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### The 2018 SAPF Shooting Calendar

We are busy planning the Calendar year for SAPF events for 2018 and we would like to give the clubs and Provinces some idea of the events programme for next year.

As has already been decided, the 2018 SA Nationals will be held over two different dates, one in April 2018, and one in September 2018.

We have therefore also given thought to the 2018 Provincial Championships, and we have identified the preferred dates for these Provincial Championships for next year as well, the details are provided below for your reference.

This newsletter explains the suggested planning of all 2018 events....

#### SA Nationals dates...

The Exco would like to advise that the dates for the SA Nationals in 2018 have been fixed as follows:

##### 1. 2018 NPA & PPC SA Nationals:

There are two public holidays close to each other in April and May, so we would like to use these in the best possible way to reduce the number of days shooters will have to take off from work.

Freedom Day is being celebrated on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April, and Workers Day on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, so we will utilise that extended weekend to the full.

The 2018 NPA & PPC SA Nationals will take place as follows:

Pre-Nationals Shoot on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, and is limited to 1500 Pistol & Revolver, Service B and Police B.

Workers, R/O's and practice on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The NPA Nationals start officially on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, and continues until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. Shooters who are willing to shoot on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April may do so, this day is voluntary and available for those who choose to use Sunday to their benefit.

The prize-giving will be on Monday evening, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 is a backup day, but is really intended for travelling and relaxation after the Nationals.

##### 2. 2018 ISSF SA Nationals:

Heritage Day is being celebrated on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, so we have planned the ISSF Nationals as follows:

First Day of Shooting will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September and last day will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, with Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September as a backup if we have any bad weather to deal with.

The timing of these two Nationals is quite specific, since it allows our competitive members to plan their training and build-up programs for these two Nationals properly.

The EXCO has furthermore suggested the preferred dates for the various 2018 Provincial Championships are listed below.

These dates are planned to accommodate a realistic preparation schedule for the two different 2018 Nationals events.

- February 2018: Eastern Cape Provincials
- March 2018: Southern Gauteng Provincials
- April 2018: **SA NPA & PPC Nationals**
- May 2018: SA National Postal League
- June 2018: KZN Provincials
- July 2018: SANDF Open Championships
- August 2018: SAPS Open Championships
- September 2018: **SA ISSF Nationals**
- October 2018: WP Provincials
- November 2018: Gauteng North Provincials

We need the Provinces to send acceptance of these dates before the 17th November 2018, after which no changes to the Provincial Championships schedule will be considered. We need to give our membership adequate warning and time to plan their preparations for the two 2018 SA Nationals events.

Yours in shooting.

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