clubs in writing at least two weeks in advance of the date and format thereof and simultaneously supply such Secretaries with a copy of the written request received by him.

13.4. A properly constituted Special General Meeting shall have similar powers as an Annual General Meeting with regards to amendments to the constitution, the election of Executive Committee members, giving of instructions and/or making of recommendations to the Executive Committee relating to future conduct and/or financial matters.

13.5. The meetings format can be physical (in person), or virtual by making use of commercially available technology options.

13.6. All members present shall have equal voting powers at a Special General Meeting.



13.7. All meetings shall be properly documented.

13.8. A Special General meeting may be scheduled by a request to the secretary if supported by at least half of the Delegates Committee members according to 13.2 - 13.7.

#### **14. QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETING**

14.1. At any General Meeting (annual or special) a quorum shall consist of 30% of the members of the Association provided that if less than 30% are present, the meeting may be adjourned for 30 minutes and thereafter reconvene when those members present will form a quorum.

#### **15. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

15.1. This Constitution may only be amended by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members of the Association present at a General Meeting (Annual or Special), of which due notice has been given according to sections 12 and 13.

15.2. Proposals of amendments must be signed by the proposer and the seconder and submitted to the Executive Committee in writing at least 3 weeks before the General Meeting.

15.3. The Executive Committee shall circulate proposals for amendments to the constitution to the secretaries of the affiliated clubs for distribution to their members at least 2 weeks before the General Meeting at which the proposals are due to be tabled.

#### **16. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

16.1. The financial year for the Association is from 1 April to 31 March of the following year.

16.2. The Association shall maintain a banking account with a registered commercial bank. All monies received shall be deposited to the said account and all payments shall be made under signature of the persons authorised by the Executive Committee.

16.3. Financial control and governance:

16.3.1. The Committee shall keep such accounts, entries, registers and records as are necessary for the proper financial governance of the Association.

16.3.2. The books of account shall be made up at the end of the financial year and shall be audited by the auditor of the association or by any person appointed by the Committee in the event of the Association not having an auditor.

16.3.3. The auditor of the Association shall have the right of access at all time to the books and accounts and vouchers of the Association and shall be entitled to require from the officials of the Association such information and explanations as he thinks necessary for the performance of his duties.

16.3.4. A financial statement for every year shall be submitted to the Affiliated Members at the Annual General Meeting by the treasurer according to Appendix A.

16.4. Reimbursement of expenses:

16.4.1. Office bearers of the Association shall not be entitled to any remuneration in respect of services rendered in their capacity as members of such bodies.

16.4.2. All Affiliated Members in good standing with the Association may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the execution of duties/services as approved by the delegates committee.

16.4.3. Any person who wish to claim reimbursement of authorised expenses incurred on behalf of the Association shall submit a claim as soon as reasonable possible after the expense has been incurred to the Treasurer and supported by such vouchers/receipts as may be required.

16.4.4. Expenses shall be reimbursed at a rate as determined by the Delegates committee from time to time and as reflected in the Minutes of such meetings.

## **17. MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

17.1. The membership year for the Association runs according to the financial year which is from 1 May to 30 April of the following year as in 16.1.

## **18. ASSOCIATION RESULTS, LOGS AND TEAM SELECTION**

18.1. Results for each division and category provided for by the IPSC constitution pertaining to League matches (Level II) as provided for in 3.1. that are hosted by the Association shall be kept on record assessable to all members.

18.2. Results for the VTPSA logs will be determined according to IPSC principles for regional competitions. Match results of competitors from outside the region (visitors) should not be deleted from the overall results for every division. The person with the highest score in the division will be the overall division winner, while the VTPSA competitor with the highest score in the division will be the regional champion for that division and so forth.

18.3. For VTPSA log purposes, where visitors are excluded as in 18.2, the regional champion in every division will be awarded 100% and the scores of VTPSA members competing in that division will be adjusted accordingly as per current IPSC rules.

18.4. Logs from the results in 18.2. and 18.3. shall be maintained and be assessable to all members. Positions on the log after each Level II event will be determined on the basis of a rolling average of the best two out of the last three Level II matches for each competitor.

18.5. The selection of team members as provided for in 3.3. shall be on a mechanical basis, based on the rankings according to the logs as described in 18.4. for those members that entered the relevant event, at the due time for team registration for the specific event.

18.6. The district may make monetary contributions to the expenses of Associate Members representing the district at Level III and higher matches according to the discretion of the Delegates Committee.

## **19. ANNUAL ASSOCIATION RESULTS PRIZE GIVING**

19.1. The Executive Committee will annually award prizes to Affiliated Members for graded League competitions of the VT region based on the following criteria:

19.2. The number of League results to be used for determining the overall ranking of members on the VT regional log are as follows:

19.2.1. 6 or more Leagues per year – average percent of best 4 matches,

19.2.2. 5 or 4 Leagues per year – average percent of best 3 matches,

19.2.3. 3 Leagues per year – average percent of best 2 matches

19.3. A list of every division will be drawn up in “descending order of merit” and any ties will be broken as per the latest IPSC rules.

19.4. Medals may be awarded according to the following criteria:

19.4.1. To qualify for a medal the member should have participated in at least the amount of league matches specified in 19.2 to determine the average percent (for example: at least 3 for a year in which 4 or 5 leagues were hosted).

19.4.2. Five or more members per category per division: Gold, silver and bronze

19.4.3. Four members per category per division: Gold and silver

19.4.4. Less than four members but more than one per category per division: Gold medal only.

19.5. Prizes/medals may be awarded in each division, as provided for in IPSC rules, according to the “descending order of merit” for the following categories subject to the conditions in 18.4, 19.2. and 19.4.

19.5.1. Lady, competitors of the female gender.

19.5.2. Super junior, competitors who are under the age of 16 after completion of the last match. If there are insufficient competitors for the category to be recognised, all competitors are automatically transferred to the Junior category.

19.5.3. Junior, competitors under the age of 21 after completion of the last match.

19.5.4. Senior, competitors who are over the age of 50 for the majority of the matches considered in the best average.

19.5.5. Super senior, competitors who are over the age of 60 for the majority of the matches considered in the best average. If there are insufficient competitors for the category to be recognised, all competitors are automatically transferred to the Senior category.

19.5.6. A competitor of any category above (19.5.1 - 19.5.5.) would also be eligible for medals in the general category of the division in which they competed.

19.6. Recognition may be given to Affiliated Members who represented the region in a SAIRO&I capacity.

## **20. VT REGIONAL COLOURS**

20.1. VT regional colours are reserved for South African citizens who are members in good standing of the Association and SAPSA. The criteria for VT regional colours are based on the SAPSA standards for national colours, but based on the VT log as compared to national colours which are based on the national log. The member must meet the following criteria for the calendar year (Jan - Dec):

20.1.1. The Affiliated Member must represent the Association at a Level III or higher match during the course of the year.

20.1.2. The Affiliated Member must achieve at least 60% against the winner of the division in which he/she competed based on the end-of-year VT log according to 19.2.

20.1.3. The Affiliated Member must achieve at least 85% against the winner of the category in the division in which he/she competed based on the end-of-year VT log according to 19.2.

20.2. If an Affiliated Member qualifies for colours in successive years, he/she will again be awarded colours for each year in which the criteria in 20.1.1. - 20.1.3. were met. Special recognition is to be given for representation at ten years and multiples of five thereafter.

20.3. Only persons who have been awarded colours at a previous opportunity may wear the official colours.

20.4. The VTPSA Executive Council shall have the right to retract colours awarded to an Affiliated Member if the individual was found guilty during an official disciplinary hearing for dishonouring the colours in any way.

## **21. HONORARY VT REGIONAL COLOURS**

21.1. Honorary VT regional colours may be awarded to persons who are South African citizens and members of the Association in good standing and have rendered loyal and unselfish service to the Association over a period of at least 5 years.

## **22. DISSOLUTION**

22.1. Other than by operational law, the Association shall only be dissolved upon resolution by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members at a General Meeting. Once a resolution of dissolution has been passed the General Meeting will decide on the disposal of assets after, debts and/or claims, if any, have been satisfied and will also decide on the application of the proceeds.

## **23. AFFILIATION TO OTHER BODIES**

23.1. The Delegates Committee may from time to time affiliate the Association to other bodies and/or Associations in furtherance of the objects of the Association.

## **APPENDIX A: DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The duties of the office bearers shall be as follows:

### **Chairman:**

- The overall co-ordination and control of the affairs, business and interests and active advancement of the objectives of the Association.
- Liaison and negotiation with SAPSA in particular, as it relates to the advancement of and protection of the interests of the Association and its members.
- To deal with club and member disputes.
- To launch and co-ordinate new projects.
- To foster the formation of new clubs and assisting with the constitution and affiliation of such new clubs and to render assistance to such newly affiliated clubs where required.
- To preside at Council and Committee meetings.

### **Vice-chairman:**

- To act in the absence of the Chairman.
- To assist the Chairman in general and in particular to attend to such defined duties of the Chairman as may be delegated to him.
- To assist other committee members where possible.

### **Secretary:**

- To liaise closely with and assist the Chairman in all matters within the scope of the duties of that officer and to deal with such correspondence and administration as may relate to or arise from that office.
- To arrange and convene meetings and to prepare and distribute the agenda for and minutes of such meetings.
- To keep affiliated clubs informed of all VTPSA shoots and the results of such shoots.
- To circulate any pertinent information to members of the Association to achieve the objectives of the Association.
- To maintain a record of all affiliated members of the Association.

### **Treasurer:**

- To attend to all matters relating to the finance and expenditure of the Association.
- To raise funds by collection of the yearly affiliation fees from members of the Association.
- To prepare financial reports during the year as needed for discussion at Committee Meetings (Executive and Delegates).
- To prepare an annual financial report and to present this at the Annual General Meeting.

### **SAIRO&I representative:**

- To ensure there are sufficient suitably qualified range officers for all VTPSA shoots.
- To co-ordinate and control the range officers at such shoots.
- To co-ordinate, and prepare range officer and safety officer courses for VTPSA.
- To obtain and approve the course of fire for VTPSA shoots.

In the event that the Committee elects to fill co-opted positions, these duties shall be as follows:

**Stats officer:**

- To calculate the scores and results of the VTPSA shoots.
- To maintain a record of the results of all shoots in order for the Committee to maintain the log rankings for the selection of VTPSA teams and allocation of awards and colours to shooters in accordance with the criteria established for such purposes.

**APPENDIX B: GRIEVANCES**

All grievances within the Association, other than appeals as described in the latest edition of the IPSC rules, will be dealt with through an officially established Arbitration Committee that will be constituted as follows:

- One representative from each club affiliated to VTPSA.
- The members of the committee must elect a chairperson and secretary from amongst themselves and make the names known to the Executive Committee before its first meeting.
- No Executive Committee member may be part of the Arbitration Committee.
- Only if there are an equal number of members on the committee will the chairperson have one casting vote in addition to his own deliberate vote to break a tie that may arise.

If, for whatever reason, any member/s of the province is not satisfied with actions taken by any member of the Association, the following procedures must be followed:

- A written complaint stating all relevant facts must be submitted to the Secretary of the Arbitration Committee.
- This Committee must convene a meeting within 21 days of the date of such a complaint being submitted to the Secretary.
- Minutes of this meeting together with or containing resolutions taken during the meeting must be made available to the person/s who submitted the complaint as well as the Executive Committee within seven days of the date of such meeting. All documents related to the activities of the Arbitration Committee are available to any fully affiliated VTPSA member on request.
- The decision of the Arbitration Committee is final and no opportunity for appeal by any person will be given.

If, for whatever reason, any members of the Association is of the opinion that any of the Executive Committee Members is no longer fit to hold office, the following procedures must be followed:

- A written submission, supported by signatures of not less than ten (10), of any of the other members of the Association, must be made to the Secretary of the Arbitration Committee.
- The Committee must convene a special meeting within 30 days of the date of such a submission to which all members of the Association must be invited.
- During this meeting the Arbitration Committee Chairperson must present all the facts in the case to all present at the meeting and the member/s under discussion must also be given the opportunity to state his/their case.

- The Chairperson may allow time for discussion of the matter by any member present at the meeting where after the case must be put to a vote and majority vote by all members present will determine whether the committee member in question will be allowed to remain in office or not.
- At any stage during the proceedings the committee member in question has the opportunity to submit a written resignation.
- Where the committee member in question elects to resign or is voted out of office, the same meeting must immediately elect a replacement.
- The decision taken at this meeting is final and no opportunity for appeal by any person will be given.

### **APPENDIX C: CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT HISTORY**

The following amendments were made at the Annual General Meeting held on 16 March 2024:

#### **Amendment 1:**

According to the 2023 constitution:

19.4. Medals may be awarded according to the following criteria:

19.4.1. Five or more members per category per division: Gold, silver and bronze

19.4.2. Four members per category per division: Gold and silver

19.4.3. Less than four members but more than one per category per division: Gold medal only.

Was amended to:

\19.4. Medals may be awarded according to the following criteria:

9.4.1. To qualify for a medal the member should have participated in at least the amount of league matches specified in 19.2 to determine the average percent (for example: at least 3 for a year in which 4 or 5 leagues were hosted).

19.4.2. Five or more members per category per division: Gold, silver and bronze

19.4.3. Four members per category per division: Gold and silver

19.4.4. Less than four members but more than one per category per division: Gold medal only.

#### **Amendment 2:**

According to the 2023 constitution:

9.4. The Delegates Committee shall meet at least six times during its term of office and at least every three months and shall use as its office bearers the respective office bearers of the Executive Committee.

Was amended to:

9.4. The Delegates Committee shall meet at least twice in a calendar year and shall use as its office bearers the respective office bearers of the Executive Committee.

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The following amendments were made at the Annual General Meeting held on 25 March 2023:

**Amendment 1:**

According to the 2022 constitution:

19.2. The number of League results to be used for determining the overall ranking of members on the VT regional log are as follows:

- 19.2.1. 8 or more Leagues per year – average percent of best 6 matches,
- 19.2.2. 7 or more Leagues per year – average percent of best 5 matches,
- 19.2.3. 6 or 5 Leagues per year – average percent of best 4 matches, and
- 19.2.4. 4 or 3 Leagues per year – average percent of best 3 matches.

This was amended to:

19.2. The number of League results to be used for determining the overall ranking of members on the VT regional log are as follows:

- 19.2.1. 6 or more Leagues per year – average percent of best 4 matches,
- 19.2.2. 5 or 4 Leagues per year – average percent of best 3 matches,
- 19.2.3. 3 Leagues per year – average percent of best 2 matches

**Amendment 2:**

According to the 2022 constitution:

16.1. The financial year for the Association is from 1 May to 30 April of the following year.

This was amended to:

16.1. The financial year for the Association is from 1 April to 31 March of the following year.