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## **THE OPEL OWNERS CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA - CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME AND INSIGNIA**

#### **SECTION 1:**

The name of the club shall be The Opel Owners Club South Africa.

#### **SECTION 2:**

The club shall have official insignia, as the officers shall determine.

### **ARTICLE II: CLUB ACTIVITIES**

#### **SECTION 1:**

To promote interest in General Motors vehicles and associated services.

#### **SECTION 2:**

To promote good fellowship, skill and sportsmanship among all the members.

#### **SECTION 3:**

To promote competence in the maintenance and safety of operation.

#### **SECTION 4:**

To publish a newsletter with the name of *The Blitz*.

#### **SECTION 5:**

To promote respect for the terms and conditions of the Road Traffic Act and to abide by all rules set out by Motor Sport South Africa.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1:**

There shall be two (2) types of members in this club: Active and honorary.

#### **SECTION 2:**

Definition of members.

Active Member: Pays his / her dues and participates regularly.

Honorary Member: Affiliation shall be awarded by unanimous vote of the officers.

#### **SECTION 3:**

Officers, Club members, and advertisers in *The Blitz*, shall be subject to discipline for the cause. Motions for discipline shall originate with the membership or officers and shall be determined by the officers as they see fit. Any member or officer expelled from the club or any advertiser whose advertisements are removed from *The Blitz* shall forfeit any balance of their unused dues.

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**SECTION 4:**

The club and executive will not discriminate against any race, colour or creed when membership is requested and neither will racism form part of the basis for disqualification for membership acceptance into the ranks of committee or executive committee.

**SECTION 5:**

The member has the right to defend himself or herself with or without council in the event of a disciplinary inquiry/action.

**ARTICLE IV: DUES**

**SECTION 1:**

The annual dues for active membership shall be R 220.00 for renewals and R 220.00 for new members or as determined on a yearly basis.

**SECTION 2:**

Dues are payable to The Opel Owners Club SA.

**SECTION 3:**

Any member whose dues are outstanding by one (1) month will be automatically suspended.

**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1:**

The officers shall be the President, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Committee members.

**SECTION 2:**

All officers in good standing shall be entitled to complimentary club membership for the period they serve as officers.

**ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS**

**SECTION 1:**

The President shall appoint a committee at the January AGM. Nominations shall be requested from the floor at the January AGM.

**SECTION 2:**

All nominees for office must be active members in good standing.

**SECTION 3:**

Committee Member elections shall be decided by a simple majority of all active members present at the January AGM.

**SECTION 4:**

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The President and Chairman elections shall be decided by a simple majority of all active committee members present at the January AGM.

**SECTION 5:**

All elected officers must remain active members in good standing during their term of office.

**SECTION 6:**

All officers elected in January shall assume office immediately and shall hold office for one year. All officers are eligible for reelection. If a vacancy shall arise among the elected officials during the course of the officer's term of office, the remaining officers shall by simple majority vote, select a successor to serve out the balance of the remaining term.

**SECTION 7:**

Committee members shall participate as an ordinary member of the committee for a minimum period of 2 (two) years before qualifying for nomination to the executive committee.

**SECTION 8:**

All committee members acknowledge that on election to the committee, a minimum of 2 years service is required, unless dire personal conditions or disciplinary action requires termination.

**ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1:**

Regular meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month. All committee members must attend. Apologies must be timeously tendered.

**ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1:**

The club has not been formed for the purpose of carrying on any business that has for its objectives the acquisition of gain by club or any individual members thereof, and may not have the power to carry on any business, including, inter alia, ordinary trading operations in the commercial sense, speculative transactions, dividend stripping activities as well as the letting of property on a systematic or regular basis.

**SECTION 2:**

Under no circumstances shall the assets of the club, or any part thereof, be distributed to members in the form of a dividend or a share out of profits, and in the event of the club being dissolves, the remaining assets shall in the first instance be given or transferred to another club chapter or in the second instance be given or transferred to such other organization with objects similar to those of the club, and which is itself

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exempt from South African Income Tax in terms of Section 30 of the Income Tax Act 61 of 1973 and approved by the Commissioner, as the Council of the club may decide.

**SECTION 3:**

No profits or gains may be distributed to any person and the funds of the club may be utilized solely for investment or in furthering the objects for which it was established.

**SECTION 4:**

The club shall not allow itself to be used as part of any transaction, operation or scheme of which the sole or main purpose is the reduction, postponement or avoidance of liability for any tax, duty or levy which would have become payable under the Income Tax Act

**SECTION 5:**

In the event that the club should disband, the officers shall decide by majority vote as to the disposition of the club's assets.

**ARTICLE IX: DELEGATION**

**SECTION 1:**

Delegations shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of a majority of the officers, to represent the club at any meeting. Such delegations shall exercise only those powers specifically vested in them by the officers.

**ARTICLE X: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1:**

**President:** Presides at all meetings, acts as ex-officio member of all committees, plans the yearly calendar of events, promotes club activities and membership. Collects dues, manages other club assets, keeps financial records, and makes payments from club funds as required. Shall be in charge of *The Blitz* and maintain the club's mailing list.

**SECTION 2:**

**Chairman & Vice Chairman:** Performs the duties of the President in his absence, attends all meetings, secures the general entertainment at all regular meetings, plans the yearly calendar of events, lobbies for the interests of club members, promotes club activities and membership and shall be responsible for the printing and posting of *The Blitz*.

**SECTION 3:**

**Committee Member:** Plans the yearly calendar of events, attends all meetings, assists all event chairpersons, assists the Chairman in membership activities, lobbies for the interests of club members, assists with the general entertainment at all regular meetings, promotes club activities and membership.

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**ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1:**

This constitution can be amended only by written motion for amendment and a written second. Such motions for amendment must be submitted for publication in *The Blitz*. All active members will have thirty (30) days to respond to the amendment. If two thirds (2/3) of those responding approve the amendment, the amendment shall be said to have passed, and if two thirds (2/3) of those responding should not approve the amendment, then the amendment shall be said to have failed. In either case, the results of the vote shall be published in the next issue of The Blitz.

**SECTION 2:**

Amendments so adopted shall take effect immediately.

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