



Volkstuinvereniging Aanschot

Rules and Regulations

Note: The English translation of the Rules and Regulations (Huishoudelijk Reglement) is provided as a service; in case of controversy, the original Dutch text is leading.

General

1. These Rules and Regulations have been drawn up in accordance with the Association's Articles of Association (Dutch: Statuten). A copy of the Articles of Association is available for inspection in the shed at the garden complex and can be viewed by members upon request.
2. On March 24th, 2026, the Rules and Regulations in their current form and content were approved at the General Meeting of Members. They enter into force simultaneously with the amended Articles of Association as approved by the General Members' Meeting held on April 11th, 2026.
3. These Rules and Regulations are available for reading, on the website. Every member is assumed to be aware of the Rules and Regulations, and to comply with them.
4. In all cases not provided for in the rules and Regulations, the board decides.
5. Board members and/or persons or companies designated by them, shall have access to the gardens on the complex at all times, e.g., for monitoring members' compliance with the Rules and Regulations or for carrying out work for maintenance of complex infrastructure.
6. The Association and the board shall not in any way be liable for damage caused to the property, plots, crops, buildings, and/or greenhouses of the members. This also applies to damage caused by snow, storm, hail, or fire.
7. Costs arising from actions of members and duo members who do not comply with the obligations set out in the Rules and Regulations or the Articles of Association shall be recovered from the respective (duo) members. Also, costs that the board are forced to incur due to negligence of the (duo) members shall be charged to the respective (duo) members.
8. The board may request members to perform tasks that are in the general interest of the (duo) members and/or the association.

Membership and garden allocation

9. Candidate members are placed on the waiting list. A candidate member is placed on the waiting list after payment of the registration fee. A candidate member who refuses an offered plot twice will be returned to the bottom of the waiting list.
10. New members receive a one-year trial period. If, during that year, the board judges that there has been repeated poor maintenance and thus a violation of these Rules and Regulations, membership will be terminated in accordance with the Articles of Association.
11. The board arranges and decides on the allocation of the plots.
12. The size of the plots to be allocated is as follows:
New members can rent a plot with a maximum of 100m²; Members who want to rent a larger plot are placed on the option list and, if possible, are then given the opportunity to rent up to a maximum area of 200m². Depending on the circumstances, the board determines whether and how exceptions to this rule are made.
13. A prospective member only becomes a member of the association once he/she has accepted the assigned plot and has paid the membership fee, the one-time security deposit, and the key deposit.
14. Members can express their wish for an internal exchange with a “vacant” plot to the board. If a member makes use of this possibility, the plot that is abandoned must be clean and free of structures, etc. Only then will they be eligible for an internal exchange to the new plot, requested by the member. The security deposit will be adjusted to the newly rented area.
15. Upon termination of membership, the following applies: Rent payments will not be refunded. The leaving member is required to hand over the plot clean and without structures. If this requirement is fulfilled, the security deposit will be refunded. Additionally, the key(s) to the access gate must be returned. Once handed over, the key deposit will also be refunded.
16. Termination of membership takes place no later than the last day of the financial year, for which the membership fee has been paid. That is also the day on which the plot must be handed over clean, and without any remaining structures. Unless a written agreement is submitted to the board regarding their transfer to the succeeding member, all structures placed and/or built on a plot must be removed.
17. Prospective members and members are not obliged to take over structures when accepting a plot.
18. If a member terminates part of their plot, the security deposit for that part of the plot for which the rent has been terminated will be refunded to the member, taking into account the provisions of Article 14 of these Rules and Regulations.

Garden layout and technical use

19. Access to the garden complex is allowed only for members and their possible duo members, family members, and substitute(s).
20. The complex is accessible throughout the year from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. The board may, in certain cases, decide to deviate from this.

21. For opening and closing the access gate, members are provided with one or more keys, after payment of a deposit. Members must ensure that the access gate is properly closed after opening.
22. A member may not sublet their plot.
23. Members are expected to maintain their plot as a prudent and reasonable person.
24. The plot boundaries must be kept free of weeds.
25. The fence around the complex must be kept free of obstacles and vegetation, except for the hedges planted by the Association.
26. Any gates must be constructed such, that they open towards the plot itself.
27. Sprinkler irrigation with a sprinkler connected to a water tap is not allowed. Filling a water barrel, however, using a water tap is allowed.
28. Garden waste must be disposed of by the members. It is not allowed to make a fire in the garden.
29. The tools provided by the Association can be used by members, on the premises. After use, they must be cleaned and stored in good condition in the respective tool shed.
30. The toilet facilities installed on the premises for the benefit of the members must be left clean and tidy after use.

Greenhouses and other structures

31. Written permission from the board is required to place outbuildings (greenhouses and other structures). The board may attach conditions to that permission. If the following conditions are met, separate permission is not required for the following structures:
 - a. toolbox maximum 200cm long, 50cm wide, and 70cm high.
 - b. rain barrel
 - c. compost bin height < 100cm, area < 2m², and height < 70cm.
 - d. flat bed or growing tunnelIn exceptional cases, the board may deviate from the dimensions for outbuildings and structures as specified in the previous articles.
Permission is required for all other structures (net cage constructions, greenhouses, etc.). Applications for such structures must be submitted in writing to the board, accompanied by a clear sketch. Greenhouses must meet the following conditions:
 - a. made of glass, hard plastic, or soft plastic
 - b. maximum height 300cm
 - c. maximum area approx. 18m²
 - d. material must be transparent

In exceptional cases, the board may deviate from these dimensions.

Greenhouses must be built at least 75cm from the plot boundaries; deviation from this rule is possible in exceptional cases, in consultation with the board. Greenhouses and other structures must not cause inconvenience to neighbours.

Rules to prevent nuisance

32. It is not allowed to cause a nuisance.
33. It is not allowed to:
 - a: keep or use waste or goods on the garden that have no connection whatsoever to gardening.

b: keep animals in the garden. Bringing dogs is only allowed if they are kept on a short leash and on their own plot. Walking your dog is prohibited throughout the complex.
c: enter another person's garden without request or without permission, or in any way do anything on another member's garden.

d: control weeds and pests with chemical agents and use chemical plant protection products.

34. Having trees or other tall-growing crops is only allowed if they do not cause inconvenience to the neighbours, such as growth hindrance due to shade. Planting trees or crops taller than 3m is not allowed.

Disease and pest control

35. By pests we mean animals that cause damage to our crops and those of our neighbours. Detected diseases and pests must be controlled in a timely manner. Fellow gardeners as well as the board must be informed about this.

36. Diseased crops and waste, as well as potato and tomato foliage and cabbage stalks must be removed from the garden.

Parking

37. Parking is only allowed on the right-hand side of the driveway leading to the entrance of the complex. Only in cases of force majeure, parking on the left hand side is allowed; this may not cause any obstruction to vehicles parked on the right-hand side or truck traffic to the storage areas.