



## AWEBSA RULE 19 OF 2014: CLUBS

### R19.1 INTRODUCTION

The aim of the Association is to establish at least one Club per Province or town/city in South Africa in order to have a national footprint. These Clubs would be responsible to provide structure for the management and control of the members belonging to the club including but not limited to:

- R19.1.1 The active and energetic promotion of the breeding and exhibiting of budgies in their geographical area and growing the membership of the Association;
- R19.1.2 The planning and hosting of Provincial Shows on behalf of the Association once mandated to do so by the AWEBSA EXCO;
- R19.1.3 Assisting with or the planning and hosting of the National Show of the Association once mandated to do so by the AWEBSA EXCO; and
- R19.1.4 Actively partake in the activities of the Governing Body through their representative (Chairperson or vice-chairperson as may be applicable).

### R19.2 FUNCTIONS OF CLUBS

- R19.2.1 To manage the administrative affairs of the members of the club so as to achieve the objectives of AWEBSA at a local level;
- R19.2.2 To recommend the approval of applications for AWEBSA membership to the AWEBSA EXCO;
- R19.2.3 To ensure Club members adhere to the Constitution, Rules and Code of Conduct of the Association;
- R19.2.4 To adopt the Club Constitution by utilizing the template provided by the Association and submit a copy to the AWEBSA General Secretary within seven (7) days after being signed by the respective Club Officials;
- R19.2.5 To decide on the Club name, Club colours, Club logo and Club slogan;
- R19.2.6 To open a bank account and determine the signatories on it;
- R19.2.7 To decide on club annual fees payable by its members;

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- R19.2.8 To collect and deposit via EFT the annual AWEBSA affiliation fees of its members, on or before 30 November of the preceding year, into the AWEBSA bank account and provide proof of payment to the Treasurer of AWEBSA:
- R19.2.8.1 For new members joining AWEBSA before 1 July of a given year the affiliation fees are the full amount due;
  - R19.2.8.2 For new members joining AWEBSA after 1 July of a given year the affiliation fees are 50% or half of the full amount due;
  - R19.2.8.3 Existing members must pay the full amount irrespective of when they renew; and
  - R19.2.8.4 Existing members will not be entitled to order rings until their fees are up to date.
- R19.2.9 To provide an undated membership list to the AWEBSA General Secretary at the same time as depositing the affiliation fees;
- R19.2.10 To have regular Club meetings, at least bi-monthly, and promotions of the Association, the Club and most importantly the budgie within the Club's area of influence;
- R19.2.11 To provide feedback of matters discussed at Club meetings and submit a copy of the approved minutes of the Club meeting to the AWEBSA General Secretary as soon as practically possible but no later than seven (7) days after approval;
- R19.2.12 To arrange and manage national and provincial shows and the exhibitions of budgies in terms of the relevant Rules of the Association once appropriately mandated to do so;
- R19.2.13 To deal with disciplinary matters regarding Club members as and when required;
- R19.2.14 To actively participate in the affairs of the Association;
- R19.2.15 To establish and maintain a Club WhatsApp group in order to facilitate quick communication with its members;
- R19.2.16 To be represented on the Governing Body by its Chairperson and in his/her absence the Vice-Chairperson:
- R19.2.16.1 Matters circulated by the AWEBSA EXCO for inputs must be responded to within seven (7) working days or by the due date provided; and
  - R19.2.16.2 Failure would result in the club's support for the proposal being recorded by the AWEBSA General Secretary.
- R19.2.17 To consider and / or submit proposed alterations or amendments to the Rules of the Association. The Club's recommendations and inputs must be submitted in writing to the AWEBSA General Secretary. These will be circulated to all Governing Body members either via email or WhatsApp. Failure to respond would result in the club's support for the proposal being recorded by the AWEBSA General Secretary; and

R19.2.18 To consider and submit proposed alterations or amendments to the Constitution of the Association. The club's recommendations must be submitted in writing to the AWEBSA General Secretary at least two (2) months prior to the provisional date of the AGM of the Governing Body, which would normally coincide with the National Show of the Association, at which they are to be considered. Failure would hamper participation by all clubs in the process.

### **R19.3 FORMATION OF CLUBS**

R19.3.1 The AWEBSA EXCO will facilitate the formation of clubs in areas where members have joined the Association directly as national members during the founding stages;

R19.3.2 Clubs are obliged to use the draft AWEBSA Club constitution as template to ensure uniformity across the Association as well as to remove the stresses of drafting one;

R19.3.3 Any four (4) persons or members, excluding juniors, desirous of being admitted as a club of the Association shall make application in writing to the AWEBSA General Secretary. Such application shall be accompanied by copies of the following:

R19.3.3.1 The minutes taken at the meeting when the club was formed providing the office bearers of the new club (founding meeting);

R19.3.3.2 The signed Constitution, duly amended; and

R19.3.3.3 The Attendance Register specifying full details and signatures of the founding members.

R19.3.4 The AWEBSA EXCO may grant or, for good cause shown, refuse such application if in its opinion the applicant Club does not conform to the best interests of the Association and the breeding and exhibiting of budgies;

R19.3.5 Should such application be granted by the AWEBSA EXCO, it shall approve the name, constitution, rules and club colours of the Applicant Club;

R19.3.6 Thereafter, the AWEBSA General Secretary shall notify the Applicant Club of its decision and call upon the Club to submit to the Association the official membership forms of the Association duly completed and signed by the members accompanied by payment of the annual affiliation fee of each member; and

R19.3.7 Once the application is accepted and the appropriate affiliation fees received, the Club and the members of the Club will enjoy the rights of membership of the Association.

### **R19.4 TERMINATION OF AFFILIATION**

R19.4.1 The AWEBSA EXCO can terminate a club's affiliation to the Association should it be decided by the majority vote of the Governing Body that it is in the best interests of the Association. The Club will be informed in writing by the AWEBSA General Secretary of the Governing Body's decision;

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- R19.4.2 A Club can also decide to terminate its affiliation to the Association by submitting their decision, in writing, to the AWEBSA General Secretary;
- R19.4.3 Termination of a Club's affiliation to the Association automatically terminates the membership of all its members;
- R19.4.4 Members that desire to continue as members of AWEBSA despite the decision of the Association or the Club to terminate its affiliation may upon request, in writing, be added as National Members or they may join another club;
- R19.4.5 No refund of affiliation fees paid to the Association shall be due to the member Club or any members affiliated through it; and
- R19.4.6 A Club ceasing to be affiliated for any reason whatsoever shall forfeit all rights to, or claims upon the funds or property of the Association.

### **R19.5 AFFILIATION FEES**

- R19.5.1 If the affiliation fees owing to the Association of the paid-up members of a Club for the ensuing year remain unpaid after the 30th day of November, the General Secretary shall forthwith, by written notice, call upon the Club to pay. If, after such notice, the affiliation fees still remain unpaid on the last day January of the ensuing year, the Club in default shall lose all rights and privileges in terms of this Constitution;
- R19.5.2 The possibility therefore exists that members, through no fault of their own, will be penalized as they will not be able to receive their closed coded rings due to the Club's office bearers not carrying out their duties. The AWEBSA EXCO may refer such matters to the AWEBSA Disciplinary Committee for investigation; and
- R19.5.3 A Club may be reinstated by majority vote of the Governing Body upon the payment of all the sums owing by it.

### **R19.6 LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION**

- R19.6.1 In the event of a Club not having paid over the affiliation fees of its members owing to the Association for a period of thirty (30) days after the last day of January of the ensuing year, such Club may be liquidated by the AWEBSA EXCO;
- R19.6.2 A Club may apply to the AWEBSA EXCO to go into dissolution;
- R19.6.3 A Club may apply to the AWEBSA EXCO to go into temporary recess for a maximum period of twelve (12) months;
- R19.6.4 In the event of any Club applying to go into temporary recess, all assets and records of that Club shall be handed to the AWEBSA EXCO forthwith to be kept in trust for the duration of the temporary recess;

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- R19.6.5 Should the Club not be resuscitated at the end of the period of temporary recess, such Club shall be liquidated by the AWEBSA EXCO; and
- R19.6.6 The AWEBSA EXCO shall distribute all the assets of a Club that is liquidated, in such manner as it considers equitable.