

THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA



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Affiliated to:

MUZZLE LOADERS ASSOCIATIONS' INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION (MLAIC)

SOUTH AFRICAN BISLEY UNION (SABU)

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BPSU NEWSLASH 3 OF 2018 Dedicated Sportsman Status

Dear BPSU members

I have been receiving a number of incomplete or incorrect applications for dedicated sportsman status (DSS) and a lot of queries again lately and feel it is time to send out another communication about the application process, qualification and endorsement of license applications.

On the BPSU website home page, you will find a section on Dedicated Sport (www.bpsu.co.za):

*** News ***

World Anti-Doping Agency

[South African Institute for Drug-free Sport Website](#)

[2018 List of Prohibited Substances](#)

[Check your Meds Online](#)

[More information](#)

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Membership 2018

[BPSU & SABU Membership Forms](#)

[\(download Acrobat Reader\)](#)

[Club Affiliation Form](#)

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*** Dedicated Sport ***

(ONLY when you need a new certificate,
e.g. for a new licence application)

[Application Form \(updated\)](#)

[Application Criteria and Process](#)

[Application for Endorsement from SABU](#)

(Please note this form needs to be submitted to SABU
by the member directly and NOT through the BPSU)

*** World Championships ***

28th Short Range World Championships,
Eisenstaedt, Austria, 19-25 August 2018



Simon van Gaalen (jnr), Chris van Gaalen,
Marx Meyer (jnr), Corné Schreuder (jnr),
Pieter Truter, Jacques Jansen van Vuuren,
Corena de Beer (captain)

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*** Pacific Zones ***



2017

Results

First click on [Application Criteria and Process](#). That will take you to Newsflash 1 of 2014 where we explained the entire process and requirements. Please read the entire document and make sure your application is complete and that you have the necessary points to apply. For application, you need to have 6 points in **the 12 months that precede your application** (1 point for each club shoot recorded on the BPSU website, 2 points for a provincial and 3 points for a national championship). If your points are not showing on the BPSU results page (http://www.bpsu.co.za/BPSU_Results_2018.html), please contact your club and request them to send me updated stats – it remains **your responsibility** to make sure I have all the information to process your application.

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6 January 2014

NEWSFLASH NO 1 OF 2014

Dear BPSU members

The BPSU Management team wants to use this opportunity to wish all our members a prosperous and successful 2014 on a personal and professional level!

BPSU Members that were issued Dedicated Sportsman status recently must have noticed that there is an expiry date printed on the certificate. The requirements and conditions under which SABU issues Dedicated Sportsman Status need clarification, and the process to be followed by BPSU members is summarised below:

- In order to become a dedicated sportsman, one must be a fully paid up member of SABU. The Firearms Control Act clearly states that for this, one must be a paid up and active member of a sports shooting association which has been accredited as such by the Firearms Control Registry. SABU has officially been granted this accreditation and BPSU is affiliated to SABU, facilitating this service to our members.
- SABU's insurance only applies to fully paid up BPSU and SABU members.
- In order to be a SABU member one is required to be a paid up member of a black powder club which is affiliated to BPSU.
- To apply for dedicated sportsman status one must comply with the following:
 - Successfully complete the full proficiency training required to possess a muzzle loading firearm and obtain the relevant certificate.
 - One must be active. This is achieved by attaining at least 6 points during the 12 months preceding the application. Points are acquired as follows:
 - An official club shoot counts 1 point. Only events that are published on the BPSU website under Shooting Calendars and submitted via SABU to the insurers according to the policy can accumulate points. These shoots must take place on accredited or official ranges and results must be published on the BPSU website after each event.
 - Provincial shoots count 2 points. The same requirements apply as for club shoots.
 - The BPSU Short and Long Range Nationals count 3 points each, unless it is presented as one event, in which case only 3 points can be awarded.
 - Participation in International Events and for which official Protea colours have been approved by SASOC counts 5 points.

- When one has accumulated 6 points one is deemed active for dedicated sportsman purposes. A minimum of 6 points per calendar year must be maintained following acquiring dedicated sportsman status; if not, your dedicated sportsman status may be revoked and the Central Firearms Registry will be informed accordingly.
- The certificate is only valid until 31 December of the year in which it was issued. If one remains dedicated by accumulating the required 6 points per calendar year, the status remains valid, but in case of application for additional licences, a new certificate needs to be obtained in exactly the same manner as applying for the first time.

Note the following:

- One needs to shoot during these events to acquire points – merely being present or acting as range officer does not qualify any longer. Individuals practicing during club shoots need to submit some form of result to the database for the website, otherwise their participation will be deemed as being present only.
- Only official shoots on an official program shot on an official range count towards points for dedicated sportsman status.
 - An official shoot is an event which is published on the BPSU website and which duly takes place when scheduled.
 - An official range is either a fully operational GANDF shooting range for which formal permission has been given to hold the event envisaged or a shooting range which has been accredited by the SAPS and NRCS.

The process to be followed is as follows:

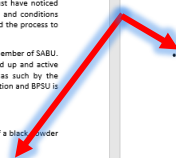
- Complete the application form and provide sufficient motivation (download from http://www.bpsu.co.za/BPSU_DedicatedSport.html)
- Attach the following documents:
 - Proficiency certificate complying with the Unit Standards for handle and use of a Rifle, Handgun, Shotgun and/or Muzzle loader (NOT ONLY Knowledge of the Firearms Act or for Renewal Purposes only)
 - Competency Certificate for Muzzle Loading Firearms
 - Letter from your primary black powder shooting club to confirm that you are a paid up member for the current year
 - Copy of Identity Document
 - Copy of existing firearms licence (if available)
 - Proof of payment of R50 into the BPSU bank account to cover postage to and from SABU
 - Dates, scores and details of ranges or official shoots attended during the preceding 12 months. This will be verified against what is published on the BPSU website. Therefore, make sure that your club representative submits the scores on a monthly basis.
 - Submit to the BPSU secretary for processing and recommendation by the BPSU chairman before submitting to SABU. The process is dependent on at least 4 different individuals and will therefore be influenced by the availability of these individuals (who are all in full time professional jobs). Do not wait until the last moment to apply and then expect the process to be finalised in a week's time. This can take up to 2 months ...

Applications that do not comply with these requirements will NOT be processed.

I trust that this note clears up any questions with regard to obtaining dedicated sportsman status and SABU's insurance cover for official shoots.

Kind regards

MERWE VAN RENSBURG
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Then download the **Application Form** and send me a **complete motivation** (do not just sign the form) with **all your documents** as required and specified in Newsflash 1 of 2014 and on the application form:

SOUTH AFRICAN BISLEY UNION

APPLICATION FOR DEDICATED SPORTSMAN MEMBERSHIP

1. DETAILS OF APPLICANT:

SURNAME : _____

FIRST NAMES : _____

IDENTITY NUMBER : _____

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

 _____ CODE: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS : _____

 _____ CODE: _____

TEL: (W) _____ (H) _____

(CELL) _____ (F) _____

(E-mail) _____

SABU NUMBER : _____

PROVINCE : _____

2. MOTIVATION FOR APPLICATION:

MOTIVATION (Continued):

I agree with and shall abide by all BPSU and SABU rules and regulations.

I further understand that Dedicated Sportsman Status is a privilege and can be revoked at any time if it is proved that my participation is insufficient.

I undertake to remain dedicated and compete on a regular basis in sport shooting.

DECLARATION:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that all the information furnished above is true and correct.

I understand that the deliberate falsifying of any records or the deliberate provision of false information in an attempt to receive accreditation as a sport shooter will result in severe disciplinary action being taken against the Province and against the individual member by SABU.

SIGNED ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____
 AT _____

APPLICANT

NB: Documents to be attached:

- Letter from primary BPSU club to confirm paid up membership status for application year
- Certified copies of:
 - ID
 - Muzzle Loader Training / Proficiency and Competency certificates
 - Training / Proficiency certificate specifying Unit Standards for Handgun, Rifle or Shotgun (complete training, including practical shooting) (if available)
 - Competency Certificate to possess a firearm, Handgun, Shotgun or Rifle (if available)
 - Certified copy of an existing firearm licence (if available)
 - Copy of previous Dedicated Sportsman certificate (in case of renewal)
 - Bona Fide Sportsman Certificate under previous Act (if available)



Club chairmen, you need to confirm the member's paid up status and support the application, so please make sure that the application is complete before sending it on to me. If not, we are wasting a lot of time.

The **BPSU bank account** details for payment of the **R50** application fee is as follows:

Black Powder Shooting Union, cheque account
 FNB (branch code 250 655), account number 6268 979 0999
 Please send me proof of payment with your application

The process goes through several channels from the BPSU to SABU and can take a few weeks to be finalised, depending on the availability of the individuals that need to process, consider and approve the

application and notarise the certificate (all except one of these individuals doing it on a voluntary basis). Please also note that the certificate expires on **31 December of the year you apply**. So, plan accordingly.

To reapply for a DSS certificate (only when you need to renew existing licenses or apply for new ones) **the process is exactly the same**, i.e. as if it is a first-time application.

If you need an **Endorsement form** for a license application, please note that the BPSU can only support licenses for disciplines that we cater for. You can also download this form from the same location (<http://www.bpsu.co.za/Application%20for%20Firearm%20Endorsement.pdf>). This does **NOT** go through the BPSU – you need to send this **directly to SABU** (admin@sabisley.com) with a proper motivation and a copy of the current owner's license for consideration.

APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT

| PERSONAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANT | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Initials & Surname | | | | |
| SABU Membership No. | | | | |
| ID Number | | | | |
| Dedicated Sportsman No. | | | | |
| REASON FOR APPLICATION | | | | |
| I hereby confirm that I intend to utilize the firearm/s I applied for, with details as set out hereunder, for the participation in the following disciplines | | | | |
| Target Rifle (7.62mm/.308Win) | F/TR (7.62mm/.308Win) | F Open (6mm – 8mm) | .303 Class (7.7mm/.303 British) | Black Powder |
| | | | | |

i.e. Is the firearm that you want to apply for a license suitable for a BPSU-sanctioned event? See the Constitution and Rules if you are unsure what the official BPSU events are.

| PARTICULARS REGARDING FIREARM/S APPLIED FOR | | | | |
|---|---------|------|----------------|---------------|
| No | Calibre | Make | Type of Action | Serial number |
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |

| PERSONAL INFORMATION OF CURRENT OWNER | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Full Names / | | |
| Name of Business | | |
| ID Number | | |
| Phone Number | Cell: | Work: |

IMPORTANT:

- An endorsement only refers to the suitability of a firearm for sport shooting and does not replace the personal motivation that each member should develop for his/her firearm.
- A copy of the current license must be attached hereto and/or letter on Business letterhead confirming detail of firearm.

"I am aware that it is an offence in terms of Section 120(9) (f) of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 9 (Act No 60 of 2000), to make a false statement in this application for endorsement".

This done and signed on this the _____ day of _____ 20_____

Signed by: _____ Signature: _____

Kind regards



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