



## **Dedicated Sportsman Status**

Over the past few months there have been quite a few queries regarding Dedicated Sports Shooter Status as to what is required and what is not required. I have discussed the subject at length with the SABU chairman to try to make sure that I understand what is required and how it all fits together.

The following is an attempt to summarise what I have learned and will hopefully help everybody to understand the bigger picture.

In terms of the Firearms Control Act, SABU is accredited by the Central Firearms Registry (CFR) as a Sports Shooting Organisation. This accreditation entitles SABU to grant Dedicated Shooting Status to those of its members who comply with the criteria laid down by the CFR. Apart from the criteria regarding training, proficiency and membership, this criteria lays down the number of points one must acquire in order to qualify for Dedicated Sports Shooter status.

One can only acquire points by shooting on the following basis:-

Club and League shoots	1 Point
Provincial Shoots	2 Points
National Shoots	3 Points
International Shoots	5 points

Furthermore, in order to qualify for Dedicated Sports Shooter Status the points must be acquired in a rolling 12 month period.

Once one has been granted Dedicated Sports Shooter status, one must remain current (or active), which one achieves by ensuring that in any rolling 12 month period one has acquired a minimum of 6 points.

Allowance is made for those people who are unable to shoot if they are not in the country, who are ill or have to undergo major surgery.

In order to retain its accredited status as a Sports Shooting Organisation, the CFR requires SABU to be affiliated to the SA Shooting Sports Confederation, which is in turn affiliated to SASCOC. SABU is also required to submit a report to the CFR annually indicating which of its members have dedicated Sports Shooter Status and whether they are current (or active) or not. The CFR can request SABU to verify that the information in the report is true and correct at anytime and if it is found that this is not the case, SABU can lose its accredited status.



The chairman of SABU has requested each province to ensure that they retain the information on which the annual report is based should we ever be requested to verify the information in the report. Hence the importance of our annual statistics (League, Club, WP Bisley and the CLI 303 Club shoots).

When one successfully applies to SABU for Dedicated Sports Shooter status, one is issued with a Dedicated Sports Shooter certificate. This certificate is only regarded as being valid by the CFR in the calendar year in which it was issued. One's status however, does not change provided one has ensured that one remains current as described in the above.

Should one wants a new certificate, **for instance when applying for a new firearm licence**, however, one has to submit **all** the documentation required and go through exactly the same process as if one were applying for Dedicated Sport Shooter Status for the first time. This may change in the future, but right now the above is the requirement.

I trust that the above provides some clarity from both SABU's and a member's perspective regarding the situation and processes involved with respect to becoming and remaining a Dedicated Sports Shooter.

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