

## **RECOGNITION OF SPORT AND RECREATION BODIES REGULATIONS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION SOUTH AFRICA**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 14 of the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act No.110 of 1998) , I , Ngconde Balfour, Minister of Sport and Recreation hereby declare the regulations in the schedule hereto to be the official recognition of sport and recreation bodies regulations, 2001

#### **SCHEDULE**

Recognition of Sport and Recreation Bodies Regulations, 2001 as fully described in schedule hereto.

**N BALFOUR**  
**Minister of Sport and Recreation SA**

#### **NATIONAL SPORT AND RECREATION ACT,1998** **(Act No.110 of 1998)**

The Minister of Sport and Recreation has, under section 14 on the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act No.110 of 1998), on the recommendation of the South African Sports Commission, made the regulations in the schedule.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

1.1 In these regulations any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear that meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise-

**"SRSA"** means Sport and Recreation South Africa

**"SASC"** means South African Sports Commission

**"The Act"** means the National Sports and Recreation Act, No. 110 of 1998

**"NF's"** means the National Federations

**"National governing bodies"** National sport and recreation bodies recognised by the SASC in terms of these regulations

**"Sport"** means any activity which requires a significant level of physical or mental involvement and in which participants engage in a structured or unstructured environment for the purpose of declaring a winner, though not solely so; or purely for the purpose of relaxation, personal satisfaction, physical health, emotional growth and development.

**"Recreation"** means a guided process of voluntary participation in an activity which contributes to the improvement of general health, well-being and the physical or mental skills of both the individual and the community.

### **2. PRINCIPLES**

The objective principles that will guide the SASC's decision on the recognition of a sport and recreation activity are the following:

2.1 the activity it represents must meet the Commission's definition of either "sport" or "recreation".

- 2.2. the organisation must be able to satisfy the South African Sports Commission that there is no dispute in terms of its existence.
- 2.3. that it is the pre-eminent organisation empowered to take national responsibility for the development of the particular code of sport and/or recreation activity in South Africa.
- 2.4 the aims and objectives of the governing body must be to promote and regulate a form of sport or recreation, recognised by the SASC.
- 2.5 the organisation must be affiliated to a recognised and appropriate international organisation. The existence of the sport or recreation activity in other countries and the standing of the International Federation (IF) will be taken into account. If an international organisation exists which is recognised by the SASC, then the appropriate South African organisation must be affiliated to it. Provision will be made for traditional/indigenous activities, i.e. organisations with no international links.

### **3. CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION**

- 3.1 To be eligible for assistance, organisations which control the development of, and international participation by, South Africans in any sport must meet the following criteria:
  - a. must be properly constituted and operate on democratic principles;
  - b. have a formal written constitution and an acceptable democratically elected committee(s) or structure(s)

which operates in a transparent, accountable, and responsible manner, and

- c. demonstrate an agreed level of management and financial accountability and stability.

### **DOPING POLICY**

- 3.2 The NF must abide by the anti-doping policy of the Institute for Drug-Free Sport, as adopted by the SASC.

### **SHARED OBJECTIVES**

- 3.3 The governing body of the sport and recreation, association and/or service provider applying for recognition, should reflect general support for the objectives and projects of the SASC.

### **PARTICIPATION**

- 3.4 Participation must be available to all sections of the community and not be restricted for reasons of cost, gender or disability and any other form of discrimination.

### **REGULAR ELECTIONS**

- 3.5 elections for office bearers must be conducted at least every (4) four years by the members. Members on a regular basis must present minutes of meetings and financial statements for adoption.

3.6 The organisation must recognise the authority of the SASC, the Government of the day and Constitution of the country,

3.6 The essential purpose and uniqueness of the activity must be clearly stated. If a variation of another similar activity, which

is already recognised by the SASC exists, the reason for acceptance must be clearly motivated.

3.7 The application must clearly indicate if the organisation has sustainable programmes in place (not applicable to multi-coded bodies and composite bodies) to achieve the following :

- a) Encourage participation, development and transformation (access and equity);
- b) introduce basic skills;
- c) provide opportunities for participants to improve their performance levels;
- d) train leaders, administrators and coaches;
- e) reward participants through an award scheme;
- f) enable competitions at all levels through a national competition structure.

#### **4. RECOGNITION GUIDELINES**

- a. Recognition status will be given to all those national sport and recreation organisations and associate, which qualify in terms of the recognition criteria established by these regulations.
- b. Recognition shall not be granted to a sport and/or recreation organisation or associate which permits, tolerates or practices a system of discrimination based on one or more grounds, including race, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, ethnic or social origin, colour, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture, birth or HIV/AIDS status.

- c. The SASC may be guided in its decision by the recognition given to sports organisations by international authorities such as the International Olympic Committee (IOC), General Assembly of International Sport Federations (GAISF) and/or Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA).
  
- c. The activity must involve physical skills and present a physical and/or mental challenge to the participant.

To be eligible for recognition and assistance under SASC programmes and services, the organisation must first satisfy all components of the South African Sports Commission's definitions of sport and recreation as defined in Section 1 hereof.

## **6. CATEGORIES OF RECOGNITION**

- (a) National codes of sport, which would include all national federations, composite sports bodies (which co-ordinates and represents related activities) and organisations catering for traditional/indigenous activities. This would also include sports organisations that are governed by an act of Parliament (e.g. Professional Boxing - South African Boxing Control Act, as Amended).
  
- (b) National multi-coded sports and recreation organisations such as the South African Commonwealth Games Association (SACGA), Disabled Sport S.A. (DISSA), United School Sport Association (USSASA), and S.A. Student Sports Union (SASSU)
  
- (c) Associates or partners such as Women in Sport (WASSA), and Sport Information and Science Agency (SISA).

## **7. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS**

1. Recognition by the SASC entitles the organisation to all rights and privileges applicable to its classification category, including the protection of the organisations full autonomy in respect of its day-to-day activities.
2. In accepting recognition status with the SASC, the organisation will be bound to all prescriptions of the Sports Commission Act.

## **8. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

5.1 All recognised organisations of the Commission must:

- 1) Obtain permission from the SASC with regard to all forms of international participation as well as hosting and/or bidding of international events and attending international events;
- 2) Attend all General Assembly\* meetings and certain activities of the SASC and to perform such functions as may be assigned to it by the SASC from time to time;
- 3) Update the SASC on a regular basis on developments or changes within its organisation and to submit annual data updates as may be required; and
- 4) Commit itself to develop and implement a short, medium and long-term strategic plan which should include a high performance, access and equity, transformation, development and marketing plans which are aimed at making the activity accessible to all South African communities (thus narrowing the gap between

disadvantaged and advantaged participants) and which will provide proof of financial sustainability.

## 9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- a. National organisations representing sport, recreation and related activities must apply to the SASC for recognition.

Applications are only considered on receipt of the prescribed form: **APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION (SASC/S/1)** which is obtainable from the South African Sport Commission offices at :

Physical address

1023 Bank Street  
Centurion, 0046  
TEL: (012) 677 9700

Postal address

P. O. Box 11239  
Centurion, 0046  
FAX: (012) 677 9855/2/7

- b. In addition to the completed application form, the following information must be provided in support of the application and will also be required on a regular basis for the purpose of updating the records of the SASC:

1. Constitution
2. Business Plan
3. Minutes of the most recent Annual or Bi-annual General Meeting
4. Annual audited financial statements
5. Rules of the activity
6. Code of Conduct
7. Selection Criteria (not applicable to recreation structures, associates and partners)

8. Policy for the award of National Colours (not applicable to recreation structures & associate members/partners)
9. Copy of logos and emblems (national, provincial and regional structures)

## **10. Evaluation criteria**

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- a) If the prescribed Application Form (**SASC/S/1**) has been completed in full and the required documentation is attached.
- b) The extent to which the applicant's constitution contains aims and objectives to promote and control a form of activity recognised by the SASC. \*
- c) Enjoys recognition from all South Africans, has objectives which complement and are not in conflict with those of the SASC, and commits the organisation to the identification, recruitment and development of its members.

## **11. Evidence is supplied:**

- i) that the applicant is a legal entity conforming to the laws of the Republic of South Africa and is the single controlling body for the particular code/discipline/activity in South Africa and furthermore that it is in a position to make democratic and binding decisions on behalf of its constituency;
- ii) on the existence of the activity in other countries and

that the organisation itself is affiliated to an appropriate and acceptable recognised International Federation (IF)/Organisation and where applicable, recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and/or General Assembly of International Sport Federations (GAISF) and/or Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA).

\*This requirement will not apply to organisations providing for traditional/indigenous activities and/or for national service providers, associates and partners.

- iii) that the applicant has endeavoured to rationalise the activity in a cost-effective manner, has the ability to meet all its financial obligations and can demonstrate a satisfactory level of management, financial accountability and the ability to sustain its core administrative responsibilities;
- iv) that the applicant can demonstrate stability, i.e. length of time over which it has been in operation.
- v) on the existence and implementation of a transparent outreach programme to ensure maximum access to the activity and that it is rooted in communities, school and/or other junior sport/recreation structures;
- vi) on the existence and implementation of a viable, nationally driven development programme that is aimed at maximising opportunities to all participants;
- vii) that the activity is sufficiently developed for the

governing body to justify the use of the term “national”. This will be measured against its geographical spread throughout the country, i.e. the organisation of its activity on a national, provincial, regional and local level. In this regard it has to have provincial structures in at least 5 of the 9 geographical provinces of the country, each with a minimum of 4 clubs or 80 members with a minimum of 50 athletes;

- viii) that an accountable recognition registration system is in place.
- ix) the activity involves physical skills and presents a physical and/or mental challenge to the participant.

## **12. Short Title**

These regulations shall be called Recognition of Sport and Recreation Bodies Regulations 2001.