



**IMPERANI
BRANDBESKERMINGSVERENIGING
FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Registration Number: 2952/01**

Imperani FPA Rules and Regulations 2019:

Membership:

1. A landowner is only a member of the FPA if his membership fees have been paid up, if membership fees are in arrears his membership at the FPA expires
2. A landowner will only be granted membership if there are no overdue accounts against him at the Imperani FPA
3. Membership fees are payable before May 31 each year

Fire Season:

4. The fire season will run from 1 June to 31 October each year. The dates may be adjusted by FPA management according to weather conditions
5. From 1 August it is a high fire hazard period and all prescribed fires should preferably be completed before this date.

Fire breaks:

6. A written fire permit must be issued by the FPA for making controlled fires within the fire season.
7. FPA members do not have to make firebreaks on their farm borders, but still have to manage the fire risk on their property through fire breaks around risk areas e.g. ash pits, inhabited premises, stores and workshops
8. Firebreaks must be made as soon as possible before or at the start of the fire season
9. A fire management plan must be drawn up for each farm indicating the proposed firebreaks and must be submitted to the FPA before 1 June.
10. A Sector Plan indicating the strategic fire breaks in an area must be submitted by the Sector Leaders before June 1
11. According to law, a fire break must be wide and clean enough to prevent a fire from spreading across it under reasonable circumstances
12. Firebreaks can be made mechanically, chemically or by burning

Prescribed fires:

13. Before any prescribed fire is made, the Fire Protection Officer, Sector Operational Officer and surrounding landowners must be notified.
14. A written fire permit must be issued for making controlled fires within the fire season.
15. No controlled fires may be made on an Orange day (FDI 60-74), Red Day (FDI 75+) or the day before a Red day
16. Burning of controlled fires should be discontinued if the Fire Hazard Index exceeds 55.
17. There must be at least two 500lt Bakkie fire fighting units on each fire line and a fixed water replenishment point within 3km and / or mobile water supply point at a controlled fire
18. The fire line of a wildfire as well as of a controlled fire must be patrolled by the landowner for 24 hours to prevent flare up fires

Fire extinguishing costs:

19. An invoice for fire extinguishing cost may be sent to landowners who are not members of the FPA
20. An invoice for fire extinguishing cost may be sent to landowners when a fire start on their property and where the FPA's rules have not been complied with
21. Fire extinguishing costs may be claimed for FPA members who have helped with the fire extinguishing operation as well as for additional help e.g. Working on Fire teams
22. The Free State Umbrella FPA guidelines for costs will apply

National Field and Forest Fire Act (101) 1998

23. The provisions of the National Field and Forest Fire Act must also be complied with.