



Probus South Africa

Suggested Standard Club Constitution

1. Name

The Club shall be known as the **Probus Club of** _____, affiliated with **Probus South Africa**.

2. Preamble and Purpose

We, the members of Probus, to establish a club that promotes fellowship, mutual support, continued learning, and social activities, do enact and establish this Constitution.

The purpose of Probus is to provide regular opportunities for retired and semi-retired professionals and business people to:

- Engage in fellowship and friendship.
- Participate in stimulating activities and discussions.
- Promote community among members without political, religious, or fundraising agendas.

3. Membership

- Membership shall be open to all retired or semi-retired individuals, regardless of gender, race, religion, or background.
- Members must reside in South Africa or have strong ties to the local community.
- Membership is not transferable and is subject to approval by the Executive/Management Committee.
- Guests may attend up to three meetings before applying for membership.
- Membership records shall be maintained and updated at least half yearly.

4. Officers and Executive Committee

The officers of the Club shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- Membership Officer
- Events Coordinator
- Immediate Past President (ex officio)
- Other officers as the Club may require.

Election and Duties:

- Officers shall be elected annually at the AGM.
- The Executive Committee shall oversee club operations and finances, manage affairs between regular meetings, ensure compliance with this Constitution, and promote member engagement and inclusivity.
- The Executive Committee shall determine joining fees and annual subscription fees.

5. Meetings

- Regular monthly meetings shall be held, typically including a guest speaker.
- Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- The AGM shall be held annually in -----, with 30 days' notice to members.
- Quorum for general meetings: 25% of active members.

6. Finances

- The Club shall operate as a non-profit entity.
- Annual subscriptions shall be determined by the Executive Committee and approved at the AGM.
- Financial records shall be audited or independently reviewed annually.

7. Activities

- Social outings, interest groups, and educational events may be organised.
- Activities must align with Probus values: fellowship, friendship, fun, enrichment, and enjoyment.
- No fundraising or commercial sponsorships are permitted.

8. Affiliation

- The Club is affiliated with Probus South Africa, which provides guidance, branding, and networking opportunities through its website.
- The Club may participate in regional Probus events and initiatives.

9. Amendments

- Amendments to this Constitution require a two-thirds majority vote at a general meeting.
- Proposed amendments must be circulated to members at least 14 days in advance.

10. Dissolution

- Upon dissolution, where the Club is registered with a regional association, any remaining funds shall be returned to the registered association.
 - If not registered, remaining funds shall be donated to a registered South African charity, as approved by members.
 - Any assets remaining after the payment of debts shall be distributed in accordance with these provisions.
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