



**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE NATAL DEEP SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION**



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**of**  
**THE NATAL DEEP SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION**

**1. NAME HEADQUARTERS, ADDRESS AND FINANCIAL YEAR**

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be:  
THE NATAL DEEP SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION  
(hereinafter referred to as “the Association”)
- 1.2 The headquarters and postal address of the Association shall be situated as shall be decided from time to time in General Meeting.
- 1.3 The financial year of the Association shall expire on the 31 December of each year.

**2. UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY AND LEGAL POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 2.1 The Association is liable only for its own debts and any assistance granted to any person or body whether corporate or unincorporate, shall not render it liable for the debts of such person or body.
- 2.2 The liability of the members of the Association shall not be unlimited and the members shall not be liable for the debts of the Association, of whatsoever nature and howsoever incurred, save only to the extent of any unpaid membership subscriptions and any other debt incurred directly with the Association.
- 2.3 The Association may only sue or be sued in the name of its President in any Court of law in the Republic of South Africa having competent jurisdiction in respect of the headquarters of the Association as it may be fixed from time to time pursuant to the provisions of Clause 1.2 above, and all legal processes, notices and the like shall be regarded as properly served on the Association if served personally upon the President, or his duly authorised agent in writing, it being recorded that neither of these persons shall be regarded in any manner as being personally liable for the debts of the Association.
- 2.4 The Association binds itself to ensure that membership of the individual members thereof shall be available to all persons irrespective of race, colour or creed.
- 2.5 The Association is founded on the following beliefs:
  - 2.5.1 that gamefish is any defined species of marine fish held in high esteem and sought-after because of its fighting and sporting characteristics when caught on rod and reel from a craft at sea;
  - 2.5.2 that gamefish species, their related food fish and their respective habitats are economic, social, recreational and aesthetic assets which must be maintained, wisely used and perpetuated;
  - 2.5.3 that the sport of gamefish angling is an important recreational and social activity which must be encouraged and promoted and that the public must be educated to pursue it in a manner consistent with sound sporting and conservational practices in accordance with the angling rules and regulations of the International Game Fish Association (hereinafter referred to as “IGFA”) and/or other internationally accepted rules and regulations as may be directed by the Council as herein described in Clause 5.1;
  - 2.5.4 that the sport of gamefish angling is a deliberate and intentional act of angling for gamefish in accordance with internationally accepted ethics, rules and regulations according to the most sporting methods and in the spirit of gamefish angling;
  - 2.5.5 that the spirit of the sport of gamefish angling is that the skill of the angler is pitted against the instinct, strength and behaviour of the gamefish in such a way that the gamefish stands a reasonable chance for its life.

### 3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association shall include:

- 3.1 to be and to function as the autonomous governing body of the sport of amateur gamefish angling from craft at sea in the Province of Natal. For the purpose of this Clause, a 'craft' shall comply with the law of the land;
- 3.2 to promote, control and foster the sport of gamefish angling in conformity with the national and international practices and the international rules and regulations laid down from time to time by IGFA and/or other internationally accepted rules and regulations as may be directed by the Council as herein described in Clause 5.1;
- 3.3 to keep accurate records of gamefish angling in conformity with national and international practices and the international rules and regulations laid down from time to time by IGFA and/or other internationally accepted rules and regulations as may be directed by the Council as herein described in Clause 5.1;
- 3.4 to evolve guidelines of angling rules made to regulate the holding of tournaments and the keeping of tournament records;
- 3.5 to organise inter-provincial, inter-association, inter-area and inter-club gamefish angling contests at venues stipulated by the Association from time to time;
- 3.6 to approve inter-area, inter-club and individual open competitions and to maintain a record of catches of individual anglers of the members in inter-area and inter-club competitions;
- 3.7 to select qualified anglers to represent the Province of Natal or the Association in national and other gamefish angling competitions.
- 3.8 to promote competence in the handling of craft, including the laying down of a set of rules to govern the operation of craft and all requirements of safety according to law, which members of the Association shall be obliged to observe;
- 3.9 to liaise and co-operate with all levels of government, private enterprise and other concerned and interested bodies for the protection and/or conservation of marine fish, their habitats and their food fish and/or of sport fishing grounds;
- 3.10 to maintain the Association as a non-political and non-racial body abiding by the laws of the land, and to preserve its amateur status and that of its members;
- 3.11 to design, adopt, register and award colours, badges or uniforms as required or stipulated from time to time;
- 3.12 to use the revenue and property of the Association from whatever source derived to further the interests and objectives of the Association and for such other purposes as the Association may deem necessary or desirable;
- 3.13 to purchase, improve, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any movable and immovable property and rights or privileges whatsoever which may be deemed necessary, suitable or convenient for the implementation of the objects of the Association and to sell, let or hire, or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the assets of the Association for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Association may from time to time deem fit;
- 3.14 to open and operate banking and savings accounts and any other investment account as may be deemed necessary or requisite by the Association without any limitation;
- 3.15 to raise funds for the purpose, philosophy and objects of the Association as enunciated herein and if deemed necessary, borrow monies upon the security of the fixed assets and investments of the Association upon such terms and conditions as may be necessary or advisable in the circumstances;
- 3.16 to establish a tournament fund for funding national, inter-provincial, or inter-association competitions and/or the teams participating therein;
- 3.17 to engage the services of such persons, companies or concerns upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient to give effect to the objectives of the Association;
- 3.18 to refrain from carrying on any business that has for its objects any acquisition or gain by individual members of the Association;
- 3.19 to affiliate with the South African Deep Sea Angling Association and any other national or international body that may be deemed relevant or beneficial from time to time to the interests and/or objectives of the Association;

- 3.20 to maintain a comprehensive register of individual anglers of member clubs of the Association and to update such register from time to time and at least before each Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 3.21 to encourage compliance by the members with all requirements which it may stipulate from time to time in regard to the rendering of catch returns.
- 3.22 to undertake and/or support, where relevant or necessary, scientific and economic research and studies to determine the economic and scientific impact of the sport of gamefish angling on the economy, environment and reserves of fish;
- 3.23 to promote the harmonious interaction in competitions and otherwise of all craft owned or operated by the individual anglers of member clubs.
- 3.24 to uphold the Code of Conduct of the Association
- 3.25 to adhere to the Environmental Policy of the Association

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 Members of the Association shall of all purposes arising out of this Constitution be called 'Member Clubs'. The Member Clubs shall be the properly constituted Deep Sea Angling Clubs.
- 4.2 A Member Club shall:
  - 4.2.1 have an ordinary membership of a minimum of 25 full paying members;
  - 4.2.2 operate a minimum of 5 registered and active craft;
  - 4.2.3 be in good financial standing with the Association;
  - 4.2.4 have and retain a written constitution which contains interalia, the following provisions:
    - 4.2.4.1 that its affairs are managed by a committee which is elected annually from its ranks by its members.
    - 4.2.4.2 that it obliges itself to affiliate to the Association and that it unequivocally subscribes to and undertakes to abide by the Association's constitution and its regulations and decisions which may be in force and applicable from time to time.
    - 4.2.4.3 that it shall furnish its members annually with a financial statement reflecting fully its assets and liabilities and its income and expenditure for the preceding financial year;
    - 4.2.4.4 that its financial year shall be from 1 October to 30 September in each year.
- 4.3 A founder Member Club whose constitution does not comply with Clause 4.2.4 above, or in any way conflicts with this constitution, shall be obliged to make the necessary amendments to its constitution to effect compliance and all Founder Member Clubs shall furnish the Association with a copy, certified as correct by the Chairman, of its constitution within a period of 6 months from the date referred to in Clause 2.1 above.
- 4.4 Any prospective Member Club applying for membership of the Association shall do so in writing and shall submit the following documents and information with its application:
  - 4.4.1 a copy of its constitution certified as correct by the Chairman;
  - 4.4.2 a list of members entitled to vote together with their addresses and identity numbers;
  - 4.4.3 a list of the names of craft owners and their identity numbers, craft names and registration numbers, if registered;
  - 4.4.4 the names and addresses of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer;
  - 4.4.5 the desired craft registration prefix letters and two alternatives;
  - 4.4.6 a cheque to cover the Application Fees, and the Annual Subscriptions and levies due to the Association and the South African Deep Sea Angling Association.
- 4.5 Applications for membership shall be considered by the Council at its next ordinary meeting after receiving a report by its membership officer as to whether or not the application complies with the provisions of Clauses 4.2 and 4.4 above, and of any other information which may be relevant to the grant or refusal of the application.
- 4.6 All Member Clubs shall provide and update the information stipulated in Clauses 4.4.2, 4.4.3 and 4.4.4 above, in writing to the Secretary of the Association not less than 30 days before each Annual General Meeting of the Association, and such information shall be incorporated by the Association

in the Register described in Clause 3.20 above, and which Register shall be maintained by the Secretary of the Association.

4.7 Each Member Club shall advise the Secretary of the Association in writing of all changes in the appointment of office bearers of such Member Club within 30 days of such change occurring.

4.8 A Member Club which has amended its' Constitution in any way, shall, within 30 days of the date on which such amendment was approved, submit a certified copy thereof to the Secretary of the Association.

## **5. MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **5.1 The Council**

5.1.1 The Council shall comprise the Executive Officers and area representatives of each area, as defined in Clause 6 below.

5.1.2 The Council shall administer and manage the affairs of the Association and have power to delegate any function to the Executive Committee referred to in Clause 9.1 below.

5.1.3 The Council shall meet a minimum of once each quarter and shall before the conclusion of each meeting fix the date for the following meeting.

5.1.4 The Executive Officers and Area Representatives shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association at which time the nomination of a delegate and his alternate from each Member Club shall be recorded, provided that no nomination shall be capable of being recorded unless it shall have been received by the Secretary of the Association in writing not later than the time of commencement of the Meeting. All delegates and alternates shall be individual anglers in good standing with the Member Club nominating them.

5.1.5 The Executive Officers of the Association shall be:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Tournaments and Records Officer

Safety Officer

Environmental Officer

Development Officer

#### **5.1.6 The President shall:**

5.1.6.1 Preside as Chairman at all Executive Committee, Council, Annual General and General Meetings. At Executive Committee and Council Meetings, the President shall have a deliberative vote and a casting vote. At General Meetings, the President shall have no vote save that he shall have a casting vote;

5.1.6.2 present a written report to the Annual General Meeting;

5.1.6.3 not be an office bearer of any Member Club or any other Association or body affiliated to the SAAU;

5.1.6.4 conduct, institute or defend legal proceedings on behalf of the Association, subject to ratification of the Council;

5.1.6.5 be empowered to make all announcements, press releases and other communications with the press media and other bodies and organisations on behalf of the Association;

5.1.6.6 conduct, institute or defend legal proceedings on behalf of the Association and be empowered to take evidence on commission of an urgent nature, subject to ratification of the NDSAA Council;

5.6.1.7 shall not serve in such capacity for longer than 4 years consecutively.

#### **5.1.7 The Vice-President shall:**

- 5.1.7.1 In the absence of the President, preside alternatively as the Chairman of all Executive Committee, Council, Annual General and General Meetings and shall then assume the functions of the president as defined;
- 5.1.7.2 when attending meetings referred to in Clause 5.1.7.1 above in his capacity as Vice-President shall have the same voting powers as are granted to the President in terms of Clause 5.1.6.1.
- 5.1.7.3 when attending Executive Committee and Council Meetings, have a vote. When attending General Meetings, he shall have no vote.

**5.1.8 The Secretary shall:**

- 5.1.8.1 keep minutes of the proceedings of all Executive Committee, Council, Annual General and General Meetings and send copies thereof to all Executive Officers and Area Representatives within 30 days of such meetings and shall send copies of minutes of all Annual General and General meetings to all Member Clubs together with the notice convening the next Annual General Meeting.
- 5.1.8.2 keep and maintain all secretarial and administrative records as may be necessary and as determined by the Council from time to time;
- 5.1.8.3 maintain the register referred to in Clause 3.20.
- 5.1.8.4 when attending Executive Committee and Council Meetings have a vote. When attending General Meetings he shall have no vote.

**5.1.9 The Treasurer shall:**

- 5.1.9.1 be responsible for the collection of and due and proper administration of all monies and funds of the Association;
- 5.1.9.2 give effect to and be guardian of the approved budget;
- 5.1.9.3 be responsible for the maintenance and updating of books of account and other documents of the Association, including those relating to all investments of the Association of whatever nature.
- 5.1.9.4 prepare Statements and Accounts which shall be audited in accordance with sound accounting practice, copies whereof shall be circulated by the Secretary to all Member Clubs no less than 30 (THIRTY) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting for ratification at such Annual General Meeting;
- 5.1.9.5 deposit all monies belonging to and received by the Association in the Banking Account nominated by the Council from time to time for the credit of the Association;
- 5.1.9.6 when attending Executive Committee and Council meetings have a vote. When attending General Meetings he shall have no vote;
- 5.1.9.7 ensure that all payments made by the Association are made by cheque signed on behalf of the Association by any two of four authorised signatories, one of whom shall be the President, Vice President or Treasurer;
- 5.1.9.8 ensure that all the assets (including trophies) of the Association are properly insured in accordance with the directives of the Council;
- 5.1.9.9 keep proper books of account reflecting all transactions of the Association;
- 5.1.9.10 hold all property funds and other assets in the name of the Association and keep a Property Register;

**5.1.10 Tournament Officer**

The functions and responsibilities of the Tournament Officer will include the following:

- 5.1.10.1 He shall annually compile a Tournament Calendar for submission to and approval by the Council and no other inter-area, inter-club or open competition shall be held by any Member Club unless included in such Tournament Calendar or by special dispensation in writing thereafter by the Executive Committee.
- 5.1.10.2 he shall ensure that Member Clubs furnish the Association with detailed results of all inter-area and inter-club competitions organised and held by them.

- 5.1.10.3 he shall at all times endeavour to promote tournament sponsorship as well as national and international participation.
- 5.1.10.4 he shall liaise with the local tournament organising committee of Member Clubs when so requested by them.
- 5.1.10.5 he shall convene a committee for the purpose of organising and hosting any inter provincial, national or international tournament, for which Natal has been allocated as a venue, by the South African Deep Sea Angling Association.
- 5.1.10.6 liaise with the Environmental Officer as to the recreational limitations
- 5.1.10.7 compile scoring systems and competition rules and regulations and specify game fish surface and bottom fish eligible for every competition and scoring system and the line classes that shall apply and present these to the NDSAA Council for ratification
- 5.1.10.8 he shall at the Annual General Meeting table written reports of his activities during the preceding year.
- 5.1.10.9 when attending Executive Committee and Council Meetings, he shall have a vote. When attending General Meetings he shall have no vote.

#### 5.1.11 **Safety Officer**

The duties and responsibilities of the Safety Officer will include the following:

- 5.1.11.1 compilation of a syllabus, examination papers and standards of proficiency for skipper's examinations, for approval by the Council;
- 5.1.11.2 organising instruction courses and seminars for candidate skippers;
- 5.1.11.3 arranging skippers examinations at venues throughout the Province;
- 5.1.11.4 issuing and recording Skippers Tickets;
- 5.1.11.5 surveying and passing all craft whose safety requirements comply with the law;
- 5.1.11.6 he shall at the Annual General Meeting table written reports of his activities during the preceding year;
- 5.1.11.7 act on behalf of the Association on all safety matters;
- 5.1.11.8 set and revise when necessary the standard charges relating to the duties of the safety portfolio;
- 5.1.11.9 meet with the safety officers of the Clubs at least once a year
- 5.1.11.10 appoint Safety Officers and examiners to the Clubs as laid down by the authorities;
- 5.1.11.11 administer the standards of craft safety
- 5.1.11.12 when attending Executive Committee and Council Meetings, he shall have a vote. When attending General Meetings he shall have no vote.

#### 5.1.12 **Environmental Officer**

The duties and responsibilities of the Environmental Officer will include the following:

- 5.1.12.1 representing the Association on any bodies set up to manage fisheries, conserve fish habitat and act against pollution;
- 5.1.12.2 drafting recommendations for the betterment of the resources of anglers for the consideration of the Council from time to time;
- 5.1.12.3 liaison with other relevant bodies, in particular with SADSAA, SAMLMA, ORI and other research institutes.
- 5.1.12.4 act on behalf of the Association on all environmental affairs including negotiations with all government departments;
- 5.1.12.5 represent the Association at all committee meetings regarding environmental affairs and resource management;
- 5.1.12.6 convene and hold an annual meeting with the resource and environmental officers of the Clubs;
- 5.1.12.7 act on behalf of the Association on any environmental matters deemed necessary from time to time;

- 5.1.12.8 represent the Association on any bodies set up to manage resources and the environment;
- 5.1.12.9 draft recommendations for the betterment of the resources
- 5.1.12.10 liaise with, and make recommendations to, bodies pertaining to the management of the resources;
- 5.1.12.11 when attending Executive Committee and Council Meetings have a vote. When attending General Meetings he shall have no vote.

#### **5.1.13 Development Officer**

The Development Officer shall:

- 5.1.13.1 be responsible for the implementation of a development programme on behalf of NDSAA and make application for and administer the Development funds obtained or allocated for development projects
- 5.1.13.2 submit development reports at each NDSAA Council meeting;
- 5.1.13.3 submit a summary of all development programs hosted during the year to the NDSAA Council;
- 5.1.13.4 collect and collate all details of the development programs organised and run by the NDSAA and submit the same to the appropriate authorities;
- 5.1.13.5 submit timeously to the NDSAA Council development plans to be incorporated in the NDSAA Council's business plans;
- 5.1.13.6 liaise with other bodies to coordinate a development strategy and to assist in the implementation thereof;
- 5.1.13.7 when attending Executive Committee and Council Meetings have a vote. When attending General Meetings he shall have no vote.

#### **5.1.14 Area Representatives**

- 5.1.14.1 Each area shall be entitled to elect one area representative for each 300 or part thereof, of the aggregate number of ordinary members of Member Clubs in that area;
- 5.1.14.2 An area representative shall:
  - 5.1.14.2.1 attend all Council Meetings in his capacity as representative of the Member Clubs in his area;
  - 5.1.14.2.2 report back to the Member Clubs in his area on the proceedings of all Council Meetings;
  - 5.1.14.2.3 at Council Meetings, have one vote;
  - 5.1.14.2.4 be liable to removal from office at the instance of a Member Club in his area, should he fail to attend 2 or more consecutive Council Meetings and be replaced by a person nominated by the Member Clubs of the area, and who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

## **6. NDSAA COUNCIL**

### **6.1 Composition and functions**

- 6.1.1 The general management of the affairs Association shall be controlled and administered by an Executive Council, which shall comprise:
  - 6.1.1.1 the Office Bearers referred to in Article 5.1.5
  - 6.1.1.2 the Area Representatives;
- 6.1.2 When a vacancy occurs in the NDSAA Executive Council, a successor may be appointed by the Executive Council and shall hold office until the next AGM
- 6.1.3 Should a member of the NDSAA Executive Council be absent from 2 (two) consecutive NDSAA Council meetings without leave of absence, his position shall become vacant.
- 6.1.4 The NDSAA Executive Council shall have the power and authority to delegate any of its functions, powers or authority to a subcommittee formed for the specific purpose and may



co-opt persons onto such subcommittees if required. Persons of special competence may be co-opted onto the Executive Council

## **7. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The NDSAA Council shall, in addition to any other powers and/or authority granted to it under this constitution, have the power and authority to perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- 7.1 to safeguard, uphold and protect the beliefs and Constitution of the Association and to carry out the objectives of the Association and to ensure compliance with any rules or by-laws promulgated hereunder;
- 7.2 to manage and control the affairs of the Association and to deal with all matters as it deems fit and expedient;
- 7.3 to delegate in writing to a member or subcommittee, such of its powers and obligations as it deems necessary and /or expedient from time to time;
- 7.4 to convene meetings;
- 7.5 to accept or reject all budgets submitted to it for approval as tabled, and to approve or direct income and expenditure as it deems fit and to fix honorariums of officials;
- 7.6 to deal with the affiliations to membership of the Association;
- 7.7 to engage for any purpose whatsoever the services of such persons, companies, and concerns upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient;
- 7.8 accept amend and ratify the tournament calendar submitted by the respective tournament officers, which after ratification shall be binding for the ensuing year upon both the Association and all member bodies;
- 7.9 to accept, amend, ratify and approve or reject recommendations from the Environmental Officer pertaining to his portfolio;
- 7.10 to ratify and confirm actions and decisions as well as recommendations taken by any member or other subcommittee of the Association;
- 7.11 to lease or hire or purchase movable or immovable property in the name of the Association where it shall appear to be in the best interest of the Association and upon such terms as it may deem expedient;
- 7.12 to use its best endeavours to resolve in whatever fashion it considers expedient, any disagreement or dispute between the NDSAA Executive Council, and the Office Bearers, clubs or members relating to any matter, provided that such resolution may take place only at a Special Meeting convened for such purpose;
- 7.13 to receive and consider and deal within any manner deemed expedient, a proposed change in the Rules referred to in article 4.3;
- 7.14 to formulate and approve by-laws, and any amendments thereto;
- 7.15 to determine all membership and capitation fees, and such other levies and subscriptions as it may consider appropriate to be paid by Affiliated Clubs and Affiliated Members
  - 7.15.1 to amend the Constitution of the Association in accordance Article 14.
- 7.16 to formulate, publish, amend, interpret and administer any by laws deemed to be necessary as an addendum to this constitution. Such by laws shall be ratified by the NDSAA Executive Council during a meeting at which a simple majority of councillors are in favour of the by law being promulgated.

## **8. SPECIAL POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

- 8.1 Without in any way derogating from the general powers of the Council, the following powers shall be exercisable by the Council:
  - 8.1.1 the power to discipline any Member Club, or any individual angler of such Member Club which or who as the case may be, has in its opinion, been guilty of any misconduct warranting such action, which power shall include the right to suspend for such time as it deems fit such Member Club or individual angler or to cancel temporarily or permanently the membership of such Member Club or individual angler;

- 8.1.2 to deal in whatever fashion it considers necessary, including the withdrawal of association or provincial colours, with any Member Club or individual angler who in its sole discretion it considers has not conformed strictly with the philosophy, objectives and rules of the Association or has conducted himself or herself in a manner which the Council considers to be detrimental to or not in the best interest of the Association
- 8.1.3 to exercise the powers granted to it in Clauses 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 above subject to the holding of a Disciplinary Hearing prior to any action being taken, the date and place and method of the hearing being as determined by the President from time to time;
- 8.1.4 to accept or reject the budget as tabled and to approve or direct income and expenditure as it deems fit and to fix honoraria of officials;
- 8.1.5 to deal with the affiliation to and membership of the Association;
- 8.1.6 to engage for any purpose whatsoever the services of such persons, companies and concerns upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient;
- 8.1.7 to accept, amend and ratify the tournament calendar submitted by the Tournament Officers, which after ratification shall be binding for the ensuing year upon both the Association and all Member Clubs;
- 8.1.8 to ratify and confirm actions and decisions as well as recommendations taken by the Executive Committee or any other Committee of the Association;
- 8.1.9 to lease or hire or purchase movable or immovable property in the name of the Association where it shall appear to be in the best interest of the Association and upon such terms as it may deem expedient;
- 8.1.10 to appoint any eligible person to fill any vacancy which may occur on the Council and such person shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

## **9. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 9.1 The Executive Committee will comprise the following:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Tournaments and Records Officer
  - Safety Officer
- 9.2 The Executive Committee shall act for, and on behalf of the Association in terms of such mandates as may be given to it by the Council from time to time.
- 9.3 Until further mandates are given by the Council to the Executive Committee, the following provisions shall regulate the powers, functions and duties of the Executive Committee:
  - 9.3.1 To deal with all matters of a routine nature during the periods between Annual General Meetings of the Association and which matters are not specifically required to be dealt with by the Association in Annual General Meetings in terms of this Constitution, unless delegated for execution;
  - 9.3.2 to purchase stationery, office equipment and other movable property such as insignia, badges, other colours, certificates and the like as may be reasonably required for the purpose of carrying on the affairs of the Association;
  - 9.3.3 to give rulings within its powers on matters referred to the Association by its Member Clubs;
  - 9.3.4 to deal with matters pertaining to tournaments, safety of craft and competence of skippers and all other matters through the officers of the Association;
  - 9.3.5 to appoint delegates and/or responsible persons to attend at and participate in national, international and other congresses and/or meetings;
  - 9.3.6 to ensure that all persons selected or appointed to represent Natal or the Association at tournaments and competitions, are provided with a suitable uniform;
  - 9.3.7 to employ full or part time secretarial, technical, public relations and clerical assistance;
  - 9.3.8 to liaise, and consult with Area Representatives and officers of the Association.

## **9.4 MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

- 9.4.1 At its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall nominate an area representative as a Membership Officer.
- 9.4.2 The duties and responsibilities of the Membership Officer will include the following:
  - 9.4.2.1 advising and assisting prospective Member Clubs as to the procedure to be followed in applying for membership of the Association in terms of Clause 4 hereof;
  - 9.4.2.2 perusing and checking the documents submitted by a prospective Member Club in terms of Clause 4.4 hereof;
  - 9.4.2.3 reporting to the Council on all applications for membership received, as to whether the application and supporting documents comply with the requirements of Clause 4 hereof and furnishing any other information which he may consider to be relevant to the grant or refusal of the application.

## **9.5 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

- 9.5.1 The Selection Committee shall comprise the Convenor and 6 experienced anglers who have competed in either a National Championships or represented Natal at least twice in Interprovincial tournaments for angling from craft at sea. The 6 members of the Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Council at its' first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.5.2 The Selection Committee Convenor shall act as Chairman of the Committee.
- 9.5.3 Any selector serving on the committee mentioned in Clause 5.4.1 who has nominated himself or if any of his relatives has nominated, must recuse himself from all deliberations of the meetings when that team is selected.
- 9.5.4 The duties and responsibilities of the Selection Committee will include the following:
  - 9.5.4.1 compilation of a nomination form, to form part of the byelaws of this Constitution after approval by the Council;
  - 9.5.4.2 the selection of the Association and Natal teams. Selection shall be strictly on merit, taking into account the fishing record and ability of the nominated angler, his/her character and conduct to ensure that he/she will be a worthy representative of the Association or Natal, and his/her contribution to the sport of deep sea angling.
  - 9.5.4.3 the members of the Selection Committee shall not divulge any names of members selected or any names nominated for selection or any content of deliberation at the Selection Committee Meetings;
  - 9.5.4.4 The team(s) will be announced by the President of the Association immediately after the information has been furnished to him by the Convenor of the Selection Committee;
  - 9.5.4.5 the Selection Committee shall at its sole discretion have the right to refrain from selecting a team, if in its opinion the quality of the nomination received, or one or more of them, is not of a sufficiently high standard;
  - 9.5.4.6 the Convenor of the Selection Committee shall attend all Council Meetings and shall have a vote at such meetings. When attending Annual General Meetings, he shall have no vote.

## **10. AREAS**

10.1 The Province of Natal shall comprise the following areas:

Central	Reunion to Umdloti River
Zululand	Tugela River to Kosi Bay
Southern Natal	Port Edward to Umkomaas
North Coast	Umdloti River to Tugela River
Upper South Coast	Umkomaas to Reunion
Midlands	Pietermaritzburg and Berg area
Northern Natal	Vryheid area

10.2 The boundaries of the areas referred to in Clause 6.1 above shall be as determined by the Council from time to time. The Council may in consultation with the Member Clubs concerned, alter the boundaries of, or subdivide or consolidate any of the areas.

10.3 In the event of any uncertainty existing or dispute arising as to the sub area within which a Member Club falls, the matter shall be referred to the Council, whose decision shall be final and binding.

10.4 Upon the admission of a new Member Club to the Association, the Council shall advise the said Member Club as to the area within which it falls for the purposes of this Constitution.

## **11. SUSPENSION AND DISQUALIFICATION OF COUNCILLORS**

A member of the NDSAA Council shall cease to hold office as such:

11.1 upon receipt by the NDSAA Council of his resignation in writing;

11.2 upon the sequestration or surrender of his estate as insolvent;

11.3 upon his absenting himself without leave from three consecutive meetings of the NDSAA Council;

11.4 if the Councillor in question is an Affiliated Member:

11.4.1 terminates his membership of the Affiliated Club for any reason, or;

11.4.2 for such period as his membership of such is suspended for any reason

## **12. MEETINGS OF THE NDSAA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

### **12.1 General Provisions**

The following general provisions shall apply to all meetings of the NDSAA Council unless expressly stipulated to the contrary in clauses 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5:

12.1.1 Meetings shall be held on such dates as the NDSAA Council may decide.

12.1.2 Not less than 30 (thirty) days before any meeting is held, the Secretary shall forward to each Office Bearers and Area Representatives, a notice giving the date and time of the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat.

12.1.3 The secretary shall, not less than 30 (thirty) days before any meeting, post a copy of the agenda to Office Bearers and Area Representatives, by ordinary mail.

12.1.4 Any Office Bearers and Area Representatives, forwarding to the Secretary a notice in writing of its intention to bring any subject or motion stated in such communication before any meeting for discussion or decision, shall be entitled to have such notice circulated to all Office Bearers and Area Representatives, and to bring the subject or motion before the meeting, subject to the proviso that such notice reaches the Secretary not less than 14 (fourteen) calendar days before the meeting.

12.1.5 At all meetings of the NDSAA Executive Council 5 (five) Council members shall form a quorum. In the event of a quorum not being present at any such meeting, the same shall stand adjourned to the same day, at the same time the following week. If, at such an adjourned meeting, a quorum is still not present, those Executive Council Members present shall be deemed to constitute a quorum.

- 12.1.6 No business other than that specified in the notice convening the meeting, or a notice in terms of Article 12.1.4, shall be discussed at any general meeting of the Association.
- 12.1.7 At all meetings of the NDSAA Council, the President shall preside as chairperson. In his absence the Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of both of them, a chairperson elected by the meeting shall preside, and shall confine the proceedings to the objects of the meeting.
- 12.1.8 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to any of the members, or the non-receipt of such notice, shall not invalidate any resolution passed at any such meeting.
- 12.1.9 All Office Bearers, Committee Members and Affiliate Members of the Association in good standing shall have the right to attend meetings of the NDSAA Council, and to address the meeting.
- 12.1.10 VOTING All members of the NDSAA Executive Council, at any meeting, shall each have a single vote, save that in the case of a tie, the President (or Vice President) as chairman, will have a casting vote.
- 12.1.11 No Area Representative whose Clubs which he represents:
  - 12.1.11.1 failed to pay timeously to the Association all moneys due by it to the Association (notwithstanding that such moneys were paid after the due date therefore, and prior to the meeting in question), or;
  - 12.1.11.2 failed to deliver timeously to the Association any reports, returns, nominations or other documentation required of it in terms hereof, or in terms of any by-law (notwithstanding that such documents were delivered after the due date therefore, and prior to the meeting in question),
  - 12.1.11.3 shall have the right to vote at any general meeting of the association
- 12.1.14 Resolutions, to be passed, shall require a simple majority of the votes cast by the NDSAA Council members present and voting.
- 12.1.15 The chairperson at any meeting shall have a nominal vote, and, in the event of a deadlock or tie in voting, the chairperson shall have one casting vote.
- 12.1.16 All voting shall take place by show of hands, subject to the proviso that at the request of any one Council member, voting shall take place by secret ballot.
- 12.1.17 Affiliate Members shall, with the consent of the Area to which he belongs, be entitled to attend and to address all meetings of the NDSAA Executive Council, but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter tabled.
- 12.1.18 At all meetings, the minutes of the previous meeting shall:
  - 12.1.18.1 be deemed to have been read.
  - 12.1.18.2 be confirmed (subject to such amendments thereto as the meeting may agree upon) by the meeting.

## **12.2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 12.2.1 The Council shall convene the Annual General Meeting of the Association on or before 30 April each year, the first of such to be held on or before 30 April 1989.
- 12.2.2 The following Office Bearers shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Tournaments and Records Officer
  - Safety Officer
  - Convenor of Selection Committee
  - Environmental Officer
  - Development officer
  - Area Representatives

- 12.2.3 The Office Bearers shall initially hold office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.
- 12.2.4 At an Annual General Meeting there shall be appointed an auditor who shall be a registered and practicing Chartered Accountant who shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 12.2.5 All nominations by Member Clubs for the positions referred to in Clause 7.2 above, shall be in writing and submitted to the Secretary of the Association not less than 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. Member Clubs may only nominate area representatives from within their respective areas.
- 12.2.6 At an Annual General Meeting there may be elected:
  - Honorary Life Presidents
  - Honorary Life Vice Presidents
  - 12.2.6.1 Written nominations for the above positions must be submitted by Member Clubs to the Secretary for inclusion on the Agenda of a Council Meeting. Such nominations as may be approved by the Council, shall be submitted to the following Annual General Meeting for consideration.
  - 12.2.6.2 A nomination in terms of Clause 7.6.1 above shall be supported by a written motivation by the Member Club, including details inter alia, of the nominee's service and contribution to the sport of Deep Sea Angling.
  - 12.2.6.3 Honorary Life Presidents and Vice Presidents shall, in such capacities, not have the rights to attend any meetings or official functions of the Association but may do so at the specific invitation of the Council, shall not have the right to speak to any matter or motion tabled and shall have no vote.
  - 12.2.6.4 At any Annual General or General Meeting one quarter of the Member Clubs shall form a quorum.

### **12.3 GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 12.3.1 A General Meeting of the Association may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee and it shall do so upon a written requisition of at least 3 Member Clubs, being served on the Secretary.
- 12.3.2 A requisition referred to in Clause 12.3.1 above shall set out clearly the object or objects for which the meeting is called.
- 12.3.3 The Executive Committee shall upon receipt of a requisition referred to in Clause 12.3.1 above, convene a meeting for a date not later than 60 days from the date of receipt of such requisition.

### **12.4 MEETINGS**

- 12.4.1 Not less than 30 days written notice of all meetings of the Council, Annual General Meeting and General Meetings shall be given by post to members of the Council and member Clubs respectively.
- 12.4.2 Items for the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be delivered or posted by Member Clubs to reach the Secretary of the Association not later than 28 February of each year.
- 12.4.3 Items for the Agenda of Council Meetings shall be delivered or posted by members of the Council to reach the Secretary of the Association not later than 30 days before the date of the meeting.

- 12.4.4 No person shall be entitled to act as a delegate for more than one Member Club and no Executive Officer shall be entitled to act as a delegate for any Member Club.
- 12.4.5
  - 12.4.5.1 At any Council meeting, 5 Council members shall form a quorum.
  - 12.4.5.2 In the event of a quorum not being present at any meeting referred to in Clause 12.2,12.3 or 12.4 above, such meeting shall stand adjourned to a date, time and place as may be agreed and failing such agreement on the seventh day after the date of the adjourned meeting and such Council members or delegates of Member Clubs as then attend shall be deemed to form the necessary quorum.
- 12.4.6 All individual anglers of Member Clubs shall have the right to attend Annual General Meetings and General Meetings and shall have the right of observer status only, and only accredited delegates or their duly nominated alternates, shall have the right to propose or second any motion and to vote. No proxies will be allowed in any circumstances and a delegate or his alternate shall only be regarded as accredited if the Secretary has been advised thereof in writing not later than the time of commencement of the meeting in terms of Clause 5.1.4 above.
- 12.4.7 At each Council or Annual General Meeting, the minutes of the previous Council or Annual General Meeting and any General Meeting shall be read and confirmed.
- 12.4.8 At all meetings, minutes of the previous meetings may by resolution be taken as read.
- 12.4.9 A delegate at Annual General and General Meetings shall have one vote for every 250 or part thereof, of fully paid up ordinary members of the Member Club, which he represents.
- 12.4.10 Save that the President shall have a casting vote as provided in Clause 5.1.6 hereof, the delegates at Annual General and General Meetings shall constitute the total voting power at such meetings.
- 12.4.11 The vote of the majority shall in all cases bind the minority.
- 12.4.12 Voting for the positions of Executive Officers and area representatives shall be by way of secret ballot. Voting for all other matters shall be by way of show of hands unless at least 3 of those present and entitled to vote, require a secret ballot, in which event the vote shall be by way of a secret ballot. Voting for the position of each area representative shall be by the delegates of Member Clubs only within the area for which the area representatives have been nominated.
- 12.4.13 No delegate of a Member Club may speak or vote at any meeting in the event of the Member Club he/she represents being under suspension.

### **13. MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

- 13.1 Every Affiliated Club and Affiliated Member should make itself conversant with, and shall *ipso facto* be bound by these provisions of this Constitution and any by-laws in force from time to time.
- 13.2 The membership of any Affiliated Club or Affiliated Member who or which:
  - 13.2.1 departs from any of the provisions of this Constitution, or any resolution adopted by the NDSAA Council, or any by-law, and remains so in breach 21 days after the despatch of written notice calling upon the member to remedy the same;
    - 13.2.1.1 is convicted of a criminal offence in terms of any Act, Ordinance or Regulation governing marine angling;
    - 13.2.1.2 fails to pay timeously, any capitation fees or any other amounts due to the Association, or is in breach of any by-law or any of the provisions of this Constitution;

13.2.1.3 is, or has been guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the NDSAA Council renders the Affiliated Club or Affiliated Member unworthy of membership of the Association: may by resolution of the NDSAA Executive Council be cancelled, or suspended on such terms and conditions and for such period as the NDSAA Council may determine, or may, in addition, be fined a sum of money, the maximum amount of which shall be determined by the NDSAA Council from time to time, or may have any of the privileges he or it is entitled to by virtue of his or its membership removed or suspended for such period as may be determined by the NDSAA Council.

- 13.3 Notice of such suspension, fine or expulsion shall be forwarded by the NDSAA Council within 7 (seven) working days to the member by registered letter, and such member desiring to appeal to the NDSAA Council against its decision shall within 14 (fourteen) working days of such notice, request, in writing, the Secretary to call a Special Meeting of the NDSAA Council, and the Secretary shall convene such meeting to be held within 30 (thirty) working days of receipt of such request.
- 13.4 Any Affiliated Club or Affiliated Member (as the case may be) shall be entitled to attend and address the Special Meeting of the NDSAA Council at which the appeal is to be reconsidered, and to make written submissions in support of the same, but shall not be entitled to legal representation. At such meeting the previous decision of the NDSAA Council shall be deemed to be rescinded and a further vote shall be taken in respect of the application.
- 13.5 Should a penalised Affiliated Club or Affiliated Member fail to appeal as provided, he or it shall have no-further right of appeal, and should he or it fail to appeal; or should his or its suspension, fine or expulsion be confirmed, the Secretary shall forthwith notify such decision to every member of the Association and notice of such decision may also be sent to other interested persons or bodies, or published, at the discretion of the NDSAA Council.
- 13.6 In the event of the suspension or expulsion of any member he/she shall have no claim against the Association or any of its members in respect thereof.

#### **14. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

No alteration, amendment, addition or deletion to this Constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting called specifically for that purpose. 30 Days notice shall be given to all Member Clubs, Council Members and Association Officers together with full details and motivation of any proposed amendment. No such alteration or amendment shall be adopted unless 2/3rds of all those present and entitled to vote at such a meeting shall vote for its adoption.

#### **15. SUBSCRIPTIONS, FEES AND LEVIES**

- 15.1 Amounts payable by each Member Club shall be as follows:
- 15.1.1 Membership application fee as determined by the Council from time to time.
- 15.1.2 Annual Subscriptions as determined at General Meeting from time to time.
- 15.1.3 A levy as shall be determined at General Meeting from time to time for each angler competing in any open or interclub competition organised by one or more Member Clubs. All monies received in terms of this provision shall be paid to the Association's Tournament Fund within two months of the date of the competition.
- 15.2 In addition to the subscriptions payable by each member club, each Member Club shall collect on behalf of the Association, from each of its ordinary members, such levy as determined at General Meeting from time to time, together with the levy which is required to be paid by the Association to the South African Deep Sea Angling Association, provided that an ordinary member of a Member Club who is an ordinary member of one or more other Member Clubs, shall be obliged to pay one levy only through the Member Club nominated by him, in respect of the levy due to the Association. The levy payable by members to the Association may be increased by 15% per annum without further resolution.



15.3 It shall be the responsibility of each Member Club to collect all funds and pay all monies due for the forthcoming year to the Association by the 31 December each year, except for the levies referred to in 11.1.3.

15.4 Any Member Club which fails to pay the monies due by it in terms of this Clause to the Association, within a period of 2 months from due date, shall automatically be suspended from membership of the Association.

**16. AMATEUR STATUS**

The amateur status as defined by the South African Anglers Union shall be binding on the Association and Member Clubs thereof.

**17. INTERPRETATION**

Should any doubt arise as to the interpretation of any of the Constitution Articles, Rules and Regulations or Contest and Angling Rules of the Association, the interpretation placed thereon by the Council shall be final and binding.

**18. ARBITRATION**

18.1 Any dispute (other than a dispute in respect of which urgent relief may be obtained from a court of competent jurisdiction), which may arise with regard to:

18.1.1 the application, interpretation, implementation or enforcement of this Constitution, or;

18.1.2 whether any part thereof is void or voidable, or;

18.1.3 any dispute between the members of the Association *inter se*, or between any member of the Association and the NDSAA Council, or between any members of the Association and the National Sports Council, shall be referred to the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa ("AFSA") for resolution through mediation and expedited arbitration in terms of the prevailing Rules and Procedures for the Resolution of Disputes in Sport. The Parties record that in the event of arbitration there shall be no right of appeal as provided for in article 22 of the aforesaid rules, and that such resolution shall be final and binding upon the parties.

18.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Constitution or stipulated by the Arbitration Foundation, the Arbitration will be held in Durban, with a view to achieving an expeditious result. Furthermore, the arbitration will be conducted in camera, the parties and the participants in the arbitration being obliged to maintain the utmost confidentiality with regard to all matters relating thereto or arising therefrom, save as otherwise expressly and peremptorily required by law.

**19. INDEMNITY**

Executive Officers, Members of the Council and Association Officers shall respectively be indemnified by the Association against all liabilities incurred by them in the execution of their duties, save for those acts of omission or commission where personal liability attaches in law.

**20. DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the Association being wound up or dissolved, the Member Clubs in General Meeting shall appoint liquidators and may give directions as to the method of winding up the distribution of assets, provided that the assets remaining after the satisfaction of liabilities shall only be given or transferred to a company, Society or Association with objects similar to the objects of this Association.

**21. CLUB STATUS UNDER THE NEW (2003) LAUNCH SITE REGULATIONS.**

- 21.1. Should the club be the “licenced operator” of the launch site, the constitution of that Affiliated Club may be amended to include other user groups using the launch site and how will they be incorporated into the club, shall be registered with NDSAA.
- 21.2. Should the “licenced operator” of the launch site be some other body, the constitution of that body and the rules under which the Affiliated Club has access to the site shall be registered with NDSAA.
- 21.3. Since it is possible that the “licenced operator” of the site may change from time to time, the constitution of the Affiliated Club may also have to be amended, All amendments shall be registered with the NDSAA.
- 21.4. The Executive Committees of all clubs shall contain the same categories of office bearers as the NDSAA Executive Council with similar responsibilities at club level.

## 22. CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

**Every Affiliate member and club shall abide by the code of ethics and conduct below :**

### CONSTITUTION

- Every member is bound by the constitution of the NDSAA
- Any amendments to the constitution will be binding

### CONDUCT

- No member shall conduct himself/herself in any manner whatsoever so as to bring the Association into disrepute
- Members must be cognisant of the fact that they are representatives of NDSAA at all official functions, tournaments and other competitions as well as unofficial club outings and any other fishing trips where boats bear NDSAA numbers, or on any occasion when they may be associated with NDSAA
- Members are obliged to see that non-members fishing on boats registered with NDSAA conform to accepted norms of behaviour, as they will be held responsible

### THE LAW

- Members are bound by the laws of the land
- Clubs shall abide by the law and the constitution and may be disciplined as member bodies

### CONSERVATION

- NDSAA members are bound to use the resource wisely on a long term sustainable basis
- The sport must be pursued in a manner consistent with sound sporting and conservational practices in accordance with the angling rules and regulations of IGFA and/or other nationally or internationally accepted rules and regulations
- NDSAA agrees to undertake and/or support, where relevant or necessary, scientific and economic research and studies to determine the economic and scientific impact of the sport of gamefish angling (i.e. all fish caught at sea) on the economy, environment and reserves of fish
- NDSAA is committed to keep accurate records of fish caught at sea in conformity with national and international practices and the international rules and regulations laid down from time to time by IGFA and/or other nationally or internationally accepted rules and regulations

### GENERAL

- NDSAA members are bound to help their fellow members in all kinds of emergencies, be they at sea, on the beach, on the road or elsewhere
- NDSAA members should help their fellow members in all matters pertaining to angling and the promotion and betterment of the sport
- NDSAA members are honour bound to prevent any other member or non-member from breaking any rule, regulation, law or any part of this ethical code or from doing anything which may bring NDSAA into disrepute

## **23. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Every Affiliate member and club shall accept and uphold the Environmental Policy below :

NDSAA is committed to stewardship of the resource on which it impacts

NDSAA believes in sustainable utilisation of the resource and the maintenance of robust fish populations and related habitats

NDSAA is committed to actively support research into the resource and to support the findings and regulations emanating from it

NDSAA believes in and abides by a code of ethics

NDSAA abides by the law, will proceed through proper channels to amend offending legislation and is prepared to discipline its members who do not comply

NDSAA pledges its collective expertise to the betterment of the marine ecosystem, its control and the laws pertaining to it

NDSAA undertakes to stay abreast of current resource management techniques and ensure that all its members are well informed

NDSAA is committed to protect the environment in which it operates, both on land and at sea

NDSAA recognises the right of access of others to the resource provided that they have the same responsible attitude towards it