



Constitution of the Indian Game Club of South Africa (IGCSA)

Preamble and Historical Acknowledgement

The Indian Game Club of South Africa (IGCSA) is founded in recognition of the historical importance and unique qualities of the Indian Game breed of poultry.

The club was formally established in 2026 by William Juul, Hennie Haasbroek, Lourens Minnaar, and Louis van Zyl. The IGCSA is formed in alignment with **The Indian Game Club of Great Britain**, originally founded in 1886 in Cornwall, England, and acknowledges its historical contribution to the preservation and development of the breed.

The honour of the breed's origin belongs to Cornwall, England, where the Indian Game was developed during the nineteenth century by British poultry breeders seeking a powerful and compact table fowl. The breed was created through careful crossing of Aseel game fowl with particularly Malay and Old English Game, resulting in a distinctive bird known for its muscular build, broad breast, and strong constitution.

Although originally called the Indian Game, the breed was not from India but rather named in reference to the exotic origins of the contributing gamefowl bloodlines. Over time, the breed became internationally recognised and was refined in Britain, where the British Poultry Standard established the defining characteristics of the breed.

Today, the Indian Game — also widely known internationally as Cornish — remains one of the most important heritage poultry breeds and forms the genetic foundation of modern meat chickens.

The South African Indian Game Club exists to honour this heritage and to ensure that the breed is preserved, promoted, and bred responsibly within South Africa according to the recognised British Standard of Perfection.

Section 1 – Name of the Organisation

The name of the organisation shall be:
Indian Game Club of South Africa (IGCSA)

The organisation shall operate as a non-profit poultry breeders' association dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the Indian Game breed in South Africa.

Section 2 – Objectives of the Club

The objectives of the South African Indian Game Club are:

1. **Breed Preservation**
To protect and preserve the Indian Game breed within South Africa.
 2. **Breed Standardisation**
To promote breeding practices that align with the **British Poultry Standard** for Indian Game.
 3. **Pedigree Promotion**
To encourage responsible breeding practices that maintain pedigreed bloodlines.
 4. **Education**
To provide education, knowledge sharing, and mentorship to breeders interested in Indian Game poultry.
 5. **Exhibitions and Shows**
To promote the breed through:
 - In-person poultry exhibitions and shows
 - Virtual poultry shows and competitions
 6. **Community Building**
To create a national network of breeders dedicated to maintaining the integrity and quality of the Indian Game breed.
 7. **Record Keeping**
To encourage accurate pedigree records and documentation among breeders.
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Section 3 – Breed Standard

The official breed standard recognised by the club shall be the **British Standard for Indian Game**, as published by recognised British poultry authorities.

The club recognises that adherence to this standard is essential to maintaining the authenticity of the breed.

Breeders are encouraged to select birds based on:

- Correct body conformation
- Breed type
- Feather pattern and colour
- Structural soundness
- Health and vigour

Section 4 – Membership

Membership of the club shall be open to any individual or entity who:

- Has an interest in the breeding or promotion of Indian Game poultry
- Supports the objectives of the club
- Agrees to abide by this constitution and rules of the club

Membership Structure

The club recognises the following membership types:

1. **Single Membership**
 - Individual membership
 - Annual fee: **R100**
2. **Joint Venture / Partnership Membership**
 - Two or more individuals operating as a breeding partnership
 - Annual fee: **R150**
3. **Associate Members**
 - Individuals with an interest in the breed but not actively breeding
 - Annual fee: **R50**
4. **Junior Members**
 - Youth members under the age of 18
 - Annual fee: **R100**
5. **Honorary Lifetime Members**
 - Awarded at the discretion of the committee
 - **Honorary Lifetime Member: Craig Gardner**

Membership Renewal

- Membership is **renewable annually**
- Membership fees are **subject to revision**, particularly upon finalisation of affiliation with the South African Show Poultry Organisation (SASPO)

Failure to renew membership may result in suspension of member privileges, including participation in shows and voting rights.

Section 5 – Governance and Committee

The club shall be governed by an elected committee consisting of:

- **Chairperson**
- **Vice Chairperson**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

- **Three additional committee members**

Duties

Chairperson

- Oversees the functioning of the club
- Presides over meetings
- Represents the club publicly

Secretary

- Maintains records
- Manages communication with members
- Keeps minutes of meetings

Treasurer

- Manages finances
- Maintains financial records
- Presents financial reports

Committee members shall serve a **two-year term** and may be re-elected.

Section 6 – Meetings

The club shall hold:

1. **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
Once per year.
2. **Committee Meetings**
As required.
3. **Special Meetings**
When necessary to address urgent matters.

Members shall receive reasonable notice prior to meetings.

Section 7 – Shows and Exhibitions

The club shall promote the Indian Game breed through organised exhibitions and competitions.

Virtual Shows

The club shall aim to host **two (2) virtual shows annually**, namely:

- **Young Bird Show**
- **Club Championship Show**

These shows will allow members to submit photographic or video entries for judging by appointed and qualified judges.

Physical Shows

- The club will participate in recognised poultry/agricultural exhibitions within South Africa
- **Pending affiliation with the South African Show Poultry Organisation (SASPO)**, the club's shows and participation will align with the official SASPO show calendar and regulations

Purpose of Shows

- Promote breed excellence
- Encourage participation among members
- Provide benchmarking against the British Standard
- Strengthen the breeder community

All judging shall aim to reflect the recognised British Poultry Standard.

Section 8 – Rules and Code of Conduct

All members of the Indian Game Club of South Africa (IGCSA) are expected to uphold a high standard of integrity, sportsmanship, and animal welfare.

General Conduct

Members shall:

- Conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner at all times
- Treat fellow members, judges, and officials with respect
- Avoid any behaviour that may bring the club into disrepute

Exhibition Rules

- All birds entered for exhibition must be the **bona fide property of the exhibitor**
- Birds must be **truthfully represented** in terms of age, breeding, and ownership
- Any form of **fraud, misrepresentation, or dishonesty** will result in disciplinary action
- Judging will be done by **two** judges independently to ensure qualitative judging.
- Judges' decisions shall be **final and binding**
- Junior members are allowed to join judging – **juniors may not attempt to influence judges or inform them what birds belongs to them**

Animal Welfare

Members must:

- Ensure birds are kept in **humane and healthy conditions**
- Not exhibit birds that are **sick, injured, or in poor condition**
- Comply with all applicable animal welfare standards and regulations

Biosecurity

- Members must take reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of disease
- Birds showing signs of contagious illness must not be exhibited or transported

Fair Competition

- No member may attempt to **influence judges improperly**
- No tampering with another exhibitor's birds or entries
- Exhibitors must compete in the spirit of fairness and good sportsmanship

Disciplinary Action

The committee reserves the right to:

- Issue warnings
- Suspend membership
- Revoke membership in serious cases of misconduct

Section 9 – Ethical Breeding Principles

Members agree to uphold responsible breeding practices including:

- Maintaining the genetic integrity of Indian Game poultry
- Avoiding misrepresentation of birds
- Maintaining proper health and welfare standards
- Recording pedigrees where possible

The club strongly encourages **honesty and transparency** in breeding and exhibition.

Section 10 – Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended by a **two-thirds majority vote** of members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

Members must receive notice of proposed amendments prior to voting.

The recognition of the British Standard of Perfection is the only standard that may be followed and adhered to – no amendment or exception may be made to this rule.

Section 11 – Dissolution

In the event that the club is dissolved:

- All remaining assets shall be transferred to another organisation with similar objectives, preferably related to poultry conservation or heritage breed preservation.
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Section 12 – Adoption of the Constitution

This constitution was adopted by the founding members of the Indian Game Club of South Africa (IGCSA) on the following date:

Date: 10 May 2026

Location: Lamberts Bay

Founding Signatories

Chairperson: William Juul
Secretary: Anrike Juul
Treasurer: Edward Juul

Founding Members:

William Juul
Hennie Haasbroek
Lourens Minnaar
Louis van Zyl