



The 2018 SAPF Subscriptions

Our federation, like all other self-funding sporting bodies, has no direct source of income other than from its membership, so we are always reluctant to hike the annual subscription fees unnecessarily, because it's bit like stabbing your shooting hand with a steak knife – you hurt yourself the most.

If times were any tougher than they are right now, we would see clubs shutting down and closing their doors, but that attrition probably took place a few years ago already, so those that would have failed have probably done so already.

This newsletter is to explain the Subscription Fees that the SAPF will be implementing for 2018 and we explain why there are small changes in 2018...

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Is an increase in Subs necessary?...

The SAPF Exco has an enthusiastic program of action in place for the coming year, and we plan to put a lot back into our membership in the next 12 months. We are just as aware as you are of that age-old, almost perennial battle-cry – “Yes, but what is the SAPF doing for us, the members?”

The Exco has a real commitment to growing the ISSF, NPA and PPC sectors during 2018, with much of it focussed around training, coaching and hands-on “open” shooting camps to which our members will be invited, as well as some “Closed” camps which we hope to introduce for squad training purposes across all three disciplines, ISSF, NPA and PPC, without prejudicing any one or the other.

Development plans are the only way to progress our sport, because if we do nothing, then our cherished disciplines will rapidly disappear over the next few years.

A key decision of the Exco was to separate the ISSF and the NPA/PPC nationals in 2018 – we are absolutely confident this will grow the number of participants to each Nationals, since it allows more shooters to compete in more events and in more disciplines.

It has been quite clear for some time now that many ISSF shooters would love to be more involved in NPA/PPC events, and *visa versa*, but one 5-day Nationals has made this impossible to accomplish, so many shooters tended to pay lip-service to some events, and just focus on their key events.

Now we have the possibility to train proactively and collectively for each Nationals – we expect scores to soar and the results to be spectacularly better in the next few years, because shooters can now dedicate their minds and their practicing correctly.

So what's the bottom line?

We will implement a tier-structure for Subs in 2018 – kindly refer to the table of Subscription fees shown overleaf please.

We have purposely created a separate FEES SCHEDULE so that your Club Admin people can laminate it and leave it on the noticeboard for all to see, understand and refer to easily.

A small Card Fee for new members will apply.

The increase for Juniors and Under 60's is justified by the fact that these members will most likely bear the focus and reap the benefits of the coaching and training camps that are being budgeted for, and which can only be offered at some cost to the SAPF coffers.

The Under 60 community is also still largely speaking the working community with reasonable access to funds, which is not the case for the more senior members of our Federation, many of whom are at pensionable age or already retired. For the over 60's, a small discount will apply, (Is that cheering I hear?)

The increase is small but necessary, please be positive about it and support the growth plans that the increase will permit to take place.

We thank the Provincial Council for their sanction of these new fees.

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SA PISTOL FEDERATION

2018 ANNUAL

SUBSCRIPTION FEES SCHEDULE

| 2018 SA PISTOL FEDERATION SUBSCRIPTION FEES | | |
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| MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY | ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE DUE ON 1ST JANUARY, 2018 | |
| | MEMBERSHIP WILL CEASE IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BEFORE 14 TH FEBRUARY, 2018 | |
| | NEW MEMBERS TO SAPF ONLY | EXISTING MEMBERS |
| JOINING FEE | R50 card fee | Not applicable |
| AGE 10 to 21 | R300 per annum | R300 per annum |
| AGE 21 to 60 | R600 per annum | R600 per annum |
| OVER AGE 60 | R475 per annum | R475 per annum |

| 2018 SA PISTOL FEDERATION SUBSCRIPTION FEES | |
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| MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY | SUBSCRIPTION FEES IF MEMBER JOINS AFTER 1 ST JULY, 2018 |
| | NEW MEMBERS TO SAPF ONLY |
| JOINING FEE | R50 card fee |
| AGE 10 to 21 | R150 per annum |
| AGE 21 to 60 | R300 per annum |
| OVER AGE 60 | R240 per annum |

