

CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

CONSTITUTION

of

ASHFIELD BOWLING CLUB LIMITED

ACN 000 260 659

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NAME

1. The name of the Company is Ashfield Bowling Club Limited.

PRELIMINARY

2. The Company shall be a non-proprietary company.
3. The Company is established for the purposes set out in this Constitution.
4. Pursuant to Section 135(2) of the Act all replaceable rules referred to in the Act are hereby displaced or modified as provided in this Constitution.

DEFINITIONS

5. (a) In this Constitution unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

"The Act" means the Corporations Act. When any provision of the Act is referred to the reference is to that provision as modified by any law for the time being in force.

"The Board" means the members for the time being of the Board of Directors of the Club constituted in accordance with this Constitution.

"By-Laws" shall mean the By-laws made in accordance with this Constitution.

"Constitution" means this Constitution.

"The Club" means Ashfield Bowling Club Limited ACN 000 260 659.

"Club Notice Board" means a board designated as such and located in a conspicuous place within the Club premises on which notices for the information of members are posted.

"Full member" means any person who is in one of the categories of membership referred to in Rule 18.

"the Gaming Machines Act" means the Gaming Machines Act 2001. When any provision of the Gaming Machines Act is referred to the reference is to that provision as modified by any law for the time being in force.

“**the Liquor Act**” means the Liquor Act 2007. When any provision of the Liquor Act is referred to the reference is to that provision as modified by any law for the time being in force.

"**Month**" except where otherwise provided in this Constitution means calendar month.

"**The Office**" means the registered office for the time being of the Club.

“**the Registered Clubs Act**” means the Registered Clubs Act 1976. When any provision of the Registered Clubs Act is referred to the reference is to that provision as modified by any law for the time being in force.

“**the Registered Clubs Regulation**” means the Registered Clubs Registration 2009. When any provision of the Registered Clubs Regulation is referred to the reference is to that provision as modified by any law for the time being in force.

"**Rules**" means the rules comprising this Constitution.

"**Secretary**" includes Acting Secretary, Honorary Secretary, Acting Honorary Secretary, Secretary Manager, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer.

"**Special Resolution**" has the meaning assigned thereto by the Act.

“**Sub club**” means any sporting club, incorporated or otherwise, that pursuant to a resolution of the Board under Rule 58 is or has been established and is affiliated or becomes affiliated with the Club.

(b) "**Financial member**". A member shall not be a financial member of the Club if:

- (i) the member's subscription or any part thereof has not been paid in accordance with Rule 38; or
- (ii) any money (other than a member's subscription) owing by that member to the Club has remained unpaid at the expiration of thirty 30 days from service on that member of a notice from the Club requiring payment thereof; and

in either case that member shall be and remain un-financial until the full amount owing is paid to the Club.

(c) Words importing the singular number also include the plural and vice versa and the masculine gender the feminine gender and vice versa.

(d) Any reference to a provision of the Registered Clubs Act includes a reference to the same or similar provision in any legislation replacing, amending or modifying the Registered Clubs Act however that provision may be amended in that legislation.

OBJECTS

6. The objects of the Club are:

- (a) To acquire and take over the whole or any part of the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated body known as “Ashfield Bowling Club”.
- (b) To promote the game of bowls.
- (c) To promote such other games sports amusements recreations pastimes entertainments and competitions whether indoor or outdoor as the Board may deem expedient.
- (d) To establish maintain and conduct at Ashfield a Bowling Club for the accommodation of the members of their guests and generally to afford to them all the usual privileges advantages conveniences and accommodation of a Bowling Club.
- (e) To establish or aid in the establishment of and to support subscribe to become a member of affiliate or co-operate with any other association club body or company whether incorporated or otherwise whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of this Club or the establishment or support of which may be beneficial to this Club.
- (f) To acquire grounds bowling greens and buildings at Ashfield or elsewhere in the neighbourhood of Ashfield by purchase lease or licence or by the acquisition of shares in any company or companies owning any land or buildings suitable for the purpose and to lay out prepare and maintain the same for bowls and to build or otherwise provide alter adapt construct repair uphold and maintain club houses club rooms dormitories offices pavilions lavatories kitchens refreshment rooms bars lounges workshops stables sheds garages tennis courts squash racquet courts swimming pools and other works and conveniences in connection therewith and to furnish alter enlarge repair uphold and maintain the same and to permit the same and the property of the Club generally to be used by members and employees of the Club and others either gratuitously or for payment PROVIDED THAT in case the Club shall desire to hold more land than the law shall or the time being permit it to hold without the sanction of the Governor such sanction shall first be obtained.
- (g) To purchase hire make or provide and maintain all kinds of furniture utensils plate linen glass books papers periodicals stationery billiards tables cards games implements tools machinery and other things required or which may be conveniently used in connection with the grounds greens and club houses club rooms and other premises of the Club by members of the Club and their guests.
- (h) To promote and hold either alone or jointly with any other Club association society person or company meetings competitions matches and tournaments for the playing of bowls and any other athletic sports or pastimes and to offer give contribute towards or distribute prizes cups medals and awards therefore.
- (i) To conduct promote give or support dinners balls concerts and musical dramatic and other social entertainments for the benefit of members of the Club and their guests.

- (j) Generally to arrange functions of all kinds and raise funds by all means for the purposes of the Club or for charitable purposes.
- (k) To buy prepare make supply sell and deal in bowls and all kinds of equipment and apparatus (including clothing which may be required by the members of the Club) for use in or in connection with the game of bowls: and all kinds of liquors provisions refreshments tobacco cigars and cigarettes required or used by members of the Club and their guests PROVIDED HOWEVER that the provisions of this Rule shall be subject to the provisions of the Registered Clubs Act and any other relevant statutes for the time being in force.
- (l) To provide maintain extend and improve a library and/or reading room for the use of members of the Club and their guests; and to promote and provide information on subjects of interest to members and their guests by lectures discussions books correspondence or otherwise.
- (m) To print and publish any newspapers periodicals books or leaflets that the Club may deem expedient for the promotion of its objects or any of them.
- (n) To take such steps to make known the objects aims and activities of the Club or otherwise to promote the objects of the Club by means of wireless telegraphy or telephony or television or other like means or in the press or in books or other publications or in such other manner or by such other means whether of a like or of a different nature to the foregoing as the Club may think fit.
- (o) To hold a club licence for the Club under the Liquor Act, and poker machine entitlements under the Gaming Machined Act, 2002.
- (p) To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not for any one or more of the objects of the Club.
- (q) To subscribe to and support any charities whether local or otherwise and any institutions societies or clubs which may be for the benefit of the Club or its employees and to grant donations for any public purpose.
- (r) To provide a superannuation fund for the servants of the Club or otherwise to assist any such servants their widows and children.
- (s) To undertake and execute any trust or agency which may seem directly or indirectly conducive to any of the objects of the Club.
- (t) Generally to purchase take on lease or in exchange hire or otherwise acquire any real and personal property and any rights or privileges which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Club PROVIDED THAT in case the Club shall desire to hold more land than the law shall for the time being permit it to hold without the sanction of the Governor such sanction shall first be obtained.
- (u) To manage improve alter and maintain all or any part of the lands buildings tenements and hereditaments of the Club.
- (v) To sell lease underlet mortgage give in exchange transfer assign or otherwise deal with and dispose of all or any part of the real or personal property rights or privileges of the Club PROVIDED that any disposal of land of the Club

which is subject to Section 41J of the Registered Clubs Act shall not be effected until the requirements of that Section and any applicable Regulations made under the Registered Clubs Act have been satisfied.

- (w) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Club shall think fit and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock perpetual or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Club's property (both present and future) including its unpaid entrance fees and subscriptions and to purchase redeem or pay off any such securities.
- (x) To invest and deal with any moneys of the Club not immediately required for any of its objects in such one or more investments of a nature permitted by law for the investment of trust funds as may from time to time be determined; and to vary transpose sell or otherwise dispose of all investments.
- (y) To draw make accept endorse discount execute and issue cheques promissory notes bills of exchange warrants debentures and other negotiable and transferable instruments.
- (z) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to amalgamate with any companies institutions societies or associations having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Club and which shall prohibit the distribution of their income and property among their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of Rules 9 and 10 of this Constitution.
- (aa) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property assets liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the companies institutions societies or associations with which this Club is authorized to amalgamate.
- (bb) To transfer all or any part of the property assets liabilities and engagements of this Club to any one or more of the companies institutions societies or associations with which this Club is authorized to amalgamate.
- (cc) To pay all costs charges and expenses preliminary and incidental to the promotion formation and establishment of the Club.
- (dd) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to obtain and hold any licence or permit necessary for the purposes of the Club.
- (ee) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

LIMITED LIABILITY

7. The liability of the members is limited.

MEMBERS GUARANTEE

8. (a) Each member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20.00) if the Club is wound up:
- (i) while he or she is a member of the Club; or
 - (ii) within one year of the date that he or she ceases to be a member.

- (b) The contribution referred to in paragraph (a) of this Rule 8 shall be for the:
 - (i) payment of the debts and liabilities of the Club contracted before the member ceased to be a member; and
 - (ii) costs, charges and expenses of winding up.

APPLICATION OF PROPERTY ON DISSOLUTION

- 9. (a) If the Club is wound up or dissolved and after the satisfaction of all the Club's debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever remains, that property shall:
 - (i) not be transferred, paid to or distributed among the members;
 - (ii) be given or transferred to an institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club and which prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club.
- (b) The institution or institutions referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) of this Rule 9 shall be determined by:
 - (i) the members of the Club in general meeting (by ordinary resolution) at or before the time of dissolution; or in default thereof
 - (ii) the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

PROPERTY AND INCOME OF THE CLUB

- 10. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the income or property of the Club shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the members of the Club.
- 11. Subject to the provisions of Section 10(6) and Section 10(6A) of the Registered Clubs Act, a member of the Club, whether or not he or she is a director or a member of any committee of the Club shall not be entitled under the Constitution of the Club or otherwise to derive directly or indirectly any profit, benefit or advantage from the Club that is not offered equally to every Full member of the Club.
- 12. Subject to the provisions of Section 10(7) of the Registered Clubs Act, a person, other than the Club or its members, shall not be entitled under the Constitution of the Club or otherwise to derive directly or indirectly any profit, benefit or advantage from the grant to the Club of, or the fact that the Club has applied for, a Certificate of Registration under Part II of the Registered Clubs Act or from any added value that may accrue to the premises of the Club because of the grant to the Club of, or the fact that the Club has applied for, such a certificate.
- 13. A director of the Club shall not hold or be appointed or elected to any office of the Club paid by salary or wages or any similar basis of remuneration.
- 14. Subject to Rule 15 nothing in this Constitution shall prevent the payment:
 - (a) in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employed officer or other employee of the Club;

- (b) in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the Club in return for services actually rendered;
 - (c) of interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by bankers in Sydney for overdrawn accounts on money lent by a member to the Club;
 - (d) of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Club.
15. A director of the Club shall not receive from the Club remuneration or other benefit in money or monies worth in relation to his or her duties as a director except by way of:
- (a) an honorarium in accordance with section 10(6)(b) of the Registered Clubs Act; and
 - (b) repayment of out of pocket expenses in accordance with section 10(6)(d) of the Registered Clubs Act.”

LIQUOR & GAMING

16. (a) Liquor shall not be sold, supplied or disposed of on the premises of the Club to any person other than a member except on the invitation and in the company of a member. This Rule 16(a) does not apply in respect of the sale, supply or disposal of liquor to any person at a function in respect of which an authority is granted to the Club under Section 23(1) of the Registered Clubs Act.
- (b) Liquor shall not be sold, supplied or disposed of on the premises of the Club to any person under the age of 18 years.
- (c) A person under the age of 18 years shall not use or operate the gaming facilities of the Club.
- (d) The Secretary or any employee, director or member of any committee of the Club shall not be entitled under this Constitution or otherwise to receive directly or indirectly any payment calculated by reference to the quantity of liquor purchased, supplied, sold or disposed of by the Club or the receipts of the Club for any liquor supplied or disposed of by the Club.
- (e) Subject to subsection 2(b) of Section 73 of the Gaming Machines Act 2002, the Club shall not share any receipts arising from the operation of an approved gaming machine kept by the Club and shall not make any payment or part payment by way of commission or an allowance from or on any such receipts.
- (f) Subject to subsection 2 of Section 74 of the Gaming Machines Act 2002, the Club shall not grant any interest in an approved gaming machine kept by the Club to any other person.

MEMBERSHIP

17. (a) The number of members of the Club shall not exceed the maximum permissible under the Registered Clubs Act.
- (b) No person under the age of 18 years shall be admitted as a member of the Club except as a Junior member.

18. The Full membership of the Club shall be divided into the following categories:
 - (a) Playing members
 - (b) Social members
 - (c) Junior members
 - (d) Life members.
19. Persons who are not Full members may, in accordance with this Constitution, be admitted to the Club as:
 - (a) Provisional Members;
 - (b) Honorary Members;
 - (c) Temporary Members.
20. The number of Full members having the right to vote in the election of the Board shall at all times exceed the number of Full members who do not have the right to vote in the election of the Board.

ELIGIBILITY AND RIGHTS OF CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

PLAYING MEMBERS

21. (a) Playing members shall be persons who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and who:
 - (i) were recorded in the Club's register of members as Playing members (Male) or Playing members (Female) as at the date of the Club's Annual General Meeting held in 2008; or
 - (ii) are elected to Playing membership of the Club in accordance with this Constitution at any time after the Annual General Meeting of the Club held in 2008.
- (b) Deleted.
- (c) Deleted.
- (d) Playing members shall pay such entrance fee (if any) and annual subscription as the Board may determine from time to time.
- (e) Playing members are entitled to:
 - (i) all the social privileges and advantages of the Club;
 - (ii) attend and vote at Annual General Meetings and general meetings of the Club;
 - (iii) nominate for and be elected to hold office on the Board;
 - (iv) vote in the election of the Board;
 - (v) vote on any special resolution to amend this Constitution;

- (vi) propose, second, or nominate any eligible member for any office of the Club;
- (vii) propose, second or nominate any eligible member for Life membership;
- (viii) introduce guests to the Club.

SOCIAL MEMBERS

22. (a) Social members shall be persons who have attained the age of 18 years and are elected to Social membership of the Club.
- (b) Social members shall pay such entrance fee (if any) and annual subscription as the Board may determine from time to time.
- (c) Social members are entitled to:
- (i) all the social privileges and advantages of the Club;
 - (ii) such bowling privileges, if any, as determined by the Board from time to time;
 - (iii) attend at Annual General Meetings and General Meetings of the Club;
 - (iv) stand for and be elected to hold office on the Board if they have been a Full member of the Club for a period of three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the close of nominations or proposed date of appointment.
 - (v) vote in the election of the Board if they have been a Full member of the Club for a period of three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the date of the election.
 - (vi) vote on any resolution of ordinary and/or full members which, under the *Registered Clubs Act*, are required to be voted on by ordinary and/or full member as those terms are defined in the *Registered Clubs Act*.
 - (vii) introduce guests to the Club.
- (d) Social members are not entitled to:
- (i) Vote at Annual General Meetings and general meetings of the Club apart from the right to vote in the election of the Board, as provided for in sub-paragraph (c)(iv) of this Rule 22 and the right to vote on resolutions under the *Registered Clubs Act* as provided for in sub paragraph (c)(v) if this Rule 22.
 - (ii) vote on any special resolution to amend this Constitution;
 - (iii) propose, second, or nominate any eligible member for any office of the Club;
 - (iv) propose, second or nominate any eligible member for Life membership;

- (v) nominate for and be elected to hold office on the Board if they have not been a Full member of the Club for a period of three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the date of close of nominations or proposed date of appointment.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

23. (a) Junior members shall be persons under the age of eighteen (18) years and who:
- (i) were recorded in the Club's register of members as Junior members (Male) or Junior members (Female) as at the date of the Club's Annual General Meeting held in 2008; or
 - (ii) are elected to Junior membership of the Club in accordance with this Constitution at any time after the Annual General Meeting of the Club held in 2008.
- (b) Deleted.
- (c) A person shall not be admitted as a Junior member of the Club unless the Board:
- (i) is satisfied that the person is joining the Club for the purposes of playing sport as a member of a sub club of the Club; and
 - (ii) has received from that person's parent or guardian written consent to that person becoming a Junior member of the Club and taking part in the sporting activities organised by a sub club of the Club;
 - (iii) is satisfied that that person will take part in regular sporting activities organised by a sub club of the Club.
- (d) Subject to the provisions of the Registered Clubs Act, a Junior member shall be entitled to the use of such of the facilities of the Club as the Board shall determine from time to time but shall not be entitled to:
- (i) attend and vote at any meeting of the Club; or
 - (ii) take part in the management of the Club;
 - (iii) propose, second or nominate any eligible member for any office of the Club;
 - (iv) propose, second or nominate any eligible member for Life membership;
 - (v) introduce guests to the Club;
 - (vi) the playing privileges of the Club available through membership of a sub club unless and until they have paid to the Club the entrance fee (if any) and applicable annual subscription of such sub club.
- (e) Upon attaining the age of eighteen (18) years a Junior member shall be transferred to Playing membership unless that member requests to be transferred to Social membership.

LIFE MEMBERS

24. (a) A Life member shall be any member who has rendered outstanding service to the Club and has been granted Life membership of the Club in accordance with this Rule 24.
- (b) Life membership may only be conferred:
- (i) at a General Meeting of the Club (including an Annual General Meeting); and
 - (ii) on a member who has been a member of the Club for at least fifteen (15) continuous years immediately prior to the date of the General Meeting or Annual General Meeting at which their election to Life membership shall be considered and determined provided that this requirement shall not apply to or affect any Life member who was elected to life membership prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Club held in 2008.”
- (c) Candidates for Life membership shall be nominated by one financial Playing member or Life member and seconded by another financial Playing member or Life member.
- (d) If a nomination for Life membership is approved by the Board, the nomination shall be referred to the next general meeting of the Club and not less than 21 days written notice of the nomination shall be given to all members eligible to vote at that meeting.
- (e) If a nomination for life membership is approved by a resolution passed by not less than a two thirds majority of the members present and voting at the general meeting the person nominated shall thereby be a Life member of the Club.
- (f) Every Life member shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Playing member.
- (g) A Life member is relieved from the payment of any annual subscription.

TRANSFER BETWEEN CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

25. (a) The Board shall have the power on the application of any member to transfer that member to another category of membership if that member has the qualifications for that other category of membership.
- (b) Any application for transfer of membership pursuant to this Rule 25 together with any additional subscription shall be deposited at the office and the Secretary shall cause the name and address of the applicant to be exhibited on the Club Notice Board for a continuous period of not less than one week before the transfer of the applicant to another class of membership of the Club.
- (c) A member will not be entitled to any refund of membership fees or any part thereof if their application for transfer is approved.

- (d) Upon a member being transferred to another class of membership of the Club, the Secretary shall cause a notice of such transfer to be promptly forwarded or posted to such member. If a member fails to be transferred, the Secretary shall cause any additional subscription paid by that member to be returned to such member.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

26. A person in respect of whom a nomination form for membership duly completed in accordance with this Constitution has been given to the Club and who has paid to the Club the entrance fee (if any) and the subscription appropriate to the class of membership referred to in the nomination form may be granted Provisional membership of the Club while awaiting the decision of the Board in relation to that person's application for membership of the Club.
27. Should a person who is admitted as a Provisional member not be elected to membership of the Club within six weeks from the date of the nomination form being given to the Secretary or should that person's application for membership be refused (whichever is the sooner) that person shall cease to be a Provisional member of the Club and the entrance fee (if any) and subscription submitted with the nomination shall be forthwith returned to that person.
28. (a) Provisional members shall be entitled to:
- (i) the social facilities and advantages of the Club as the Board may determine from time to time; and
 - (ii) introduce guests into the Club.
- (b) Provisional members shall not be entitled to:
- (i) attend and vote at Annual General Meetings and general meetings of the Club; or
 - (ii) nominate for and be elected to hold office on the Board;
 - (iii) vote in the election of the Board;
 - (iv) vote on any special resolution to amend this Constitution;
 - (v) propose, second, or nominate any eligible member for any office of the Club;
 - (vi) propose, second or nominate any eligible member for Life membership.

HONORARY MEMBERS

29. (a) The following persons may be made Honorary members of the Club in accordance with procedures established by the Board from time to time:
- (i) the patron or patrons for the time being of the Club; or
 - (ii) any prominent citizen or local dignitary visiting the Club.
- (b) Honorary members shall only be entitled to the social facilities and amenities of the Club as the Board may determine from time to time.

- (c) Honorary members shall not be entitled to attend or vote at any meeting of the Club, nominate for or be elected to the Board or any office in the Club or participate in the management, business and affairs of the Club in any way.
- (d) When Honorary membership is conferred on any person the following particulars shall be entered in the Club's Register of Honorary Members:
 - (i) the name in full of the Honorary Member;
 - (ii) the residential address of the Honorary Member;
 - (iii) the date on which Honorary membership is conferred;
 - (iv) the date on which Honorary membership is to cease.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

- 30. The following persons in accordance with procedures established by the Board may be made Temporary members of the Club:
 - (a) Any person whose permanent place of residence in New South Wales is not less than a distance of 5 kilometers radius from the Club or such other greater distance as may be determined from time to time by the Board by By-law pursuant to this Constitution.
 - (b) A full member (as defined in the Registered Clubs Act) of another club which is registered under the Registered Clubs Act and which has objects similar to those of the Club.
 - (c) A full member (as defined in the Registered Clubs Act) of any registered club who, at the invitation of the Board of the Club, attends on any day at the premises of the Club for the purpose of participating in an organised sport or competition to be conducted by the Club on that day from the time on that day when he or she so attends the premises of the Club until the end of that day.
 - (d) Any interstate or overseas visitor.
- 31.
 - (a) Temporary members shall not be required to pay an entrance fee or annual subscription.
 - (b) Temporary members shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club, nominate for or be elected to the Board or any office in the Club or participate in the management, business and affairs of the Club in any way.
 - (c) Temporary members shall not be permitted to introduce guests into the Club other than a minor in accordance with Rule 48.
 - (d) The Secretary or senior employee then on duty may terminate the membership of any Temporary member at any time without notice and without having to provide any reason therefore.
 - (e) No person under the age of 18 years may be admitted as a temporary member of the Club unless that person is a Junior member of another registered club and satisfies the requirements of Rule 3030(c).

- (f) When a Temporary member (other than a Temporary member admitted pursuant to Rule 3030(c) first enters the Club premises on any day the following particulars shall be entered in the Club's Register of Temporary Members:
- (i) the name in full of the Temporary member;
 - (ii) the residential address of the Temporary member;
 - (iii) the date on which Temporary membership is granted;
 - (iv) the signature of the Temporary member.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

32. (a) Only Life members, financial Playing members and subject to Article 22 financial Social members, shall be entitled to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Club.
- (b) Subject to Rule 96, every member when eligible to vote shall be entitled to vote both on a show of hands and on the taking of a poll and shall have one vote.
- (c) No member of the Club who is also an employee of the Club shall be eligible to vote at any meeting of the Club.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

33. (a) A person shall not be admitted as a Playing member, Social member or Junior member of the Club unless that person is elected to membership by the Board of the Club, or by a duly appointed election committee of the Club.
- (b) The names of the members present and voting at that Board or election committee meeting shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Club.
- (c) The Board shall hold a ballot for the election of members.
- (d) In each ballot for the election of members, two votes cast against an application for membership will result in the application being rejected.
- (e) The Board may reject any application for membership without assigning any reason for such rejection.
- (f) Any person whose application for membership is rejected may not re-apply for membership of the Club within twelve (12) months of the rejection of the application.
34. (a) Every application for membership of the Club shall be in writing and shall be in such form as the Board of the Club may from time to time prescribe and shall contain the following particulars:
- (i) the full name of the applicant;
 - (ii) the residential address of the applicant;
 - (iii) the date of birth and the age of the applicant;

- (iv) the occupation of the applicant;
 - (v) a statement to the effect that the applicant agrees to be bound by the Constitution and By-laws of the Club;
 - (vi) the signature of the applicant;
 - (vii) such other particulars as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.
- (b) Every application for Playing or Junior membership of the Club will be signed by one Financial Playing member or Life member as nominee and signed by another Financial Playing member or Life member as seconder to whom the applicant is personally known.
- (c) Every form of application for Playing or Junior membership shall be presented by the applicant, in person, to an authorised officer of the Club together with the entrance fee (if any) and the appropriate annual subscription.
- (d) A person whose application for Playing or Junior membership has been presented to an authorised officer of the Club with the entrance fee (if any) and the appropriate annual subscription in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Rule 34 may thereby become a Provisional member.
- (e) Every form of application for Social membership shall be presented by the applicant in person to an authorised officer of the Club together with:
- (i) The entrance fee (if any) and the appropriate annual subscription;
 - (ii) Identification such as (without limitation) a current drivers licence or a current passport held by the application.
- (f) The authorised officer of the Club to whom the application for Social membership is presented shall compare the particulars of the applicant as appearing on the application with the particulars of that person as appearing in the identification. If the authorised officer is satisfied that the particulars of the application in the application and in the form of identification correspond, the authorised officer shall sign the application form and shall cause the application to be sent to the Secretary.
- (g) A person whose application for Social membership has been signed by an authorised officer of the Club in accordance with paragraph (e) of this Rule 34 and who has paid the Club the entrance fee (if any) and the first annual subscription for the Social membership may thereby become a Provisional member.
- (h) The full name and address of each applicant for membership shall be placed on the Club Notice Board and shall remain so posted for not less than seven (7) days.
- (i) An interval of at least fourteen (14) days shall elapse between the deposit at the office of the nomination form of a person for election and the election of that person to membership of the Club.

35. (a) Upon a person being elected as a member of the Club the Secretary shall cause a notice of such election to be promptly forwarded or posted to such person. If a person fails to be elected to membership the Secretary shall cause a refund of the entrance fee and first annual subscription to be forwarded or posted to such person.
- (b) A copy of the Constitution of the Club shall be supplied to a member on request being made to the Secretary of the Club, and if demanded by the Secretary from that member, on payment of any fee that may be prescribed by the Act.

ENTRANCE FEES, ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LEVIES

36. Annual subscriptions and other payments payable by members of the Club shall be such as the Board may from time to time prescribe provided that the annual subscription shall be not less than \$2.00 (excluding Goods & Services Tax) or such other minimum subscription provided from time to time by the Registered Clubs Act.
37. Any candidate elected during the last six (6) months of the financial year of the Club to any class of membership shall pay such proportion of the annual subscription as may be determined by the Board from time to time provided that it is not less than \$2.00 (excluding Goods & Services Tax) or such other minimum prescribed under the Registered Clubs Act.
38. (a) All subscriptions shall be due and payable on a date determined by the Board from time to time (“the due date”).
- (b) Any person who has not paid his or her subscription within 30 days of the due date shall cease to be entitled to the privileges of membership of the Club and by resolution of the Board may be removed from membership of the Club and the provisions of Rule 41 and Rule 42 shall not apply to such resolution.
- (c) Each year the Secretary shall cause reasonable notice to be given in writing to each member of:
- (i) the due date for payment of subscriptions; and
 - (ii) the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Rule 38.
- (d) Any person who has been removed from membership of the Club pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Rule 38 may re-apply for membership in accordance with this Constitution.

REGISTERS OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

39. The Club shall keep the following registers:
- (a) A register of persons who are Full members. This register shall set forth in respect of each of those members:
- (i) the name in full;
 - (ii) the occupation;
 - (iii) the address;

- (iv) the date on which the entry of the member's name in the register is made;
 - (v) the date on which that member last paid the annual fee for membership of the Club (excluding Life members).
 - (vi) A register of persons who are Honorary members which shall be kept in accordance with Section 31(1)(b) of the Registered Clubs Act.
- (b) A register of persons who are Temporary members other than Temporary members referred to in Rule 30(c) which shall be kept in accordance with Section 31(1)(d) of the Registered Clubs Act.
 - (c) A register of persons of or over the age of 18 years who enter the premises of the Club as guests of members which shall be kept in accordance with Section 31(1)(c) of the Registered Clubs Act.

ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

- 40. Members must advise the Secretary of the Club of any change in their address within seven days of changing their address as recorded in the register referred to in Rule 39(a).

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

- 41. Subject to Rule 42, the Board shall have power to reprimand, suspend, expel or accept the resignation of any member, if that member:
 - (a) in the reasonable opinion of the Board, has wilfully refused or neglected to comply with any of the provisions of this Constitution or any By-Law; or
 - (b) is, in the reasonable opinion of the Board;
 - (i) guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club; or
 - (ii) guilty of conduct which is unbecoming of a member.
- 42. (a) A member shall be notified of:
 - (i) any charge against the member pursuant to Rule 41; and
 - (ii) the date, time and place of the hearing of the charge.
- (b) The member charged shall be notified of the matters in paragraph (a) of this Rule 42 by notice in writing by a prepaid letter posted to the member's last known address at least fourteen (14) clear days before the meeting of the Board at which the charge is to be heard.
- (c) The member charged shall be entitled to attend the hearing for the purpose of answering the charge and shall also be entitled to submit to the meeting written representations for the purpose of answering the charge.
- (d) If the member fails to attend such meeting, the charge may be heard and dealt with and the Board may decide on the evidence before it, the member's absence notwithstanding, but having regard to any representations which may have been made to it in writing by the member charged.

- (e) After the Board has considered the evidence put before it, the Board must come to a decision as to whether the member is guilty or not of the charge.
 - (f) When the Board has determined the issue of guilt, if the member charged is at the meeting, the Board must inform the member whether or not the member has been found guilty.
 - (g) If the member charged has been found guilty and is at the meeting, the member must be given a further opportunity at the meeting to address the Board in relation to the appropriate penalty for the charge of which the member has been found guilty.
 - (h) No motion by the Board to reprimand, suspend or expel a member shall be deemed to be passed unless a majority of the directors present in person vote in favour of such motion.
 - (i) Any decision of the Board on such hearing shall be final and the Board shall not be required to assign any reason for its decision.
43. If a notice of charge is issued to a member pursuant to Rule 42(a), the Board or the Secretary separately from the Board shall have power by resolution to suspend that member from all rights and privileges as a member of the Club until the charge is heard and determined or for five (5) weeks whichever is the sooner. Such suspension shall be promptly notified in writing to the member concerned.
44. Any member suspended pursuant to Rules 41, 42 or 43 shall, during the period of such suspension, not be entitled to:
- (a) attend at the premises of the Club for any purpose without the permission of the Board;
 - (b) participate in any of the social or sporting activities of the Club or any sub club;
 - (c) attend or vote at any meeting of the Club;
 - (d) nominate or be elected or appointed to the Board;
 - (e) propose, second or nominate any eligible member for any office of the Club;
 - (f) propose, second or nominate any eligible member for Life membership.

REMOVAL OF PERSONS FROM THE PREMISES OF THE CLUB

45. (a) In addition to any powers under Section 77 of the Liquor Act, the Secretary or, subject to paragraph (c) of this Rule 45, an employee of the Club may refuse to admit to the Club and may turn out, or cause to be turned out, of the premises of the Club any person including any member:
- (i) who is then intoxicated, violent, quarrelsome or disorderly; or
 - (ii) who, for the purposes of prostitution, engages or uses any part of the premises of the Club;

- (iii) whose presence on the premises of the Club renders the Club or the Secretary liable to a penalty under the Registered Clubs Act or the Liquor Act;
 - (iv) who hawks, peddles or sells any goods on the premises of the Club;
 - (v) who, within the meaning of the *Smoke-free Environment Act*, smokes while on any part of the premises that is smoke-free.
 - (vi) who uses, or has in his or her possession, while on the premises of the Club any substance that the Secretary suspects of being a prohibited drug or prohibited plant.
 - (vii) whom the Club, under the conditions of its club licence or according to a term (of the kind referred to in the Liquor Act) of a Local Liquor Accord, is authorised or required to refuse access to the licensed premises..
- (b) If pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Rule 45 a person (including a member) has been refused admission to, or has been turned out of, the premises of the Club, the Secretary of the Club or (subject to paragraph (c) of this Rule 45) an employee of the Club, may at any subsequent time, refuse to admit that person into the premises of the Club or may turn the person out, or cause the person to be turned out of the premises of the Club.
- (c) Without limiting the provisions of Section 77 of the Liquor Act the employees who under this Constitution are entitled to exercise the powers set out in this Rule shall be:
- (i) in the absence of the Secretary from the premises of the Club the senior employee then on duty; or
 - (ii) any employee authorised by the Secretary to exercise such power.

RESIGNATION AND CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

46. (a) A member may at any time resign from his or her membership of the Club by giving notice in writing to the Club or by returning his or her membership card to an employee or officer of the Club and clearly indicating he or she is resigning. A resignation shall take effect from the date on which the written notice or card is received by the Club.
- (b) Any member who has resigned pursuant to this Rule 46 will not be entitled to any refund of membership fees or any part thereof unless the Board considers that there are circumstances warranting an ex gratia payment of the unexpired portion of his or her membership fees from the date of resignation.

GUESTS

47. (a) All members except Honorary members and (subject to paragraph (b) of this Rule 47) Temporary members shall have the privilege of introducing guests to the Club.
- (b) Temporary members may only introduce a guest in accordance with Rule 48

- (c) Unless the guest is a minor, on each day a member first brings a guest into the Club that member shall enter in the Register of Guests the name and address of the guest and that member shall countersign that entry.
 - (d) No member shall introduce guests more frequently or in greater number than may for the time being be provided by By-law nor shall a member introduce any person as a guest who has been expelled from the Club pursuant to Rule 41 or Rule 42 or suspended pursuant to Rule 43 or who has been refused admission to or turned out of the Club pursuant to Rule 45.
 - (e) Members shall be responsible for the conduct of any guests they may introduce to the Club.
 - (f) The Board shall have power to make By-laws from time to time not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Registered Clubs Act regulating the terms and conditions on which guests may be admitted to the Club.
 - (g) No guest shall be supplied with liquor on the premises of the Club except on the invitation of and in the company of a member.
 - (h) A guest shall at all times remain in the reasonable company of the member who countersigned the entry in the Register of Guests in respect of that guest.
 - (i) A guest shall not remain on the premises of the Club any longer than the member who countersigned the entry in the Register of Guests in respect of that guest.
 - (j) The Secretary or senior employee then on duty may refuse a guest of a member admission to the Club or require a guest of a member to leave the premises of the Club (or any part thereof) without giving any reason.
48. A Temporary member may bring into the non restricted areas of the Club premises as the guest of that Temporary member a minor:
- (a) who at all times while on the Club premises remains in the company and immediate presence of that Temporary member;
 - (b) who does not remain on the Club premises any longer than that Temporary member;
 - (c) in relation to whom the member is a responsible adult.
49. For the purposes of Rule 48(c) “responsible adult” means a person of or over the age of 18 years who, in relation to a minor, belongs to one or more of the following classes of persons:
- (a) a parent, step-parent or guardian of the minor;
 - (b) the minor’s spouse or any person who, although not legally married to the minor, ordinarily lives with the minor as the minor’s spouse on a permanent and domestic basis;
 - (c) a person who for the time being has parental responsibility for the minor.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

50. (a) The Board shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, an Honorary Treasurer, and five (5) Ordinary Directors.
- (b) The Board shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club in accordance with this Constitution.
- (c) No more than two (2) eligible Social members may be directors of the Club at any one time.
51. Subject to Rule 51A and subject to Rule 52, only Life members and the financial Playing members and Financial Social Members shall be entitled to stand for and be elected or appointed to the Board.
- 51A. The only Social members who are entitled to stand for and be elected or appointed to the Board are those Social members who have been Full members of the Club for at least three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the close of nominations or proposed date of appointment.
52. (a) A member who is currently under suspension pursuant to Rules 41, 42 or 43 shall not be eligible to stand for or be elected to the Board.
- (b) A member who is an employee of the Club shall not be eligible to stand for or be elected to the Board.

ELECTION OF BOARD

53. The election of the Board shall be conducted in the following manner:
- (a) The Board shall appoint a Returning Officer and at least two scrutineers to take charge of the ballot. Neither, a candidate for any position nor the proposer or seconder of any candidate shall be appointed as the Returning Officer or as a scrutineer.
- (b) Notice of the date and time of the last day for receiving nominations for office in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Rule 53, shall be prominently posted on the Club Notice Board at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting and shall remain on the Club Notice Board until nominations close.
- (c) Nominations shall close on the day that is the seventh (7th) day prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be received by the Secretary on or before that date.
- (d) Nominations for election to the Board shall be made in writing and signed by two Financial Playing members or Life members respectively as proposer and seconder and by the nominee who shall thereby signify his or her consent to the nomination.
- (e) A nomination can be withdrawn at any time prior to the commencement of voting.
- (f) An eligible member may be nominated for more than one office.

- (g) At the close of nominations, the Secretary shall post the names of the candidates for each position on the Board and their proposers and seconders on the Club Notice Board.
- (h) If the full number of candidates for the various positions on the Board is not nominated then those candidates who are nominated shall be declared elected to the relevant positions and additional nominations shall with the consent of the nominee or nominees be made at the meeting for the position not so filled.
- (i) If there be only the requisite number nominated for the various positions those candidates shall be declared duly elected.
- (j) If there be more than the required number of candidates nominated for any position an election by secret ballot shall take place in respect of that position. The election will be conducted on the “first past the post” system.
- (k) If a member who has been nominated for more than one office is elected to a senior office, the member shall be eliminated from the election for the junior office. For the purposes of this Rule 53 the order of seniority of shall be:
 - (i) Firstly - Chairperson
 - (ii) Secondly - Deputy Chairperson
 - (iii) Thirdly - Honorary Treasurer
 - (iv) Fourthly - Ordinary Director
- (l) The Returning Officer shall supervise the preparation of ballot papers.
- (m) The order in which names appear on the ballot paper for each position shall be determined by the Returning Officer drawing lots.
- (n) The ballot shall be conducted during such times as shall be determined by the Board from time to time.
- (o) The Returning Officer shall supervise the issue of ballot papers.
- (p) Members shall record their vote in such manner as may be prescribed by the Returning Officer from time to time. Failure to comply with those requirements shall render the vote invalid.
- (q) Members shall place their ballot papers in the ballot box provided at the Club.
- (r) The Returning Officer shall supervise the safe custody of ballot papers returned.
- (s) The Returning Officer shall supervise the examination of ballot papers.
- (t) The decision of the Returning Officer as to the formality or informality of any vote shall be final.
- (u) The Returning Officer shall supervise the counting of votes.

- (v) In the event of an equality of votes, the Returning Officer shall draw lots between the candidates and the candidate who is drawn first shall be declared elected to that position.
- (w) The Returning Officer shall report the result of the ballot to the meeting.
- (x) If the Returning Officer is not present, a Scrutineer shall perform the duties of the returning Officer set out in this Rule 53.
- (y) The Board may, at any time, engage the services of a professional electoral consultant or company to perform, or assist in performing, any or all of the duties of the Returning Officer or Scrutineers set out in this Rule 53.
- (z) If at the close of the Annual General Meeting any vacancies remain, such vacancies shall be casual vacancies and may be filled in accordance with Rule 81.
- (aa) The Board shall have the power to make by-laws regulating all matters in connection with the election of the Board that are not inconsistent with this Rule 53.

POWERS OF THE BOARD

54. The Board shall be responsible for the management of the business and affairs of the Club.

GENERAL POWERS

55. The Board may exercise its powers and do all such acts and things as the Club is by this Constitution or otherwise authorised to exercise and do and which are not hereby or by Statute directed or required to be exercised or done by the members in general meeting but subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Act and the Registered Clubs Act and of this Constitution and to any amendments to this Constitution provided that no such amendment shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such amendment had not been made.

SPECIFIC POWERS

56. Without derogating from the general powers conferred by Rule 55, the Board shall have power from time to time:
- (a) To make, alter and repeal By-Laws pursuant to Rule 59.
 - (b) To enforce or procure the enforcement of all By-Laws by suspension from enjoyment of the Club privileges or any of them or otherwise as the Board thinks fit.
 - (c) To purchase or otherwise acquire for the Club any property rights or privileges which the Club is authorised to acquire at such price and generally on such terms and conditions as it shall think fit.
 - (d) To secure the fulfilment of any contract or engagement entered into by the Club by mortgaging or charging all or any of the property of the Club as may be thought fit.

- (e) To institute, conduct, defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the Club or its officers or otherwise concerning the affairs of the Club and also to compound or allow time for payment and satisfaction of any debts due to any claims or demands by or against the Club and to refer any claims or demands by or against the Club to arbitration and to observe and perform the award.
- (f) To determine who shall be entitled to sign or endorse on the Club's behalf contracts, receipts, acceptances, cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other documents or instruments.
- (g1) Subject to paragraphs (g2) of this Rule 56 to invest and deal with any of the monies of the Club not immediately required for the purposes of the Club upon such securities and in such manner as the Board may think fit and from time to time to vary and release such investments.
- (g2) The money representing the net proceeds of the sale of the land situated at Oak and Wallace Street Ashfield being lots 2 and 3 in deposited plan 570887 shall constitute a fund ("the fund") and shall be dealt with only in accordance with this paragraph (g2),
 - (a) the income from the fund will form part of the general revenue of the Club;
 - (b) the capital of the fund shall be used for the purposes of generating income for the carrying out of the business of the Club and shall only be invested in ways which are recommended by the financial advisors to be conservative to moderate risk.
- (g3) The Board may invest the capital of the fund in any of the ways set out in paragraph (g2) of this Rule 56 only after receiving advice from an independent licensed financial advisor engaged by the Board to provide such advice.
- (g4) As from the date of the special resolution inserting this paragraph (g4) into Rule 56 of this Constitution, the Board shall review the appointment of the licensed financial advisor to the Club at least every five (5) years.
- (g5) The Board must consult at least three independent financial advisors before appointing a financial advisor who will be providing advice for the purpose of investing the capital of the fund.
- (g6) The Board, in investing the capital of the fund, shall exercise the care and diligence and skill that a person would exercise if the person was a trustee of the fund.
- (h) From time to time at its discretion to borrow or secure the payment of any sum or sums of money for the purposes of the Club and raise or secure the payment of such sum or sums in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as it shall think fit and to give security including by way of mortgage and/or charge upon or over all or any part of the Club's property both present and future.
- (i) To sell, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any furniture, fittings, equipment, plant, goods, land, buildings or other property rights belonging to the Club or to which the Club may be entitled from time to time provided that

the power of the Board in relation to any disposal of land which is subject to Section 41J of the Registered Clubs Act shall be subject to compliance with the requirements of that section and any applicable regulations.

- (j) To appoint, discharge and arrange the duties and powers of the Secretary, to determine the remuneration and terms of employment of the Secretary, and to specify and define the duties of the Secretary.
- (k) To engage, appoint, control, remove, discharge, suspend and dismiss managers, officers, representatives, agents and servants or other employees in respect to permanent, temporary or special services as it may from time to time think fit and to determine the duties, pay, salary, emoluments or other remuneration and to determine with or without compensation any contract for service or otherwise. The Board may delegate these powers (or any of them) to the Secretary of the Club from time to time.
- (l) To set the entrance fees and annual or other subscriptions and fees payable by all members.
- (m) To fix the maximum number of persons who may be admitted to each class of membership of the Club in accordance with this Constitution.
- (n) To affiliate with any sporting club or sporting association whether incorporated or unincorporated and in accordance with this Constitution nominate members to represent the Club on such sporting club, or sporting association.

COMMITTEES

57. (a) Without derogating from the general powers conferred by Rule 55, the Board shall have power from time to time to delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of any:
- (i) Directors;
 - (ii) Members;
 - (iii) Employees;
 - (iv) Persons who are not members but who have particular skills or expertise which they will apply to a committee
- or any combination thereof. The Board shall also have the power from time to time to revoke any such delegation.
- (b) Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulation or restriction that the Board may from time to time impose.
 - (c) The Chairperson shall be ex officio a member of all such committees and may nominate a director to represent him or her on such committees.
 - (d) Any committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting of a committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and in the case of an equality of votes the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second and casting vote.

- (e) A Committee may elect a Chairperson of that Committee. If no such Chairperson is elected or if at any meeting the Chairperson is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting. In other respects, the meetings and proceedings of any committee shall be governed by the provisions in this Constitution regarding proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable thereto and are not superseded by this Rule 57 or by any By-law made by this Board pursuant to the Rule 59.
- (f) Any Committee shall make minutes of its meetings and will forthwith submit those minutes to the Board and the Board will retain those minutes as if they were minutes of the Board.

SUB CLUBS

58. (a) Without derogating from the general powers conferred by Rule 55, the Board shall have power from time to time to:
- (i) Establish sub clubs with such objects, powers and membership qualifications as the Board may determine from time to time.
 - (ii) Allow each of the sub clubs established pursuant to this Rule 58 or those already in existence, to conduct, manage and control sport or other activities for which they were respectively established within the Club.
 - (iii) Allow the sub clubs to create rules and by-laws for the control and regulation of the sporting and social activities of such sub clubs.
 - (iv) Permit any such sub club to adopt a name distinctive of such sub club (provided it be described as a sub club of the Club) and to become affiliated with the bodies controlling sports in New South Wales on such terms and conditions (not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Registered Clubs Act) as such controlling bodies may from time to time require and to pay on behalf of the Club capitation or affiliation fees to any such controlling bodies or as required by such bodies.
- (b) Any of the sub clubs established pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Rule 58 or those already in existence must conform to any by-law made by the Board pursuant to Rule 59.
 - (c) The Chairperson shall be ex officio a member of all the committees of such sub clubs and may nominate a director to represent him or her on the committees of such sub clubs.
 - (d) Subject to the general control and supervision of the Board, each such sub club may manage its own affairs but shall make regular reports to the Board (or otherwise as may be required from time to time by the Board). The Minutes and records of each sub club and its governing body shall also be produced promptly to the Board which shall review and preserve such minutes and records.
 - (e) The Board may empower each such sub club to open and operate a bank account in the name of the section in such bank or banks as the Board may from time to time approve provided that the persons eligible to operate upon

any such account shall be approved by the Board which from time to time may remove and replace such persons or any of them.

- (f) Subject as hereinafter provided the constitutions of each such sub club may be amended from time to time by a majority of the members for the time being of such sub club at a general meeting of such members either annually or at a meeting convened specifically for such purpose provided that no amendment proposed to and approved by the meeting of members of the sub club shall have effect unless and until it shall have been approved by resolution of the Board. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (g) Any disciplinary action by a sub club in respect of any member of such sub club shall at once be reported to the Board together with the reasons therefore and with a recommendation as to further action (if any) to be taken by the Board.

BY-LAWS

- 59. (a) The Board may make such By-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution as, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary or desirable for the proper conduct and management of the Club and may amend or repeal any such By-laws.
- (b) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (a) of this Rule 59 the Board may regulate:
 - (i) such matters as the Board are specifically by this Constitution empowered to regulate by By-law;
 - (ii) the general management, control and trading activities of the Club;
 - (iii) the control and management of the Club premises;
 - (iv) the conduct of members and guests of members;
 - (v) the privileges to be enjoyed by each category of members;
 - (vi) the relationship between members and Club employees; and
 - (vii) generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of the Constitution or By-laws or which by the Constitution are not reserved for decision by the Club in general meeting.
- (c) Any By-law made under this Rule 59 or any other Rule shall come into force and be fully operative upon the posting of an appropriate notice containing such By-law on the Club Notice Board.
- (d) The Board shall cause a copy of all By-laws to be made available to any member on request and without charge to that member.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

- 60. The Board may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit provided that the Board shall meet at least once in each calendar month for the transaction of business and on such other occasions as necessary.

61. A record of all members of the Board present at each Board meeting and of all resolutions and proceedings of the Board at such meeting shall be entered in a Minute Book provided for that purpose.
62. The Chairperson shall take the chair at every meeting of the Board. If the Chairperson is not present or is unwilling or unable to act, the Deputy Chairperson shall take the chair at the meeting. If the Deputy Chairperson is not present or is unwilling or unable to act, then the directors present shall elect one of the directors to take the chair at that meeting.
63. The quorum for meetings of the Board shall be (4) directors personally present.
64. The Chairperson or any five directors may at any time and the Secretary upon the request of the Chairperson and not less than two (2) directors shall convene a meeting of the Board.
65. Subject to this Constitution questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes and a determination by a majority of the Board shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Board. In case of an equality of votes the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
66. The continuing directors on the Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by this Constitution as the necessary quorum of the Board, the continuing director or directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of directors on the Board to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Club, but for no other purpose.
67. All acts done by any meeting of the Board or of a committee or by any person acting as a member of the Board shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Board or person acting as aforesaid, or that the members of the Board or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Board.
68. A resolution in writing signed by all the directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more directors. The resolution shall be passed when the last director signs the document containing the resolution.
69. A meeting of the Board may be called or held using any technology consented to by all the directors. The consent may be a standing one. A director may only withdraw his or her consent within a reasonable period before the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY DIRECTORS

70. (a) Any director who has a material personal interest in a matter that relates to the affairs of the Club must, as soon as practicable after the relevant facts have come to the director's knowledge and in accordance with Section 41C of the Registered Clubs Act:
 - (i) declare the nature of the interest at a meeting of the Board; and
 - (ii) comply with Rule 75.

- (b) Any director who has or acquires a financial interest in respect of a hotel must in accordance with Section 41D of the Registered Clubs Act give a written declaration of that interest to the Secretary of the Club within fourteen (14) days.
 - (c) A director must, in accordance with Section 41E of the Registered Clubs Act, declare any gift received from an affiliated body (as defined in the Registered Clubs Act) if the value of the gift exceeds such amount as may be prescribed by the Regulations under the Registered Clubs Act.
 - (d) A director must, in accordance with Section 41F of the Registered Clubs Act, submit a written return in each year to the Club (in accordance with the Regulations under the Registered Clubs Act) declaring gifts received by that director from a person or organisation that is party to a contract or commercial arrangement with the Club.
71. The Secretary shall, in accordance with the Registered Clubs Regulation, keep a declaration of disclosures, declarations and returns made to the Club pursuant to Rule 70 and any other disclosure, declaration or return made pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act or Registered Clubs Regulation.
72. Rules 70 and 71 do not limit the provisions of the Registered Clubs Act or the Registered Clubs Regulation referred to in those Rules.
73. Deleted.
74. Deleted.

PROHIBITION ON DIRECTORS WITH MATERIAL INTEREST FROM VOTING

75. In accordance with Section 195 of the Act, a director who has a material personal interest in a matter that is being considered at a meeting of the Board, or of the Directors of the Club:
- (a) must not vote on the matter; and
 - (b) must not be present while the matter is being considered at the meeting.
76. The Board shall not pass a resolution for the purposes of Section 195(2) of the Act exempting a director from the provisions of Rule 75.

CONTRACTS WITH DIRECTORS

77. (a) In accordance with Section 41K of the Registered Clubs Act, the Club must not enter into a commercial arrangement or a contract with a Director or with a company or other body in which a Director has a pecuniary interest, unless the proposed commercial arrangement or contract is first approved by the Board.
- (b) A “pecuniary interest” in a company for the purposes of paragraph (a) of this Rule 77 does not include any interest exempted by Regulation made under the Registered Clubs Act.
- (c) Provided that the provisions of Rule 70(a), Rule 75 and paragraph (a) of this Rule 77 have been satisfied with respect to a commercial arrangement or a contract:

- (i) the director shall not be disqualified from office by reason of his or her interest in that commercial arrangement or contract.
- (ii) the commercial arrangement or a contract shall not, by reason of that directors interest, be avoided.
- (iii) the director shall not be liable to account to the Club for any profit realised by that commercial arrangement or contract.

CONTRACTS WITH SECRETARY

78. (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this Rule 78, the Club must not enter into a commercial arrangement or contract for the provision of goods or services with:
- (i) the Secretary;
 - (ii) any close relative (as defined in the Registered Clubs Act) of the Secretary; or
 - (iii) any company or other body in which the Secretary or a close relative of the Secretary has a controlling interest (as defined in the Registered Clubs Act).
- (b) Paragraph (a) of this Rule 78 does not prevent the Club entering into a contract with any of the above persons which is:
- (i) a contract of employment; or
 - (ii) otherwise permitted by the Registered Clubs Act.

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF DIRECTORS

79. (a) The members in general meeting may
- (i) by ordinary resolution remove from office any director, directors or the whole of the Board before the expiration of his or her or their period of office; and
 - (ii) by ordinary resolution appoint another person or persons in his or her or their stead provided any person so appointed is eligible to be a director in accordance with this Constitution.
- (b) Any person appointed pursuant to sub paragraph (a)(ii) of this Rule 79 shall hold office during such time only as the person whose place he or she is appointed would have held the same if he or she had not been so removed.
- (c) Notice of the intention to move a resolution to remove a member of the Board from office must be given to the Club at least two months before the meeting at which the resolution is to be considered and voted on. The provisions of Section 203D of the Act shall be followed in relation to that meeting.

VACANCIES ON BOARD

80. The office of a member of the Board shall automatically be vacated if the person holding that office:
- (a) becomes insolvent under administration.
 - (b) is convicted of any offence referred to in Section 206B of the Act.
 - (c) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health.
 - (d) is absent from meetings of the Board for a continuous period of three months without leave of absence from the Board and the Board resolves that the office be vacated.
 - (e) by notice in writing given to the Secretary resigns from office as a director.
 - (f) becomes prohibited from being a member of the Board by reason of any order made under the Act or is disqualified from holding office as a director pursuant to any order or declaration made under the Registered Clubs Act.
 - (g) ceases to be a Playing member or Life member of the Club.
 - (h) becomes an employee of the Club.
81. The Board shall have power at any time and from time to time, to appoint any eligible person to the Board to fill a casual vacancy. The person so appointed shall hold office only until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

82. A general meeting called the Annual General Meeting shall be held once at least in every calendar year at such time and place as may be determined by the Board but within five (5) months of the close of the financial year. All meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called general meetings.
83. (a) The Board may whenever it considers fit call and arrange to hold a general meeting of the Club.
- (b) The Board must call and arrange to hold a general meeting of the Club on the request of:
- (i) members with at least 5% of the votes that may be cast at the general meeting; or
 - (ii) at least 100 members who are entitled to vote at the general meeting.
- In this Rule 83 the term "the request" shall mean the request referred to in this paragraph (b).
- (c) The request must:
- (i) be in writing;
 - (ii) state any resolution to be proposed at the meeting;

- (iii) be signed by the members making the request; and
 - (iv) be given to the Secretary.
- (d) Separate copies of a document setting out the request may be used for signing by the members if the wording of the request is identical in each copy.
- (e) The Board must call the meeting within 21 days after the request is given to the Secretary. The meeting is to be held not later than 2 months after the request is given to the Secretary.
- (f) Members with more than 50% of the votes of all the members who make the request may call and arrange to hold a general meeting if the Board do not do so within 21 days after the request is given to the Secretary.
- (g) The meeting referred to in paragraph (f) of this Rule 83 must be called in the same way, so far as is possible, in which general meetings of the Club may be called. The meeting must be held not later than three months after the request is given to the Club.
- (h) To call the meeting the members requesting the meeting may ask the Secretary for a copy of the Register of Members and the Secretary must give the members the copy of the Register without charge.
- (i) The Club must pay the reasonable expenses the members incurred because the Board failed to call and arrange to hold the meeting. The Club may recover the amount of the expenses from the directors of the Club. However, a director is not liable for the amount if that director proves that he or she took all reasonable steps to cause the directors to comply with this Rule 83. The directors who are liable are jointly and individually liable for the amount. If a director who is liable for the amount does not reimburse the Club the Club must deduct the amount from any sum payable as fees payable to, or remuneration (including an honorarium) of the director.
84. (a) At least 21 days notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting and of any general meeting of the members of the Club must be given to all Full members who are entitled to attend and vote at that meeting and to the auditor.
- (b) A notice of a general meeting of the Club's members must:
- (i) set out the place, date and time of the meeting;
 - (ii) state the general nature of the meeting's business; and
 - (iii) if a special resolution is to be proposed at the meeting - set out an intention to propose the special resolution and state the resolution.
- (c) A copy of a notice of a general meeting of the members of the Club (including an Annual General Meeting) shall also be posted on the Club Notice Board for a period of not less than 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- (d) Neither the accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt by any person of notice of a meeting nor the omission to post a copy of a notice of the meeting on the Notice Board shall invalidate any proceedings at such meeting unless pursuant to Section 1322 of the Act such proceedings are declared to be void.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

85. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
- (a) to confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
 - (b) to receive and consider the reports referred to in Rule 101;
 - (c) to conduct the election of the Board;
 - (d) to appoint an Auditor or Auditors in the event that there be a vacancy in the office of Auditor;
 - (e) to approve the reimbursement of directors' expenses and the payment of honorariums (if any); and
 - (f) to deal with any other business of which due notice has been given to the members.
86. (a) The chairperson of the Annual General Meeting must allow a reasonable opportunity for the members as a whole at the meeting to ask questions about or make comments on the management of the Club.
- (b) If the Club's auditor or a representative of the Club's auditor is at the meeting, the Chairperson of the Annual General Meeting must allow a reasonable opportunity for the members as a whole at the meeting to ask the auditor or the auditor's representative questions relevant to the conduct of the audit and the preparation and conduct of the auditor's report.

MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS

87. (a) Notwithstanding Rules 88, 89 and 90, individual members may submit items of business and notices of motion which they wish to have included in the business of the Annual General Meeting. All such items of business and notices of motion must be in writing and received by the Secretary at least forty-two (42) days prior to the date fixed for such Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Secretary shall cause all items of business and notices of motion referred to in paragraph (a) to be presented to the Board and the Board shall have absolute discretion as to whether to include those items of business and/or notices of motion in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting that is sent to members.
88. (a) The following members may give the Secretary notice of a resolution that they propose to move at a general meeting:
- (i) members with at least 5% of the votes that may be cast on the resolution; or
 - (ii) at least 100 members who are entitled to vote at a general meeting.
- (b) The notice must:
- (i) be in writing;
 - (ii) set out the wording of the proposed resolution; and

- (iii) be signed by the members proposing to move the resolution.
 - (c) Separate copies of a document setting out the notice may be used for signing by members if the wording of the notice is identical in each copy.
 - (d) The percentage of votes that members have is to be worked out as at the midnight before the members give the notice to the Secretary.
- 89.
- (a) If the Secretary has been given notice of a resolution under Rule 88, the resolution is to be considered at the next general meeting that occurs more than 2 months after the notice is given.
 - (b) The Club must give all its members notice of the resolution at the same time, or as soon as practicable afterwards, and in the same way, as it gives notice of a meeting.
 - (c) The Club is responsible for the cost of giving members notice of the resolution if the Club receives the notice in time to send it out to members with the notice of meeting.
 - (d) The members requesting the meeting are jointly and individually liable for the expenses reasonably incurred by the Club in giving members notice of the resolution if the Club does not receive the members' notice in time to send it out with the notice of meeting. At a general meeting, the members present and entitled to vote may resolve that the Club meet the expenses itself.
 - (e) The Club need not give notice of the resolution:
 - (i) if it is more than 1,000 words long or defamatory; or
 - (ii) if the members making the request are to bear the expenses of sending the notice out - unless the members give the Club a sum reasonably sufficient to meet the expenses that it will reasonably incur in giving the notice.
- 90.
- (a) Members may request the Club to give to all its members a statement provided by the members making the request about:
 - (i) a resolution that is proposed to be moved at a general meeting; or
 - (ii) any other matter that may be properly considered at a general meeting.
 - (b) The request must be made by:
 - (i) members with at least 5% of the votes that may be cast on the resolution; or
 - (ii) at least 100 members who are entitled to vote at the meeting.
 - (c) The request must be:
 - (i) in writing;
 - (ii) signed by the members making the request; and
 - (iii) given to the Secretary.

- (d) Separate copies of a document setting out the request may be used for signing by members if the wording of the request is identical in each copy.
- (e) The percentage of votes that members have is to be worked out as at the midnight before the request is given to the Secretary.
- (f) After receiving the request, the Club must distribute to all its members a copy of the statement at the same time, or as soon as practicable afterwards, and in the same way, as it gives notice of a general meeting.
- (g) The Club is responsible for the cost of making the distribution if the Secretary receives the statement in time to send it out to members with the notice of meeting.
- (h) The members making the request are jointly and individually liable for the expenses reasonably incurred by the Club in making the distribution if the Club does not receive the statement in time to send it out with the notice of meeting. At a general meeting, the Club may resolve to meet the expenses itself.
- (i) The Club need not comply with the request:
 - (i) if the statement is more than 1,000 words long or defamatory; or
 - (ii) if the members making the request are responsible for the expenses of the distribution - unless the members give the Club a sum reasonably sufficient to meet the expenses that it will reasonably incur in making the distribution.

91. A general meeting of the members of the Club must be held for a proper purpose.

AUDITOR'S RIGHT TO BE HEARD AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 92. (a) The Club's auditor shall be given notice of all general meetings at the same time as such notice is given to the members and is entitled to attend any general meeting of the Club.
- (b) The auditor is entitled to be heard at the meeting on any part of the business of the meeting that concerns the auditor in their capacity as auditor.
- (c) The auditor is entitled to be heard even if:
 - (i) the auditor retires at the meeting; or
 - (ii) the meeting passes a resolution to remove the auditor from office.
- (d) The auditor may authorise a person in writing as their representative for the purpose of attending and speaking at any general meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 93. The Chairperson shall be entitled to take the chair at every general meeting. If the Chairperson is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding such meeting or is unwilling or unable to act then the Deputy Chairperson shall take the chair at the meeting. If the Deputy Chairperson is not present or is unwilling or unable to act then the directors shall elect one of their own number to

take the chair at the meeting. If the directors fail to elect one of their number to take the chair, the members of the Club present shall elect a director as chairperson or if no director is willing and able to act, the members shall elect one of their number to take the chair at the meeting.

94. (a) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting of members unless a quorum of members is present.
- (b) At any general meeting of the Club (including an Annual General Meeting), thirty (30) members present in person and eligible to vote shall be a quorum.
- (c) If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall:
- (i) be dissolved if it was convened at the request of members pursuant to Rule 83; or
 - (ii) stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day time and place as the Board may determine.
- (d) If at any meeting adjourned pursuant to this Rule 94 a quorum is not present within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (not being less than two (2)) shall be a quorum and may transact any business for which the meeting was called.
95. (a) Every question submitted to a meeting other than a Special Resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of votes from those members present and voting and counted on a show of hands (unless a poll is demanded by five (5) members or by the chairperson) and in the case of an equality of votes whether on a show of hands or on a poll the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (b) No poll shall be demanded on the election of a Chairperson of a meeting
- (c) If a poll is demanded it shall be taken in such manner and either at once or after the interval or adjournment not exceeding fourteen (14) days or otherwise as the chairperson directs and the result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded but a poll demanded on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith.
- (d) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
- (e) At any general meeting (unless a poll is demanded) a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried or carried by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Club shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

PROXY VOTING PROHIBITED

96. A person shall not:
- (a) Attend or vote at any meeting of the Club or of the Board or of any committee thereof; or
 - (b) Vote at any election including an election of a member or of the Board
- as the proxy of another person.

ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

97. (a) The chairperson of a meeting may with the consent of the meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.
- (b) No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- (c) A resolution passed at a meeting resumed after an adjournment shall for all purposes be treated as having been passed on the date when it was in fact passed and shall not be deemed to have been passed on any earlier date.
- (d) It shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting except when a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, when notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting.

MINUTES

98. (a) The Club must keep minute books in which it records:
- (i) proceedings and resolutions of general meetings of the Club; and
 - (ii) proceedings and resolutions of meetings of the directors of the Club (including meetings of a committee of directors);
 - (iii) resolutions passed by directors without a meeting.
- (b) The Club must ensure that:
- (i) minutes of a meeting are signed within one (1) month of the meeting by the chairperson of the meeting or the chairperson of the next meeting; and
 - (ii) minutes of the passing of a resolution without a meeting are signed by a director within one (1) month of the date on which the resolution is passed.
- (c) A minute that is so recorded and signed is evidence of the proceeding, resolution or declaration to which it relates, unless the contrary is proved.

ACCOUNTS

99. The Board shall cause proper accounts and records to be kept with respect to the financial affairs of the Club in accordance with the Act, the Registered Clubs Act and the Registered Clubs Regulation and cause those statements to be provided to the Board in accordance with the requirement of the Act, the Registered Clubs Act and Registered Clubs Regulation.
100. The books of account shall be kept at the Registered Office of the Club or at such other place as the Board thinks fit. The Club shall at all reasonable times make its accounting records available in writing for the inspection of members of the Board and any other persons authorised or permitted by or under the Act to inspect such records.
101. The Board shall, not less than twenty one days before each Annual General Meeting and in any event within four months of the end of the financial year of the Club report to members in accordance with Division 4 of Part 2M of the Act.
102. In accordance with section 317 of the Act, the Board shall lay before the Annual General Meeting in respect of the financial year ending on the last day of June immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting:
- (a) the financial report of the Club;
 - (b) the directors' report; and
 - (c) the auditor's report on the financial report.

FINANCIAL YEAR

103. The financial year of the Club and any sub club or other entity created under this Constitution shall commence on the first day of July in each year and end on the last day of June in the following year or such other period as having regard to the Act, the Board may determine.

AUDITORS

104. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the Act and their remuneration shall be fixed by the Board.

SECRETARY

105. At any time there shall only be one Secretary of the Club who shall be appointed by the Board and who shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Club for the purposes of the Registered Clubs Act.

EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

106. (a) The Club shall have a Seal.
- (b) The Board must provide for the safe custody of the Seal.

- (c) The Club may execute a document (including a deed) with the Seal by fixing the Seal to the document and having the fixing of the Seal witnessed by:
 - (i) two members of the Board; or
 - (ii) one member of the Board and the Secretary.
- (d) The Club may execute a document (including a deed) without using the Seal if that document is signed by:
 - (i) two members of the Board; or
 - (ii) one member of the Board and the Secretary.

NOTICES

- 107. A notice may be given by the Club to any member either personally or by sending it by post to the address of the member recorded for that member in the Register of members kept pursuant to this Constitution.
- 108. Where a notice is sent by post to a member in accordance with Rule 107 the notice shall be deemed to have been received by the members:
 - (a) in the case of a notice convening a meeting, on the day following that on which the notice was posted; and
 - (b) in any other case, at the time at which the notice would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

INDEMNITY TO OFFICERS

- 109. Every officer (as defined in Section 82A of the Act) and former officer of the Club shall be indemnified to the full extent permitted by the Act out of the property of the Club against any liability incurred by him in his capacity as officer in defending any proceedings whether civil or criminal.
- 110. The Club may pay a premium for a contract insuring a person who is an officer or a former officer of the Club against a liability incurred by that person as an officer of the Club provided that the liability is not one in respect of which a premium can not be paid under the Act or a liability which contravenes Section 199A or Section 199B of the Act.

INTERPRETATION

- 111. A decision of the Board on the construction or interpretation of the Constitution or any Rule, or any By-Law of the Club made pursuant to this Constitution or on any matter arising therefrom, shall be conclusive and binding on all members of the Club.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 112. This Constitution can only be amended by way of Special Resolution passed at a general meeting of the members of the Club. Life members and financial Playing members shall be the only members eligible to vote on any Special Resolution to amend this Constitution.