

# **WELSH TARGET SHOOTING FEDERATION**

## **CONSTITUTION**

1. The name shall be the Welsh Target Shooting Federation (herein after referred to as the Federation).
2. Membership of the Federation shall be formed from the following associations :-
  - Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association
  - Welsh Rifle Association
  - Welsh Smallbore Rifle Association
  - Welsh Airgun Association
3. The objectives of the Federation shall be :-
  1. The promotion and development of the sport of target shooting in Wales.
  2. To act as a consultative body for member associations.
  3. The representation of Wales for the purposes of multi-discipline international shooting.
4. The Federation shall be managed by a Committee at which each member association may be represented by up to three delegates.
5. Delegates to the council shall be drawn from members of the Executive, Committee and/or Council of each member association, but in an emergency substitutes may be ordinary members of the member association. Seven delegates shall form a quorum.
6. Should it be necessary a person with specialist knowledge or ability may be co-opted, but will have no voting rights.
7. Decisions on agenda items shall be taken by a three fifths majority of delegates present and voting.
8. Other persons or organisations may be invited to attend and address Committee meetings but shall have no right to vote.
9. The Federation to be the ultimate representative of Target Shooting in Wales in dealing with the Sports Council for Wales, the Police, the Military, the Welsh Office, Local Authorities all other Government Bodies, Agencies, GBTSF, UK National Shooting Bodies and similar bodies.
10. Whilst each association will remain autonomous, with regard to Commonwealth Games Council Affiliation it is the Federation which will nominate the Welsh Shooting Team for the Commonwealth Games. Under the guidance of the constituent associations the Federation will select teams for Commonwealth Shooting Federation (including E.D.) Championships from the submissions put forward by the member associations of the Federation.
11. Make application for and distribute grant aid, and may promote coaching and training courses held on either a joint discipline or individual discipline basis, or delegating this responsibility to the appropriate member association.
12. Appoint sub-committees for the benefit of Welsh Target Shooting.

13. The Federation shall hold at least six meetings a year. There shall be an A.G.M. within three months of the end of the financial year. (January 1st - December 31st).
14. The Chairman shall not be a delegate and will have a casting vote. The Chairman will hold office for two years and the Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one year. The Chairman and Vice Chairman can be nominated for a second term of office. No person can serve as Chairman for more than two consecutive terms of office. He/she must then stand down for at least one year. No officer is a delegate, the Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected at each annual AGM.
15. In the event of the death or resignation of any of the office bearers (with the exception of the Chairman who shall be succeeded by the Vice Chairman) a successor shall be elected at the next meeting of the Federation to hold office for the remaining part of the previous holder's period of office.
16. Any alteration to the Constitution of the Federation shall be made only at an A.G.M or an E.G.M of the Federation and providing that for an A.G.M or a E.G.M a minimum of six weeks notice is given in writing to the Secretary of the Federation from a Secretary of an association together with support of at least one other association. The Federation Secretary shall in turn give a minimum of four weeks notice to the Federation members. Such alterations must be approved by a two thirds majority of the voting delegates of the Federation present at the meeting.
17. The subscription for member associations, which shall be the same amount for each member association, shall be as the Federation shall fix at its A.G.M.
18. The Federation is totally opposed to the use of drugs in sport and will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that shooters do not partake of any banned substances listed by National or Controlling bodies. The Federation will ensure that any shooter found to have contravened this rule shall be disciplined in a manner never less than that listed by the National or Controlling body.
19. The Federation fully supports a policy of child protection in the sport of target shooting and is committed to the policy specified in the document " Child Protection Policy for Target Shooting".
20. If any member, officer or employee of the Federation has a pecuniary interest either directly or indirectly in any contract, proposed contract or other matter and is present at any meeting at which that contract or other matter is the subject of consideration, he or she shall at the meeting and as soon as possible after the start of the meeting disclose the fact and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of the contract or other matter or vote on any question with respect to it.

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