

The Guyana National Rifle Association

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FORWARD

Members are urged to familiarize themselves with these Rules and Regulations, copies of which are available from the Honorary Secretary.

AUTHORISATION

The following Rules and Regulations were passed at a General Meeting held on 15th January, 1992.

THE REGULATIONS

1. The Association shall be called the "Guyana National Rifle Association" (in these Rules referred to "The Association") and the official address shall be the Defence Secretariat, Camp Ayanganna, Thomas Road, Thomas Lands, Guyana.
2. The objects of the Association shall be to promote Rifle, Pistol, Revolvers and Shotgun shooting in Guyana.

THE COUNCIL

3. There shall be a Council for the management of the affairs of the Association. The council shall comprise the following officers:

The President

Two Vice Presidents

An Ex- Officio Vice President (Army)

An Ex- Officio Vice President (Police)

The Honorary Secretary

The Honorary Treasurer

The Assistant Secretary / Treasurer

The Full Bore Captain

The Full Bore Vice – Captain

The Small Bore Captain

In Addition the Council shall comprise three (3) honorary members and two (2) auditors. The members of the Council shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year. Retiring members of the council shall be eligible for re-election. Five members of this council shall form a quorum for any meetings.

Council shall have the power to fill any vacancies occurring during the year subject to approval by the next General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

4. (a) All officers, NCO's and ranks of the Discipline Services of Guyana shall be eligible for membership;
(b) Residents in Guyana over the age of 15 years, other than members of Active Forces may be admitted to membership.

5. (a) The names of prospective members shall be handed to the Hon. Secretary, together with the names of their proposers and seconders. All prospective members should submit Police Clearance with their application. The names of prospective members shall be circulated to the members;
(b) If there are no objections, membership shall be decided by a majority vote of the Council. Any candidate rejected by the Council may not be again proposed until a period of one year has elapsed.

6. All members shall have identification cards of the GNRA which are renewable by annual subscription.

Associate Membership

7. Any resident in Guyana over the age of twelve years may be admitted an Associate Member for small bore shooting on recommendation of two members who shall be responsible for the conduct of that Associate Member.
8. Associate Members shall be under the direct control of the Council and shall have no voice in the management of the Association.
9. An Associate Member over the age of fifteen years may be admitted as a member of the Association, on the recommendation of the Council.

Block Membership

10. Personnel of firms and corporations in Guyana may be admitted to Block Membership on condition to be determined from time to time.

Life Membership and Honorary Life Membership

11. On the recommendation of the Council or on petition signed by fifteen members of the Association, any member – past or present – may be made a life member of the Association subject to the approval of a general Meeting.
12. The Council may from time to time elect any person to be an Honorary Life Member. An Honorary Life Member shall enjoy all privileges except shooting and voting.
13. Any visitor to Guyana who is a serving member of the armed forces of countries friendly to the Government of Guyana or a member of a Rifle Club or Association affiliated to the National Rifle Association of Great Britain may, on being introduced by a member of the Association, be granted Honorary Membership by council. Such Honorary Membership shall be valid for a period not exceeding six months.

Subscription

14. All subscriptions are due and payable in advance at rates determined by the Annual General Meeting. All applications for non-payment of subscriptions shall be referred to the council.

Finances

15. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the books of accounts.
16. The Bankers of the Association shall be the Guyana National Cooperative Bank, The Republic Bank (Guyana) Limited and any other so approved by council.
17. All cheques, bills of exchange or other negotiable documents shall be signed by any two of the following five officers of the Association viz: the President, any Vice-President, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer.
18. The Honorary Treasurer shall deposit all money received by him/her with the Association's Bankers, except such sums as may be required for petty expenses as shall be directed by the Council from time to time.
19. Audited income and Expenditure Statements and a Balance Sheet must be presented at the Annual General meeting of each year.

Auditors

20. Two members of the Association shall be elected auditors at the annual General Meeting in each year. They shall inspect and check quarterly the books of account and financial statements of the Association. The Income and Expenditure accounts and Balance Sheet shall not be adopted at the Annual General Meeting except supported by the Certificate of the Auditors.

Council Meetings

21. The Council shall meet at least once per month. They shall have the power to make, alter or amend all regulations not already specifically covered by the rules of the Association.
22. Any elected member of the Council who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Council without leave shall be deemed to have lost his seat.

General Meetings

23. There shall be two General Meetings of the Association in each year in the months of January or February and July or August for the consideration of statements, reports, etc. Motions etc. for consideration at a General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. The Notice shall be published in the daily newspaper. Copies of the motions to be included in the Agenda of the General Meeting shall be circulated to members at least seven days prior to such meeting.
24. One-third of the membership shall form a quorum.
25. Notice convening a General Meeting shall be given not less than twenty-one days prior to such meeting. The Notice shall be published in a daily newspaper. Copies of the motions to be included in the Agenda of any General Meeting shall be circulated to members at least seven days prior to such meeting.
26. The Shooting Captain and the Honorary Secretary shall each submit a report of the previous year's activities at the Annual General Meeting each year.
27. If at any General Meeting of the Association a quorum of members is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for holding same, the Meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day and time in the next week and if at such adjourned Meeting a quorum of members is not present within half an hour of the time appointed, the Meeting shall nevertheless be held.

Special General Meeting

28. A special General Meeting may be called by the Council or on a petition signed by a quorum of the Association stating the purpose for which such meeting is to be called. Special General Meetings shall conform in all other respects to the conditions governing General Meetings except that no business shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting other than that for which it shall have been convened, and except that notice shall be given not less than fourteen days prior to such Special General Meeting.

NB: THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE BEING LOOKED AT PRESENTLY TO BRING THEM UP TO DATE.