

# HOUSEHOLD REGULATIONS

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## Article 1 – Introduction

1. These regulations contain the general rules for the members of the Dutch Airsoft Interests Association (Dutch abbreviation: NABV).
2. These regulations shall apply for all disciplines of Airsoft sport.

## Article 2 – General Definitions

1. Airsoft sport: sporting activity practiced recreationally or in competition, divided into various disciplines where the practitioners use Airsoft devices that fire small biodegradable 6mm pellets by means of air, gas or spring pressure.
2. Airsoft device: object that bears a striking resemblance to (fire) arms and fires small biodegradable 6mm pellets with a maximum shooting energy of 3.5 joules.
3. BB: Projectile in the shape of a biodegradable pellet with a 6mm diameter which weighs between 0.20 and 0.40 grams.
4. Joule (muzzle energy): measured as muzzle velocity in combination with weight of the projectile (BB) to be measured at the end of the barrel using a chrono device.
5. Re-enactment: sports discipline that is practiced by at least two teams where the playing theme is usually based on a military (historic) event.
6. Team versus team: sports discipline for teams to compete against each other.
7. Dynamic shooting: sports discipline that is practiced individually or in teams where a predetermined stage is completed quickly and accurately.
8. Static shooting: individual sports discipline involving shooting at a target.
9. Collector(s): (a) natural or legal person(s) involved in the collection of Airsoft devices. In addition to collection, collectors shall be active in Airsoft sport in other ways as well.
10. Airsoft sporting event: competition, event, gathering, fair or one of Airsoft disciplines involving the use of one or more Airsoft devices.
11. Safety Zone:
  - a. Demarcated location within which the use of Airsoft devices is not allowed.
  - b. Area in which it is possible to prepare/repair an Airsoft device and to test it in the designated location.
  - c. It is not permitted to have a magazine in the device when entering the Safety Zone.
  - d. The barrel should no longer contain BBs (this may be checked by shooting 'dry' in a safe direction without a magazine) and the Airsoft device should be set in the 'safe' mode with a safety catch. If the Airsoft device does not have a safety catch or safety cannot be guaranteed in any other way, a visibly safe barrel closure (for example a red muzzle brake) should be installed.

### **Article 3 – Disciplines**

1. Re-enactment: sports discipline that it is practiced by at least two teams where the playing theme is usually based on a military (historic) event.
2. Static shooting: individual sports discipline involving shooting at targets.
3. Dynamic shooting: sports discipline that is practiced individually or in teams where a predetermined stage is completed quickly and accurately.
4. Team versus team: sports discipline for teams to compete against each other.

### **Article 4 – Energy limits (Joule)**

1. An Airsoft device has a maximum shooting energy of 3.5 joules.
2. Every discipline has maximum shooting energy limits. Please refer to the specific regulations of the discipline for this, unless the organiser has determined a lower shooting energy limit (J).
3. An energy measurement shall occur by shooting one (1) projectile through the chrono device. Various measurements may take place to determine an average muzzle velocity.
4. It is not permitted to use the 'HOP-UP' to influence the FPS in order to pass a FPS measurement. A correct FPS measurement, which is performed prior to an event, should thus occur with fully unscrewed or adjusted 'HOP-UP'.

### **Article 5 – Equipment required**

1. To practice Airsoft sport, the sports practitioner should at least have undamaged safety glasses that comply with EN166, ANSI z87.1, STANAG 2920 v50 or 40296 regulations.
2. Paintball masks tested according PPE 89/686/EEC are also allowed to use for airsoft sports. Beware that not all of these paintball masks also protect the teeth.
3. If the sports practitioner does not have the aforementioned safety glasses, the organizer or others should make these available. Access to the actual sports venue shall otherwise not be possible.
4. To practice Airsoft sport, the sports practitioner should have one or more Airsoft devices.

### **Article 6 – Prohibited equipment**

1. The use of fireworks and explosive substances shall be reserved for the organiser if they have the appropriate licence(s).
2. It is not permitted to bring in any (other) objects of which possession in the locations (in)accessible to the public is prohibited by law.
3. The usage of Bioval BBBMAX 0.27 BB's is explicitly prohibited because of potential damage that can be caused by usage of this BB.

### **Article 7 – Prohibited expressions**

1. During events, it is strictly prohibited to wear symbols, badges or awards with a political, ideological or religious objective.
2. Wearing badges, awards, logos or other figurative marks of the Dutch or foreign forces is prohibited prior to or after the Airsoft sporting event unless otherwise provided for by law. At the special request of third parties (for example, veterans or persons in active service), a request may be submitted to the Board for a (general) ban during Airsoft sporting events on wearing badges, awards, logos or other figurative marks of the Dutch or foreign force.

### **Article 8 – Locations for practising Airsoft sport**

1. Airsoft sport may be practiced at locations not accessible to the public for which written permission has been given by the proprietor or other authorized signatory.
2. Airsoft sport may be practiced at locations accessible to the public where written permission has been given by the Chief of Police and the Board of the NABV in the area where the relevant event is held. Only certified organizers can receive permission for this, and a delegate of the NABV should always be present.
3. If required by law, an application must have been made for the licenses or permission that is compulsory for this.

### **Article 9 – Documents required practising airsoft sport**

1. In the event of participation in Airsoft sporting events, the following documents should always be available for presentation:
  - a. Proof of identity (ID, driving license or passport)
  - b. Proof of membership of the NABV, a completed guest's declaration form or overseas declaration form.
2. The organizer should have written permission at all times for the use of the location and be able to present this immediately upon request.

### **Article 10 – Interruption of an event**

1. The Airsoft sporting event should be interrupted immediately if unauthorized individuals access the location. In addition, the unauthorized individuals should be informed of the Airsoft sport and of the activities taking place at that time.
2. The Airsoft sporting event should be interrupted immediately in the event of a visit by a government agency. In addition, all practitioners should lay down the Airsoft devices at the appropriate place, follow all instructions and present the documents specified in article 9 upon request.
3. The Airsoft sporting event should be interrupted immediately in the event of an emergency or danger including, but not limited to, extreme weather, fire, etc.

### **Article 11 – Safety for sports practitioners**

1. Every sports practitioner shall be obliged to avoid danger to themselves and fellow players.
2. The organizer shall be obliged to inform the players of the potential dangers.
3. The safety rules that apply for Airsoft devices are described in the document 'Safety regulations NABV 2015V1.8' (Dutch name: 'Veiligheidsreglement NABV 2019v3.0').

### **Article 12 – Regulations for the disciplines**

1. The various disciplines have their own regulations and technical standards.
2. Each discipline shall conform to its own household regulations. Amendments to the regulations are provided for in the Articles of Association.
3. The NABV shall be obliged to communicate any amendments to the regulations to its members in writing or digitally.
4. The regulations shall apply to all Airsoft sporting events.

### **Article 13 – “Fair Play” principles**

Practitioners shall:

1. Treat all interested parties with respect and courtesy.
2. Respect decisions by the NABV, organizers and marshals.
3. Encourage other players to avoid improper conduct, encourage the reporting of improper conduct or respond in a respectful manner to the improper conduct of offenders.
4. Comply with all the standards, rules and regulations imposed by the NABV.
5. Comply with any additional standards, rules and regulations of an organizer.

### **Article 14 – Prohibited substances**

1. It is prohibited to practice Airsoft sport under the influence of alcohol, drugs and any other substances that may affect consciousness / responsiveness.

### **Article 15 – Provisions with regard to freedom within the regulations**

1. With due observance of the regulations drawn up by the NABV, the organizer affiliated to the NABV may freely decide on the location, scope, duration, purpose or any other aspects of the event.
2. The NABV may prescribe additional rules.
3. In no case may rules, requirements or regulations be recorded that violate Dutch law or the regulations drawn up by the NABV.

### **Article 16 – Organizers**

1. Organisers are natural or legal persons who organize Airsoft sporting events for more than 20 persons per event, or organize, operate or facilitate Airsoft sporting events on a commercial basis.
2. Organizers shall comply with the quality requirements drawn up by the NABV and be in possession of the Quality Certificate drawn up by the NABV.
3. Organizers shall join the NABV.
4. Organizers shall refrain from organizing, operating or facilitating celebrations or parties where Airsoft devices are used to shoot at non-abstract targets.
5. Organizers shall refrain from organizing, operating or facilitating events where alcohol is served during the Airsoft sporting event.

### **Article 17 – Marshalls**

1. Marshalls (referees) lead the events and may also be addressed in the event of compliments, remarks, suggestions, queries or complaints.
2. The instructions and indications of Marshalls shall be followed.

### **Article 18 – Collectors**

1. Collectors shall comply with the legal requirements as well as with regulations drawn up by the NABV.
2. In addition to collecting, collectors should be otherwise active for Airsoft sport as well (they may be involved in training activities, for example).

### **Article 19 – Practitioners of Airsoft sport from other countries**

1. Article 17e of the Weapons and Ammunition Regulation shall govern the practice of Airsoft sport by practitioners from other countries.
2. Practitioners of Airsoft sport from other countries who wish to participate in an Airsoft sporting event shall, at the first request of an investigating official, immediately provide for inspection an invitation to or proof of participation in the event.
3. Practitioners of Airsoft sport from other countries who wish to participate in an Airsoft sporting event shall comply with the regulations drawn up by the NABV as well as with any additional regulations drawn up by the organizer.

### **Article 20 – Undesirable behavior**

1. Undesirable behavior on the way to, during, or on the way from an Airsoft sporting event is prohibited for members of the NABV and practitioners of Airsoft sport at all times.
2. The document, Undesirable Behavior Regulations (Dutch name: ‘Reglement Ongewenst Gedrag’) was drawn up to communicate provisions and regulations with regard to undesirable behavior.
3. If a situation occurs in which the Undesirable Behavior Regulations are violated, the relevant sports practitioner(s) shall, after the information on their proof of membership has been copied, be immediately removed from the event. The responsible person present shall report this to the Arbitration Committee.
4. Members, guests and foreign players are not allowed to travel in full camouflage clothing or tactical outfit to and from an airsoft event. It is only allowed to travel in camouflage pants. It is prohibited to wear camouflage shirts, jackets etc. This also applies to tactical vests and –holsters and helmets.

### **Article 21 – Active in Airsoft sport**

1. Every member of the NABV shall be obliged to send a statement, regarding the activities of the past year, to the NABV before the end of January using the option in MIJNNABV.
2. This is in accordance with the rules provided in article 2.9.1 paragraph 3 sub f of the 2014 Weapons and Ammunition Circular (Dutch abbreviation: CWM 2014) and article 14 paragraph 5a of the Articles of Association of the NABV. The activities may also take place outside the Netherlands.
3. Activities are;
  - a. Attended national- or international events
  - b. Training sessions (at home – club – association)
  - c. Competition.
4. NABV volunteers, members of bureau and organizers are being exempted from this obligation.

### **Article 22 – International events**

1. Travel with Airsoft devices by NABV members to or from other countries shall be exempt in accordance with article 17d sub 1 of the Weapons and Ammunition Regulation (Dutch abbreviation: RWM 2013).
2. No specific event therefore needs to be created if an NABV member wishes to travel from and to overseas countries. Needless to say, the former shall only apply insofar as this occurs along the route and within the timeframe reasonably required for this. Please note that that in some countries other rules apply for Airsoft devices!

### **Artikel 23 – Privacy**

1. The legislation in the field of privacy protection shall apply with respect to data collection (AVG).
2. In the Privacy Statement, which can be found on NABV website, is stated which information we process and store.

#### **Article 24 – Nomination and candidature Council member**

1. All full members can candidate themselves to be voted as Council member.
2. The nomination for candidature needs to be done in writing and addressed to the NABV Board. The Board can decide that application can be done digitally.
3. Every candidate has to meet the requirement of 'functieprofiel lid ledenraad'. Review will be carried by a special appointed committee.

#### **Artikel 25 – Final provision**

1. The Board shall decide upon any cases for which these regulations do not provide.

#### **Artikel 26 – Entry into force**

1. These regulations shall enter into force as of April 1st 2019.