



Rules and By-Laws

of the

Tanunda Reserve

Rifle Club

No. 120



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RULES

OF THE

TANUNDA RESERVE RIFLE CLUB

No. 120



1.—This Club shall be known as the Tanunda Reserve Rifle Club.

2.—On payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription fixed by the by-laws any person eligible for membership under the Australian Rifle Club Regulations shall be enrolled as a member on being proposed by two members, unless a request is made in writing by the person desirous of being enrolled for a special meeting of the Club to deal with the proposal, when it will be decided by a majority of those members present at that meeting. This rule shall not apply to cases of transfer under Australian Rifle Club Regulation 26.

3.—Life members may be enrolled on payment of a donation fixed by the by-laws.

4.—All matters in connection with the Club shall be managed by the Committee, as provided for in the Australian Rifle Club Regulation 30; three to form a quorum. The decisions given by the Committee in connection with the business of the Club shall be final; provided, however, that the Club may, at a general meeting thereof, by a majority vote, alter, amend, or veto any decision of the Committee.

5.—The members of the Committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Club, which shall be held on a date fixed by the by-laws.

X 6.—Any member of the Committee being absent without leave from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be liable, at the discretion of the Committee, to have his seat declared vacant.

7.—Any vacancy in the Committee, caused either by resignation or enforced retirement under Rule 6, may be filled by the Committee.

8.—All meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of the Club; but should he fail to do so within seven days after receiving a requisition signed by two members of the Committee, any two such members may themselves convene a meeting of the Committee.

9.—No meeting of the Committee shall be held to be duly convened unless a written or printed notice has been forwarded to each member thereof at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

10.—The number of members requisite to form a quorum at any general meeting shall be fixed by the by-laws.

11.—The annual general meeting of the Club for the election of office-bearers shall be convened by notice by post to each member, and not less than seven days' notice shall be given of such meeting.

12.—A balance sheet, duly audited by two members appointed at the preceding annual general meeting shall be laid before the members at every annual meeting.

Should a vacancy occur among the auditors, the Committee shall have power to fill the position.

13.—The Captain of the Club shall preside at all Committee and general meetings at which he is present. In his absence, the members present at any meeting shall elect a chairman.

14.—The Captain of the Club or a deputy appointed by him shall conduct all correspondence with the District Base Commandant.

Secretary 15.—The Secretary of the Club shall keep minutes of all general meetings of members, and of meetings of the Committee, and shall conduct all correspondence ordered by the Captain of the Club or the Committee; and he may, if duly authorised by the Captain of the Club, act as his deputy.

16.—The subscription of every member shall become due on the date fixed by the by-laws, and no one shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club, as defined by the by-laws, until his subscription has been paid; provided, however, that no member can by any by-law be deprived for non-payment of subscriptions, of any right given by the Australian Rifle Club Regulations.

17.—No member, by reason of his membership, shall have any estate or interest in the property of the Club other than the right to use the Club property at the rifle ranges, in accordance with the resolutions or decisions of the Committee.

18.—A general meeting of the Club shall be called by the Secretary of the Club on receipt by him at any time of a requisition signed by the number of members required for the purpose by the by-laws. The time and object of the meeting shall be notified in writing to each member one week previous to the meeting.

19.—(i) Any member may be expelled from a Club by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any general meeting specially called to consider the matter, provided that the member concerned has been notified in writing, not less than seven days prior to the meeting, of the purpose and date of the meeting and of the charge against him, and has been given full opportunity to make his defence.

(ii) The expulsion of any member shall not take effect until confirmed by the District Base Commandant or, in the case of a Regimental Rifle Club, by the Commanding Officer, to whom a full report of the case shall be submitted by the Captain of the Club.

20.—The practice days of the Club shall be fixed by the by-laws, but the Committee may, on giving due notice to every member, alter the time as they think necessary, or appoint such other days in addition as appear expedient.

21.—After providing for the necessary expenses of the Club, the Committee may expend the balance of any moneys in granting prizes for competition among the members of the Club, the rifle matches at which such prizes are to be competed for being duly notified to the members.

22.—In addition to the annual subscription, the Committee shall have power, subject to the by-laws, to fix an entrance fee for members competing in any rifle match for prizes; provided always that the entrance fees are solely devoted to the provision of prizes.

23.—The rules for the matches and Club practices, the distances, the conditions of firing, the nature and value of the prizes, and all other details, shall be decided by the Committee.

24.—The Club may make by-laws not inconsistent with the Australian Rifle Club Regulations or these rules, for the general conduct of the business of the Club. Every by-law and every alteration, amendment, or cancellation of a by-law shall be made on the approval of the members of the Club at a general meeting. No by-law or alteration, amendment, or cancellation of a by-law shall take effect until confirmed by the District Base Commandant or, in the case of a Regimental Rifle Club, by the Commanding Officer.

25.—An active member of the Club who has been returned as efficient at least six times in the annual returns of the Club may, on his resignation, be elected an honorary member of the Club without being required to pay the annual subscription; provided that a resolution to this effect is passed at a general meeting of the Club.

26.—The conditions and regulations of the State Rifle Association for rifle matches and competitions shall, as far as practicable, be observed at all matches and practices of the Club.

BY - LAWS

OF THE

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No. 120



1.—ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS

(a) Subject to the provisions of the Australian Rifle Club Regulation 71 (2) any person eligible for membership under A.R.C. Regulations may be enrolled as an Active Member of this Club, and shall pay the sum of five shillings as annual subscription. Nevertheless, active members who only fire the prescribed musketry course shall be exempt from paying an annual subscription. Active members shall be entitled to participate in all of the benefits of the Club, in addition to those offered by A.R.C. Regulations.

(b) Honorary Members will be accepted on the approval of the majority of the members of the Club at a meeting thereof, and on payment of the sum of five shillings as annual subscription. Nevertheless, the meeting shall have power to elect Honorary Members without payment of any fee. Honorary Members shall be entitled to participate in the benefits of the Club as defined by these By-laws, but shall not be entitled to claim any of the privileges offered by A.R.C. Regulations. They shall not have any voice in the management of the Club.

(c) Life Members may be enrolled on payment of a donation to the Club of not less than five pounds. Life Members may be either active members or honorary members.

2.—MODE OF ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

The Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, four members of the Committee, and two Auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. All candidates must be nominated by being proposed and seconded in the ordinary manner. Should the candidates nominated not be in excess of the number of vacancies, then all those nominated shall be elected unopposed. In the event, however, of the nominations exceeding the number of vacancies, a ballot of the members of the Club present at the meeting shall be taken.

3.—MEETINGS

(a) The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in July of each year. At each Annual Meeting the Committee for the previous year shall submit a report of the proceedings of the Club during such previous year, and also an audited statement of accounts for that year.

(b) A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called at any time by the Secretary, upon receipt of a requisition signed by twelve members of the Club.

(c) Committee Meetings shall be held as often as required for the transaction of the business of the Club, and not less than once a month. The dates of such meetings shall be as determined from time to time.

(d) The Captain shall preside at all meetings and, in addition to his ordinary vote, shall, in the case of equality of voting for or against any motion, have the right to use a second or casting vote. In the absence of the Captain, the Chairman may be elected by those present at the meeting, and he shall have the same right as regards voting as the Captain.

(e) Fifteen members shall form a Quorum at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Club.

4.—ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

(a) The Annual Subscription to the Club shall be five shillings, and shall become due on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Club.

(b) Members whose annual subscriptions are in arrears shall not be entitled to participate in any of the privileges of the Club as defined by the By-laws, nor shall they be entitled to draw any Trophy or Prize Money, which may be owing to them, until such subscription is duly paid.

5.—ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

Each member of the Club shall give the Secretary his Postal Address for the time being, and any notice sent to the last-given address shall be deemed to have been duly sent.

6.—PROPERTY, FUNDS AND PAYMENTS

A Bank Account shall be kept in the name of the Club, and all cheques drawn against this account shall be signed by the Captain, Secretary and Treasurer before being payable. All moneys received, from whatever source, shall forthwith be paid into the bank to the credit of the Club.

7.—MUSKETRY COURSE

In order to be classified "efficient," in accordance with the Regulations, every member must fire at least three separate practices of eight rounds each (one sighter not to count and seven counting shots) on three separate days between 1st July and 30th June of each financial year. Members who do not fire this course may be struck off the roll of the Club.

8.—RIFLE PRACTICE

(a) The Practice Days of the Club shall be Saturday of each week, and such other days as may be arranged by the Committee.

(b) The Captain of the Club, or a Deputy appointed by him, shall attend at the Range on all days when rifle practice is being carried out. He shall be responsible for the control of practice, and for the maintenance of order and discipline on the Rifle Range.

(c) On all practice days members will shoot in the order in which they arrive at the Range and register their names with the Scorer. Each member must be ready to take his place at the firing point when his name is called by the Scorer, otherwise he will forfeit his place to the member next on the list. Any two members (or competitors in the case of a competition) may, with the consent of the Range Officer, mutually arrange to change places. No member shall be permitted to shoot two rounds consecutively.

(d) A member on completing the number of shots specified for the practice shall open the breech of his rifle and make way for the next member with the least possible delay. He must collect from the mound empty shells of cartridges fired by him, also clips and containers, and deposit same in the places provided.

(e) In ordinary rifle practice and in Teams' Match Competitions the Captain, or other member deputed by him, may coach and instruct the members, or render such assistance as may be necessary to improve the shooting average of the Club.

(f) Members using Loan Rifles are responsible to the Captain of the Club for the proper Care and Cleaning of the Rifles, and they must submit them for inspection by the Captain at least once a month.

(g) Danger will be indicated by the raising of Red Flags at the firing point and targets. When either of these flags appear firing must immediately cease. Firing will not be resumed until both flags are lowered.

(h) In the event of any interruption in the firing, members shall immediately unload, and the red flag at firing point will be raised.

9.—COMPETITIONS FOR PRIZES

(a) In addition to the annual subscription the Committee shall have power to exact an Entrance Fee not exceeding 2½ per cent. of the total Prize Money provided for each competition from each member who shall compete in a competition for prizes, provided always that the entrance fees so obtained shall be devoted to the prize list.

(b) Competitions shall be fired on days set apart for rifle practice.

(c) Persons other than the Captain, Range Officer, Coach or Scorer, will not be allowed to approach within five yards of the firing point without the special consent of the Range Officer.

(d) In competition for Prizes, a competitor must use the same rifle throughout the matches unless permission to change be granted by the Captain of the Club or the Range Officer.

(c) Every competitor must himself adjust the sights of his rifle, and he shall not be permitted to use a rifle the elevation or wind-gauge of which has been adjusted for him by another competitor.

(f) Every discharge of a rifle in the direction of the targets shall be counted as a shot, except in the case of the targets having been removed for examination while the competitor is in the act of firing, in which case he may, on immediate protest to the Scorer, before the value of the shot is marked, and with the consent of the Range Officer, either take the shot so fired or fire another shot in its place.

(g) Competitors must submit their rifles for inspection whenever required to do so by the Captain or the Range Officer, and any competitor whose rifle has been tampered with may be disqualified.

(h) For all rifles the Pull of the Trigger must not be less than Five Pounds. Any member may request the Range Officer to have a competitor's rifle tested, or the Range Officer may test the pull of any rifle at any time.

(i) Protests must be made in writing, and must be lodged with the Captain of the Club within 24 hours of the occurrence on which the protest is founded. A Deposit of Five Shillings must accompany each protest, and this amount will be retained by the Club and paid into the Club's funds if the protest is not upheld. If, however, the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded to the member who made the protest.

(j) In all cases where firing is interrupted for a period of not less than Five Minutes, competitors who have not completed their firing shall, on resuming, be allowed one Optional Sighter.

(k) Competitors will not be permitted to fire practice shots or practice on the range on the day of a competition.

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 (l) A Time Limit of One Minute from the time at which the target is declared "all clear" will be allowed for each competitor to deliver his shot. Provided he has been given previous warning by the Range Officer, a competitor who exceeds this Limit shall have his shot disallowed and recorded as a miss.

(m) All Ties shall be decided according to S.A.R.A. Shooting Regulations.

(n) The Handicapping of members in competitions shall be as decided by the Committee of the Club from time to time.

(o) The S.A.R.A. Shooting Regulations shall be taken as a general guide in all matters concerning competitions for prizes which are not specially provided for in these By-laws.

(p) The By-laws relating to Rifle Practice will also govern competitions for prizes.

10.—SAFETY RULES

(a) No person shall be allowed to load his rifle until he has taken his place at the firing points and is about to fire. Whilst adjusting sight and while loading, the muzzle of the rifle must be held towards the target. Should any interruption in the firing take place, every competitor whose rifle is loaded shall at once unload.

(b) After his last shot at each range, each competitor must go through the unloading motions, with the muzzle of his rifle pointing towards the target, and must leave the mound with the breech of his rifle open, and draw the attention of the Scorer to the fact that the rifle is unloaded.

(c) The onus of carrying out the above two rules will rest on each individual competitor.

11.—GENERAL

(a) Members are expected to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with these By-laws, as they will be strictly observed, and the plea of ignorance will not, in any case, be entertained as an excuse for their non-observance. Members are requested to render every assistance to the Captain and Committee in carrying out these By-laws and the Regulations for Rifle Clubs generally, and to report at once any breach thereof that may come under their notice.

(b) These By-laws cannot be altered or amended except at a General Meeting of the Club.

(c) Due notice of intention to alter or amend the By-laws at any General Meeting of the Club must be given to every member of the Club.

These By-laws were confirmed at a General Meeting of the Tanunda Reserve Rifle Club No. 120, held on the 22nd day of July, 1935, and were approved by the District Base Commandant on 15th August, 1935.

On behalf of the Tanunda Reserve Rifle Club,

H. F. ALTMANN, Captain.

B. V. LINDNER, Hon. Secretary.

Approved, 15/8/35,

R. C. G. PRISK, Staff Officer for Rifle Clubs,
4th Military District.

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