

# THE NATIONAL SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

## ----- CONSTITUTION -----

### 1 TITLE

- 1.1 The Association shall be called The National Shooting Association and hereafter shall be referred to as the NSA.

### 2 OBJECTS

- 2.1 To campaign for the restoration of target pistol shooting on the mainland of the United Kingdom.  
2.2 To foster and promote all forms of shooting.

### 3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The following are eligible for membership:

Membership of the Association shall be open, subject to approval of the Officers of the Association, to any person completing a membership application form and paying the relevant subscription/joining fee as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Application for membership of this Association shall be taken as irrefutable proof of assent to be bound by the Constitution and rules for the time being of the Association as interpreted by the committee whose direction shall be final and binding on members of this association.

#### **No reason for rejection of an application will be given**

- 3.2 There shall be the following classes of membership available.
- 3.2.1 Honorary Member.
  - 3.2.2 Full Member;
  - 3.2.3 Family Member. (one vote only)
  - 3.2.4 Concessionary; (Over 65, Student, junior member).

### 4 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 4.1 Members of the Association whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the Rules or Byelaws may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the disciplinary subcommittee where their entrance fee and subscriptions may be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the management committee with regard to any decision affecting themselves, provided that notice of such appeal be submitted to the Director, in writing, within seven days of notification of the decision.

### 5 OFFICERS

- 5.1 The Officers of the Association shall be as follows:

President	-	Non-Executive Officer – an Honorary position
Chairman	}	
Vice Chairman	}	
Director	}	
Secretary	}	Executive Officers

Treasurer }

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## **6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- 6.1 The Officers of the association shall be elected by the committee following the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 6.2 All Officers are elected for a period of three years, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office at the AGM or at the next election of officers.
- 6.3 In addition to the provisions in these rules for retirement by rotation, an elected member of the council shall vacate his/her office in any of the following events:
  - 3 If he resigns his office by notice delivered to the Director;
  - 4 If he/she becomes bankrupt or compounds with his/her creditor, or becomes of unsound mind and the Committee resolves that his/her office be vacated;
  - 5 If he is voted out of office at the General meeting of the Association.

## **7 GENERAL COMMITTEE**

- 7.1 The affairs of the Association shall be controlled by a General Committee comprised of the Executive Officers of the Association and Five other Members elected from, and by, the Full Members of the Association. The General Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.
- 7.2 The Director of the Association shall when instructed by the General Committee call council meetings.
- 7.3 If three committee members instruct the Director to call a committee meeting that meeting shall be called in accordance with this constitution.
- 7.2 The duties of the General Committee shall be:
  - 7.2.1 To control the affairs of the Association on behalf of the Members.
  - 7.2.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Association through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Members and should be audited before every Annual General Meeting. The Association shall maintain a bank current account and any two of the Officers (Chairman, Director, Secretary, and Treasurer) shall be authorised to sign Association cheques.
  - 7.2.3 To co-opt additional members of the Committee as the Committee shall deem necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on Committee matters.
  - 7.2.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairman shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

## **8 GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 8.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held not later than the end of July each year. Twenty one clear days written notice shall be given to Members of

the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address by e-mail or post and posting the notice on the Association Web notice board. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least Fourteen days before a meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to Members not less than seven days by e-mail or post before the meeting.

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**8.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:**

- 8.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.
  - 8.2.2 Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer.
  - 8.2.3 Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Secretary.
  - 8.2.4 Elect an auditor.
  - 8.2.5 Elect the President of the Association (should it be decided to have a President) and General Committee Members from the Full Members present.
  - 8.2.6 Review Association subscription rates as recommended by the General Committee and agree them for the forthcoming year.
  - 8.2.7 Transact such other business as has been received in writing by the Secretary from Members Seven days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.
- 8.3 Special General Meetings may be convened by the General Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing, from not less than five per cent of the Full Members of the Association. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.
- 8.4 Nomination of candidates for election to the General Committee shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations can only be made by Full Members and must be seconded by a Full Member.
- 8.5 At all General Meetings, the Chair will be taken by the duly elected Chairman, Vice Chairman or, in his/her absence, by a deputy elected by the Full Members attending the meeting.
- 8.6 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
- 8.7 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be Thirty Full Members and Five Officers of the Association including two from the Chairman, Director, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 8.8 Each Full Member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote at any General Meeting.

**9      ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

- 9.1      Any proposed alteration to the Association Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the Association and seconded by a Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

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**10     DISSOLUTION**

- 10.1    If at any General Meeting of the Association, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Association, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Association to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- 10.2    If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present at the meeting, the General Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Association and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Association.
- 10.3    After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Association, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Full Members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having objects similar to those of the Association.

**Date: 11th August 2008**

