

CLUB CONSTITUTIONS

For various reasons, KUSA will no longer provide “Specimen Club Constitutions” to enable Clubs to draft their own proposed Constitutions. There are simply too many Club categories, and variations within those categories, to expect Clubs to draft Constitutions unassisted. Certain clauses in the Constitutions are mandatory under a Fedco directive and it takes an inordinate amount of time of the KUSA Office to check proposed Club Constitutions for possible omissions, or insertions, which do not accord with the principles of sound governance of affiliated Clubs, expected by KUSA to be enshrined in Club Constitutions.

Instead, Clubs seeking assistance with the drafting of Constitutions are invited to complete a simple Information Sheet [LINK] to state their preferences in relation to certain “variables”, which will enable KUSA to provide Clubs with a complete Constitution, that meets the expectations of Fedco and Exco, for consideration by the members. The proposed Constitution, drafted on request, will be sent to Clubs as soon as possible after receipt of the completed Information Sheet. The Information Sheet needs to be completed by:

- New Clubs seeking affiliation to KUSA, as well as
- Existing Clubs requiring amendments to their Constitutions

KUSA is moving towards a system of replacement Constitutions, rather than amendments being inserted into existing Constitutions. The latter practice invariably causes contradictions within the Constitutions or results in ill-fitting contrivances being forced into Constitutions. Certain amendments, such as the now-mandatory POPIA amendments, simply cannot be grafted onto the previous generation of Club Constitutions.

Please send the completed Information Sheet to clubadmin@kusa.co.za. Any queries with regard to Club Constitutions may also be directed to the same address.