

# 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 practised 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 0.90 grams.
4. Joule/FPS (feet per second): measured muzzle velocity of the projectile (BB) to be measured at the end of the barrel.
5. Re-enactment: sports discipline that is practised 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. IAPS shooting: sports discipline that is practised individually or in teams where a predetermined stage is completed quickly and accurately.
8. Target 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 practised by at least two teams where the playing theme is usually based on a military (historic) event.
2. Target shooting: individual sports discipline involving shooting at targets.
3. ISPC shooting: sports discipline that is practised 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 – FPS limits (Joule)**

1. An Airsoft device has a maximum shooting energy of 3.5 joules (613.63 fps measured with a BB of 0.20 grams).
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.
3. An FPS measurement shall occur by shooting one (1) projectile through the measuring installation (FPS measurement system). Several 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 practise Airsoft sport, the sports practitioner should at least have 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 organiser or others should make these available. Access to the actual sports venue shall otherwise not be possible.
4. To practise 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 practised at locations not accessible to the public for which written permission has been given by the proprietor or other authorised signatory.
2. Airsoft sport may be practised 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 organisers 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 licences 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 licence or passport)
  - b. Proof of membership of the NABV, a completed guest's declaration form or overseas declaration form.
2. The organiser 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 unauthorised individuals access the location. In addition, the unauthorised 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 organiser 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 2015V1.8').

### **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, organisers 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 organiser.

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

1. It is prohibited to practise 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 organiser 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 – Organisers**

1. Organisers are natural or legal persons who organise Airsoft sporting events for more than 20 persons per event, or organise, operate or facilitate Airsoft sporting events on a commercial basis.
2. Organisers 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. Organisers shall join the NABV.
4. Organisers shall refrain from organising, operating or facilitating celebrations or parties where Airsoft devices are used to shoot at non-abstract targets.
5. Organisers shall refrain from organising, 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 organiser.

### **Article 20 – Undesirable behaviour**

1. Undesirable behaviour 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 Behaviour Regulations (Dutch name: 'Reglement Ongewenst Gedrag') was drawn up to communicate provisions and regulations with regard to undesirable behaviour.
3. If a situation occurs in which the Undesirable Behaviour 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 – Members**

#### ***Members of the association may be:***

1. Natural and legal persons with full legal capacity.
2. The NABV internally distinguishes between its members for administrative purposes. Members may therefore fall under the following categories:
  - a. Players
  - b. Organisers; being legal persons with full legal capacity
  - c. Traders; being legal persons with full legal capacity
  - d. Shooting clubs; being legal persons with full legal capacity
  - e. Honorary members.
3. The Board keeps a register of members. In this register, only those records shall be kept which are necessary for achieving the purpose of the association.

#### ***Members and Guests:***

1. Guests that participate in the activities of the association shall at all times do so under the immediate supervision of a full member.
2. Guests shall complete a form prescribed in advance by the association and sign it together with the full member.
3. During the event, the full member shall be responsible for the conduct of the guest(s) and shall be accountable to the NABV in the event of violation of the regulations.
4. A full member may participate in an activity of the association with a maximum of two guests.
5. Guests may participate in an event up to six times a year. The NABV member applying for the declaration shall be responsible for this.

#### ***Obligations of the members:***

1. Members shall be obliged to pay an annual minimum contribution to be determined by the Board. To this end, they may be divided into categories that each pay a different contribution.
2. In exceptional cases, the Board of the NABV shall be competent to grant full or partial exemption from the obligation to pay the contribution.
3. Members in possession of one or more Airsoft devices shall:
  - a. Store the device – if not in immediate use – in a proper storage facility with locks to ensure that it is not immediately available for threats or blackmail.
  - b. Transport the device in a case, holder or bag, provided the relevant container may be properly locked.

- c. Only use the device for Airsoft sporting events and training, with due observance of the applicable laws and local regulations.
  - d. If the member wishes to terminate their membership, they shall, prior to expiry of the membership, hand over their Airsoft device(s) to another member or send it to another country with due observance of the law applicable there.
  - e. The proof of membership is the property of the NABV. Upon termination of membership, the member shall return their proof of membership to the secretariat within seven days. Membership shall not be terminated until the NABV has received the card.
4. Every three years, members need to submit a Certificate of Good Behaviour (Dutch abbreviation: VOG), which shall not be older than two months, and of which the association shall retain the original.
  5. With respect to events organised in the Netherlands in which over 20 persons participate, members shall be obliged to practise Airsoft sport with organisers affiliated to the NABV who are in possession of the Quality Certificate. This obligation shall not apply to events organised by the NABV or shooting clubs.
  6. Members are expected to contribute to the promotion and development of the positive image of Airsoft sport.
  7. In the event of being stopped, members shall only need to mention that they carry Airsoft devices if the relevant investigating official expresses they intend to inspect the vehicle or case/bag (if on public transport) or intends to take the member to a police station, in which case mention must be made before the official actually proceeds with the inspection or arrest, and the membership card must be shown as proof of membership of the NABV.
  8. When bringing in or taking out Airsoft devices, persons should be able to demonstrate their membership of the NABV.

## **Article 22 – Membership**

### ***Admission to the association:***

1. Only natural persons or legal persons with full legal capacity shall be admitted as members of the association:
  - a. Who have completed a form prescribed by the association
  - b. Who have submitted a Certificate of Good Behaviour which is not older than two months, of which the association shall retain the original
  - c. Who have submitted a photograph as described in the 2007 Photomatrix guidelines, which may be used for recognition
  - d. Who have reached the minimum age of 18 years.
2. The Board and the Council of Members may refuse to admit the person involved when, on the basis of the obtained impression, facts or conduct, it is not considered responsible to admit the person involved as a member. A refusal shall not require grounds.
3. The Board shall take the final decision on the admission of members.

### ***End of membership or suspension:***

1. Membership shall end;
  - a. If a member dies
  - b. If a member terminates the membership
  - c. By termination by the association. This may occur when a member has ceased to comply with the membership requirements of the Articles of Association, when they do not fulfil their obligations towards the association, and also when it cannot be reasonably required for the association to continue the membership.
  - d. Through expulsion.
2. Termination by the association shall occur by the Board. Termination of membership may occur when:

- a. The member does not fulfil their obligations towards the association, or does not do so in time, including those specified in article 21
  - b. The member seriously violates or breaches the Articles of Association or regulations
  - c. The member infringes the interests of the association or Airsoft sport
  - d. The member does not comply with the membership requirements stipulated by the Articles of Association
  - e. The association may furthermore terminate membership by giving notice of termination with immediate effect when the association cannot reasonably be required to continue the membership.
3. Termination of membership by the member may only occur by the end of the association year with due observance of a four-week notice period. However, membership may be terminated with immediate effect if the member cannot reasonably be required to continue their membership.
  4. A termination that is in violation of the provisions in the preceding paragraph shall terminate membership at the earliest time permitted following the date by which notice of termination was given.
  5. A member shall not be competent to terminate their membership in order to exclude a decision applying to them where the financial obligations of members are extended.
  6. Expulsion from membership shall occur by the Board.
  7. The decision by the association to terminate membership, as well as the decision to expel a member, shall be subject to appeal to the Arbitration Committee, by the person involved, within one month of receipt of the notification of the decision. To this end, the person involved shall be notified in writing of the decision as soon as possible, with a statement of reasons. During the period set for appeal, and pending the appeal, the member shall be suspended.
  8. When membership expires in the course of the association year, the contribution for the entire year shall nevertheless remain payable.
  9. A member may be suspended by the Board on the same grounds as those on which termination or expulsion on behalf of the association may occur, without prejudice to the suspension by operation of law as referred to in paragraph 2. Suspension by the Board shall be followed by termination or expulsion within three months, in the absence of which the suspension shall be lifted.

A member may also terminate their membership with immediate effect within one month of being notified of a decision to convert the association to a different legal form or to merge the association.

### **Article 23 – 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. Competitions

#### **Article 24 – Overseas 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!

#### **Article 25 – Privacy**

1. The legislation in the field of privacy protection shall apply with respect to data collection.

#### **Article 26 – Final provision**

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

#### **Article 27 – Entry into force**

1. These regulations shall enter into force as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.