

CONSTITUTION OF SIMMER ANGLING CLUB

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The name of the club will be Simmer Angling Club, herein after mentioned as S.A.C.

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To encourage amateur angling as a sport.
- 1.2 To encourage reaction.
- 1.3 To welcome all races and promote a healthy association and spirit of friendship between its members.
- 1.4 To hire fixed property and use it for the benefit of its members residing in Gauteng.
- 1.5 To enable all sections of our community to enjoy the benefits that S.A.C. can offer.
- 1.6 To assist in the preservation and breeding of fish and render assistance to related scientific research.
- 1.7 To invest any funds of S.A.C. under such conditions and securities for the benefit of its members.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Persons desirous of joining the S.A.C. must complete the prescribed application form and be formally introduced to the S.A.C. A copy of the member and spouse id and children birth certificates or id's and 2 (two) id photo's of the main member must accompany the application form. The committee reserves the right to approve or refuse applications for membership without any reason being provided.
- 2.2 New members can join the S.A.C. at anytime throughout the year, provided that the full membership subscription is paid in full. New members will be entitled to any prizes won during said angling competition.
- 2.3 Annual subscriptions becomes payable on A.G.M.
 - 2.3.1 Fees may be paid off.
 - 2.3.2 A key to the Club waters (Germiston Lake) will only be issued once the Full Membership Subscription is paid up

- 2.3.3 Unless special permission is granted by the committee to entitle you to vote.
- 2.3.4 Annual Subscription Fee for a member and his / her immediate household family including children under the age on 18 (eighteen) is set at **R750-00**
- 2.3.5 Members of 55 years and older will only qualify for Pensioners Rates of **R350-00** if they are not employed. Pensioners to give proof i.e pensioners card or proof that they are not employed. "No reduced rate for any age if they are Employed."
- 2.3.6 Member Aged 18 (eighteen) to 21 (Twenty one) qualify for a Special rate of **R375-00**.
- 2.4 Membership subscription will be reviewed annually by the members.
- 2.5 Membership cards are not transferable. Main members cards to be made.
- 2.7 School leavers between the ages of 18-21 subscription are half of the senior member.
- 2.8 Any monies outstanding from any previous year as a member will be payable when you rejoin as a member with the current year subscription.**(no excuses)**
- 2.9 Members shall be accommodated in the following Divisions. The Division is determined by the member's age as at 1 October of every Year.
- 2.9.1 **Masters** 55(fifty five) and older
- 2.9.2 **Seniors** 18 (eighteen) up to and including 54 (fifty four)
- 2.9.3 **Ladies** 18 (eighteen) and older
- 2.9.4 **Juniors** 9 (nine) up to and including 17 (seventeen)
- 2.9.5 **Juvenile** 0 (Zero) up to and including 8 (Eight)
- 2.10 Each member pays full amount of affiliation fees, But if you fish league for the club then you will get 50% of affiliation fee back after league.
- 2.11 Although a member's family is considered to be members, only the main member (Key Holder) shall be entitled to vote on any raised issue with the bounds of any meeting, completion or event organized by S.A.C

3. COMMITTEE

3.1 The committee of the S.A.C. will consist of:

MANAGEMENT (Executive Committee)

3.1.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Records Officer

Conservation Officer

3.1.2 APPEAL COMMITTEE

Will consist of 3 (three) non committee members.

3.1.3 GERMISTON LAKE (GL) SUB COMMITTEE

Will consist of 4 (four) delegates to represent S.A.C. at GL

3.1.4 FUNCTION COMMITTEE

Will consist of 3 (three) delegates

3.1.5 ICE CREAM COMMITTEE

Will consist of 2 (two) non committee members.

Term of office for all the above committee members are for 1(one) year.

All the above committee members are to be elected by the members of the S.A.C. at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

4 FINANCES

- 4.1 The chairperson and treasurer acknowledged by the committee will invest any monies over and above the amount set aside for day to day expenditure to the advantage of S.A.C.
- 4.2 The committee shall have the power to withdraw any monies to meet the obligations of the S.A.C.
- 4.3 The S.A.C. financial year commences on the first day of October and expires on the last day of September.
- 4.4 Under no circumstances shall monies from the account be loaned to any private individual, unless otherwise decided by the committee.

5. MEETINGS

- 5.1 The annual general meeting of the S.A.C. of the S.A.C. shall be held on the first Thursday after the last competition in September.
- 5.2 Special meetings shall if necessary, be convened on an urgent basis within 7 (seven) days of a dated written request by any member of the S.A.C.
- 5.3 Junior members shall not be entitled to vote at any S.A.C. meeting.
- 5.4 At least 15 (fifteen) members shall form a quorum at any annual general meeting.
- 5.5 Members will be notified of general or special meetings.
- 5.6 The committee shall arrange, if necessary, special meetings during the year, where contentious matters need to be discussed.
- 5.7 Complete order shall be required at all meetings.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 6.1 Monthly meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the next month immediately following the monthly club competition. Matters arising between monthly meetings pertaining to the running of the S.A.C. shall also be discussed at such meetings.
- 6.2 Committee member who is absent from 3 (three) consecutive committee meetings without reasonable cause shall be deemed to have resigned from the committee. The committee shall have the right to elect a replacement for the position.

- 6.3 All matters arising requiring a decision shall be decided by a majority vote of members. The chairperson shall, besides a deliberate vote, also have a casting vote.
- 6.4 Any member not attending meetings accepts any decision made and house rules as is, and have no say about it.

7. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

- 7.1 Members shall be liable for the annual subscription. Shall close all gates and shall not leave any papers or other litter on any property. Wire fences or trees shall not be broken or damaged; neither shall stones be removed from the wall of any dam. No acts shall be committed that will jeopardize the privileges enjoyed by the S.A.C. The behavior of members and their visitors shall at all times be irreproachable.
- 7.2 Under no circumstances will open fires be permitted to be lit, precautions must be taken to ensure that trees and the field do not catch fire, and all fires must be thoroughly extinguished on departure. All bait, refuse and food shall under no circumstances be left at the fishing waters or on landowner's property. Members disregarding the rule shall be liable to be suspended by the committee.

8. MISCONDUCT AND UN-SPORTING BEHAVIOUR

Should the committee be positive that a member of the S.A.C. has been guilty of misconduct, unworthy sportsman, discrimination or of bad behavior, such member may be temporarily or permanently suspended by the committee and such member shall not be entitled to any privileges during the period of such suspension. Notice of suspension shall be by registered post.

9. AMMENDMENTS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Alterations or additions to the existing constitution can be made only if passed by a majority vote of the members present at the annual general meeting convened for such purpose.

Alterations or additions will remain in force for 1 (one) year unchanged. Notice of such amendments should be given to the Secretary in writing at least 21 (twenty-one) days prior to such meeting. The Secretary must incorporate the full contents of the motion in circulars, which includes notifications of meetings.

10. INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Where any doubt exist as regard interpretation of the Rules and Regulations the final decision shall rest with the committee.

11. DISSOLUTION

In the event of S.A.C. being dissolved, the members shall decide at a special general meeting about the funds and assets of the S.A.C.

12. FISHERIES CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 1983

The provisions and amendments thereof shall in all instances apply to members, and members are obliged to acquaint themselves with these provisions as appearing on reverse side of a valid angling license.

13. COMPETITION RULES

- 13.1 The members shall fix the dates and times of competitions, not lay down conditions of competitions with regards to prizes and trophies. Last weekend of the month unless special arrangement, then to vote.
- 13.2 At all competitions there shall be a minimum of one (1) competitor present at the circularized starting time per division i.e. That only one (1) master and one (1) senior or one (1) lady or one (1) junior or one (1) juvenile and who in turn catches fish shall be declared the winner for their section.
- 13.3 All competitors shall park their cars in order of arrival. The draw of numbers will be valid at all competitions.
- 13.4 After the draw for car positions the last man to draw of the day shall regulate by distance the by about three (3) minute time period departure of each vehicle to the water. Where one vehicle overtakes another, the offender will be disqualified from the competition. Start fishing at the sound of the hooter.
- 13.5 Competitors arriving before or at the commencement of the competition shall without delay register their names with the officer of the day. Members' arriving after the competition has started, shall first register their names and pay monies owed with the officer of the day before they start to

fish. Members failing to do so shall not be allowed to participate in the competition. Clarification on late arrival: Any member arriving late must report to the officer of the competition to get clarity on Set fee's for the venue as discussed at the draw, the officer will also relay any specific rules for the said competition as outlined in point 13.22

- 13.6 The extent of the fishing waters may be limited. The officer of the day shall stipulate these limits prior to the competition. Members fishing outside such limits shall be disqualified.
- 13.7 Any angler is allowed one (1) move during a competition within the boundaries, unless a pegged competition.
- 13.8 When the fishing area for the competition has been decided on, no competitor may visit or wet a line in the area for a period of at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the competition. Members failing to obey this rule will immediately be disqualified.
- 13.9 No competitor shall fish within six (6) meters from another competitor and keep nets with fish must be six (6) meters apart, providing enough space.
- 13.10 All casting shall be done by the competitor with his/her rod except if the competitor has a medical reason.
- 13.11 The use of casting devices, kites, boats or swimming in with lines to get bait in the water shall not be permitted, the committee will decide if wading will be allowed at the competition.
- 13.12 Alarms will only be allowed from 6pm to 6am if found to be a problem it will be discussed at a meeting and as such S.A.C Committee reserve the right to change the time and / or remove the Privilege entirely.
- 13.13 No angler is allowed to strike or land another angler's fish or touch his/her angling equipment at any time during which he/she is landing a fish other than to assist with the use of a landing net. This ruling however does not apply to new anglers with no previous experience who may be assisted providing that at least one hand is in contact with the said anglers equipment.
- 13.14 No angler is allowed to keep his/her fish in another anglers keep net. Members caught doing this will be disqualified.
- 13.15 All fish caught in a competition shall be weighed at the faced time and place, only fish weighed on the S.A.C. scale shall count. Members arriving late at the weigh-in will not be allowed to weigh his/her fish.

- 13.16 All fish caught shall be kept in a proper keep net. Orange pockets or similar type articles shall not be considered keep nets. Fish kept in a prohibited manner will be disqualified. No large fish shall be kept in a keep net incapable of doing so. No steel wire keep nets are allowed.
- 13.17 The name of the member must be on his/her keep net. Members not compiling with this rule well also be disqualified.
- 13.18 Firearms, air guns or any other lethal weapons shall not be discharged at outings or alongside fishing waters.
- 13.19 All complaints must be lodged in writing with the officer of the day before weigh-in time. The committee will consider all complaints and their decision will be final.
- 13.20 All members shall obey all orders and instructions of a valid nature given by the officer in charge. Good sportsmanship must be maintained at all competitions.
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- 13.23 The Club Championship is decided over 12 (twelve) Competitions within a given season, the 10 (ten) best finishes for these 12 (twelve) competitions will be used to Calculate the eventual club Champion in each of the Divisions defined in point 2.9

14. BAG LIMITS OF FISH PER COMPETITION

14.1 YELLOW FISH: Large mouth yellow fish and small mouth yellow fish in accordance with Central Gauteng Angling

- 14.2 KURPER: Twenty (20) per day.
- 14.3 BLACK BASS: Six (6) per day.
- 14.4 CARP: No limit.
- 14.5 MUD FISH: No limit.
- 14.6 BARBEL: No limit.

15. FISH FOR WEIGH-IN AT COMPETITIONS

- 15.1 YELLOW FISH: According to Provincial ordinance. Yellow fish shall be measured on a horizontal plane from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. Yellow fish under the legal size must be returned to the water.

Members arriving at the weigh-in bay with a yellow fish under the legal size, will be Subject to Point 15.1.2

15.1.2 1st offence deduct 15 points - 2nd offence deduct 20 points from the angler's points if not sufficient points to be carried over to next competition and 3rd offence to be disqualified. **REMEMBER NO COMPETITION CAN BE WON WITH ONE UNDERSIZED YELLOW FISH**, and to be discussed at competitions.

15.2 ALL KURPER SPECIES (Banded and Canary) : 15cm or over.

15.3 BLACK BASS: 15cm or over.

15.4 LEADFISH: 15cm or over.

15.5 MAKREEL: 15cm or over.

15.6 REDNOSE MUDFISH: 15cm or over.

15.4 CARP: No limit.

15.5 MUD FISH: No limit.

15.6 BARBEL: No limit.

16. COMPETITION POINTS

16.1 Competition point to be awarded as follows 5 (five) points per fish and 10 (ten) points per kilogram. With the Exception of ordinance fish that need to meet criteria as set out in the Gauteng Central Ordinance and described in Point 15

17. COMPETITION WINNERS

The angler with the most points according to S.A.C. rules will be declared the winner of the competition in the individual sections.

18. CHAMPIONSHIP

Points for championship will be awarded to the winner and runner up of each monthly competition on the following basis:

MASTERS, SENIORS, LADIES, JUNIORS AND JUVENILES:

Winner 31 points

Second 29 points

Third	27 points
Fourth	25 points
Fifth	23 points
Sixth	21 points
Seventh	19 points
Eighth	17 points
Ninth	15 points
Tenth	13 points
Eleventh	11 points
Twelfth	9 points
Thirteenth	7 points
Fourteenth	5 points
Fifteenth	3 points

All who weigh-in thereafter 1 point.

19. ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

The annual prize giving of the S.A.C. shall be held as soon as possible after the annual general meeting. All trophies, prizes and medals won at competitions will be presented at the annual prize giving. Recipients without a valid reason for not attending the prize giving will forfeit any Prizes and or trophies received at such a ceremony.

20. RULES APPLICABLE ON THE CLUB GROUNDS

- 20.1 Under no circumstances shall the gates be left open at the fishing waters they must remain closed and locked at all times.
- 20.2 The keys for the locks on the gates are included in the yearly subscription and under no circumstances shall keys be lent to non members, friends, relatives or other S.A.C. members.
- 20.3 No trees, dead or alive, must be chopped or removed, vegetation included.
- 20.4 Fences must not be removed or damaged – creeping through fences is strictly prohibited.
- 20.5 Members must not be a nuisance to other members or the landowner and must in no way cause a disturbance.
- 20.6 All members must ensure that their camping and angling area/s is properly cleaned before departure. Bottles, tins and refuse must not be left behind.

- 20.7 Holes must not be dug to bury tins, bottles and refuse – nor must these be thrown into the water.
- 20.8 The toilets must be left clean and litter must not be thrown in the wells.
- 20.9 Cars and other traffic should use the roads to the waters and the speed limit is 20km per hour.
- 20.10 Misbehavior of any kind is strictly forbidden on the club grounds, and persons found guilty can be ordered by any committee member, member or landowner to leave the club grounds and can be charged under rule eleven (11) of the constitution.
- 20.11 It is expected from members to protect the club grounds with everything on it, as well as the angling waters and to report in writing to the committee of the S.A.C. any irregularities or anything, which may be to the disadvantage of the S.A.C.
- 20.12 Any member of the S.A.C. shall have the right to ask any person for his membership card upon producing his own.
- 20.13 All members who have visitors will be liable for the fee of Thirty rand (R30-00) for each senior, lady and junior regardless if they are fishing or not, per day. Maximum 5 visitors allowed fishing. DECEMBER AND APRIL maximum of 2 (two) fishing visitors. This may be reviewed from time to time the lesser value may apply at any time should the Lake grounds be deemed to be to crowded.
- 20.14 All visitors fees payable by end of visiting Month at chairman or vice chairman's house, bank deposit or month end meeting. Failure to do this will result in 2(two) months suspension.
- 20.15 No swimming for any person is allowed.
- 20.16 The register at the club grounds **must be entered upon entering the lake grounds on every visit, whether fishing or not.**
- 20.17 All members must adhere to catch and release.
- 20.18 No open fires are permitted at the club grounds.
- 20.19 No boats or crafts of any kind to be used at Germiston Lake grounds from sunrise to sunset. Any none obeying member will immediately be dismissed from the Club without excuse.
- 20.20 As per Clause 12 of this document “FISHERIES CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 1983” All S.A.C members as formally bound to the conditions as set out on the reverse side of a valid South African Fresh water angling license as such any angler is permitted only 2 Fishing rods with no more than 2 Hooks attached to it.

21. RECORDS

- 21.1 All competition records must be properly noted down by the record officer.
- 21.2 All non coordinated records must be registered as follows:
Photograph/s, comparison, weight and witness and one of the following must be notified as soon as possible, chairperson, vice chairperson, webmaster or record officer with the above information.

ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SIMMER ANGLING CLUB ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF EKURHULENI METRO COUNCIL.