
CONSTITUTION OF THE GLEN EIRA JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

1. *Name*

The incorporated association is The Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club (*in these Rules called "the Association"*).

2. *Definitions*

(1) In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears –

“**Act**” means the Associations Incorporation Act 1981;

“**committee**” means the committee of management of the Association;

“**FFA**” means Football Federation Australia Limited ACN 106 478 068;

“**FFV**” means Football Federation Victoria Incorporated;

“**FIFA**” means Federation Internationale de Football Association;

“**financial year**” means the year ending on 30 September;

“**football**” means “Association Football” as recognized by FIFA from time to time. To avoid doubt, at the date of incorporation of the Club or the date of adoption of this Constitution, Football includes the games of Football, soccer football, indoor or 5 a side (Futsal) Football and beach Football.

“**general meeting**” means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with rule 12;

“**Laws of the Game**” means the rules of Football referred to in the Statutes and Regulations;

“**member**” means a member of the Association and includes junior playing members under the age of eighteen years exercising their rights through their nominated parent or guardian, as appropriate, and for the purposes of rules 7 and 8, includes the parent or guardian of a junior playing member.

“**ordinary member of the committee**” means a member of the committee who is not an officer of the Association under Rule 21;

“**Regulations**” means regulations under the Act;

“**relevant documents**” has the same meaning as in the Act;

“**Statutes and Regulations**” means the Statutes and Regulations of FIFA in force from time to time;

(2) In these Rules, a reference to the Secretary of an Association is a reference -

(a) if a person holds office under these Rules as Secretary of the Association - to that person; and

(b) in any other case, to the public officer of the Association.

3. *Alteration of the rules*

These Rules and the statement of purposes of the Association must not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

3A *Constitution*

If the Association elects to participate in FFA/FFV sanctioned competitions, then notwithstanding any other provision in these Rules the Association must, for so long as it participates in FFA/FFV sanctioned competition:

- (a) Take all necessary steps to be recognized by the FFA and/or FFV and must ensure that:
- (i) all members of its teams are entitled to membership of the Association
 - (ii) members may vote in an election for any officeholders (whether directly if over 18 years of age or, where a member is under the age of 18 years, indirectly through the member's parent or other legal guardian);
 - (iii) in respect of all teams that compete in an FFA/FFV sanctioned competition, it complies with the Statutes and Regulations and the Laws of the Game;
 - (iv) in respect of all teams that compete in an FFA/FFV sanctioned competition, it complies with those FFA or FFV rules (including the respective constitutions) and by-laws expressed to apply to it; and
 - (v) in respect of all teams that compete in an FFA/FFV sanctioned competition, it prevents infringement of the constitutions and by-laws of FFA and FFV and protect Football from abuse;
- (b) amend:
- (i) this Constitution; or
 - (ii) the By-laws,
- to promptly adopt changes in the constitutions and by-laws of FFA and/or FFV made from time to time to the extent that they are applicable to the Club. In this clause the reference to changes to by-laws includes additional or replacement by-laws;
- (c) not otherwise amend or vary this Constitution without the consent of FFV and in accordance with the Act; or
- (d) not otherwise amend or vary any of its By-laws without the consent of FFV.

FFV must consent to any amendment to this Constitution or those By-laws which are required by law.

3B *Enforcement of rules*

Subject to applicable law, for so long as it participates in FFA/FFV sanctioned competition, the Association must in respect of all teams that compete in an FFA/FFV sanctioned competition:

- (a) promulgate and comply with, and do everything within its power to enforce compliance with, the Statutes and Regulations and the Laws of the Game; and
- (b) co-operate with FFA and FFV in all matters relating to the organization of competitions, the Association's own competitions and Football in general.

3C *Notification to FFV*

- (a) The Club is not required to submit any amendment to its Constitution or By-laws to FFV for consent unless:
 - (i) the amendment impacts upon membership or member's rights,
 - (ii) the amendment concerns FFV Football competitions, tournaments or games, or otherwise relates to the conduct, regulation or management of Football, or

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- (iii) the effect of the amendment is a breach of the Constitution, by-laws or statutes and regulations of either FFV or FFA as prescribed from time to time.
 - (b) FFV will only withhold consent where the amendment or the effect of the amendment is in breach of the constitutions, by-laws or statutes and regulations of FFA and FFV as prescribed from time to time

4. *Membership and subscriptions*

- (1) A person who applies and is approved for membership as provided in these Rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the annual subscription payable under these Rules.
- (2) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the incorporation of the Association (or who was a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) must not be admitted to membership unless:
 - (a) he or she applies for membership in accordance with sub-rule(3); and
 - (b) the admission as a member is approved by the committee
- (3) An application of a person for membership of the Association must:
 - (a) be made in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1;
 - (b) be lodged with the Secretary of the Association.
- (4) As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application, the Secretary must refer the application to the committee.
- (5) The committee must determine whether to approve or reject the application.
- (6) If the committee approves an application for membership, the Secretary must, as soon as practicable:
 - (a) notify the applicant in writing of the approval for membership: and
 - (b) request payment within 28 days after receipt of the notification of the sum payable under these Rules as the entrance fee and the first year's annual subscription.
- (7) The Secretary must, within 28 days after receipt of the amounts referred to in sub-rule (6), enter the applicant's name in the register of members.
- (8) An applicant for membership becomes a member and is entitled to exercise the rights of membership when his or her name is entered in the register of members.
- (9) If the committee rejects an application, the committee must, as soon as practicable, notify the applicant in writing that the application has been rejected.
- (10) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of membership of the Association:
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, except in so far as the rights, privileges and obligations of junior playing members shall be exercised by their nominated parent or guardian; and
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.
- (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of rule 4, membership shall be restricted to:
 - (a) members under the age of 18 years who, subject to these Rules, are not entitled to hold any office, shall have the right to be present, debate and vote at general meetings through the member's parent or other legal guardian;
 - (b) members over 18 years of age who, subject to these Rules, shall have the right to be

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- present, debate and vote at general meetings;
 - (c) coaches and managers of registered teams, so long as they are not concurrently exercising the rights of a junior playing member as their parent or guardian;
 - (d) founding members of the club at the date of incorporation;
 - (e) life members, who may be elected by special resolution after serving for a minimum of five years on the committee and/or as a coach or manager and/or in a volunteer role of significance to the club.
- (11A) A junior playing member, on attaining the age of eighteen, becomes a senior playing member without any additional subscription being payable and the nominated parent or guardian of that member can no longer exercise their membership rights, save for being deemed a member for the purpose of rule 24.
- (12) The annual subscription for each class of member shall be determined by the Committee from time to time and is payable and is payable on or before 30 April in each year.
- (13) The committee may take into account issues of hardship in permitting discounted subscriptions under rules agreed and published by the committee at the commencement of each year.
- (14) That the Association will at all times seek to ensure that junior fees are affordable and equitable;
- (15) The Association will support the inclusion of senior teams on the basis of such teams being financially self-sufficient and not adversely affecting the Association's capacity to support junior teams;
- (16) Senior Players or children of Senior Players will not be entitled to the reduction in fees for a second family member.

4A *Members admitted to membership*

The Association must procure that each member admitted to membership agrees to be bound by and observe:

- (a) these Rules;
- (b) the Laws of the Game;
- (c) the Statutes and Regulations;
- (d) the Statutes and Regulations and the constitutions and by-laws of FFA and FFV as enforced from time to time;
- (e) the FFV Codes of Behaviour and Rules of Competition, as amended from time to time; and
- (f) the FFA Code of Conduct, as amended from time to time,

to the extent (if any) that the member participates in a FFA/FFV sanctioned competition

5. *Register of members*

- (1) The Secretary must keep and maintain a register of members containing-
 - (a) the name and address and class of membership of each member; and
 - (b) in the case of junior player members, the nominated parent or guardian who exercises that junior playing member's voting rights at General Meetings.
 - (c) the date on which each member's name was entered in the register.
- (2) The register is available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.
- (3) A member may make a copy of entries in the register.

6. *Ceasing membership*

- (1) A member of the Association who has paid all moneys due and payable by a member to the Association may resign from the Association without notice.
- (2) After the expiry of the period referred to in sub-rule (1)-
 - (a) the member ceases to be a member; and
 - (b) the Secretary must record in the register of members the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

7. *Discipline, suspension and expulsion of members, parents or guardians*

- (1) Subject to these Rules, if the committee is of the opinion that a member, or the parent or guardian of a member, has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Association, the committee may be resolution-
 - (a) fine that member an amount not exceeding \$500; or
 - (b) suspend that member from membership of the Association for a specified period; or
 - (c) expel that member from the Association.
- (2) A resolution of the committee under sub-rule (1) does not take effect unless-
 - (a) at a meeting held in accordance with sub-rule (3), the committee confirms the resolution; and
 - (b) if the member exercises a right of appeal to the Association under this rule, the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- (3) A meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1) must be held not earlier than 14 days, and not later than 28 days, after notice has been given to the member in accordance with sub-rule (4).
- (4) For the purposes of giving notice in accordance with sub-rule (3), the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, cause to be given to the member a written notice-
 - (a) setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based; and
 - (b) stating that the member, or his or her representative, may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the notice has been given to that member; and
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) informing the member that he or she may do one or both of the following-
 - (i) attending that meeting;
 - (ii) give to the committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;
 - (e) informing the member that, if at that meeting, the committee confirms the resolution, he or she may not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.
- (5) At a meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1), the committee must-
 - (a) give the member, or his or her representative, an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
 - (c) determine by resolution whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.

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- (6) If at the meeting of the committee, the committee confirms the resolution, the member may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.
 - (7) If the Secretary receives a notice under sub-rule (6), he or she must notify the committee and the committee must convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
 - (8) At a general meeting of the Association convened under sub-rule (7)-
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal may be conducted; and
 - (b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution; and
 - (c) the member, or his or her representative, must be given an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (d) the members present must vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
 - (9) A resolution is confirmed if, at the general meeting, not less than two-thirds of the members present or having issued proxies vote in person, or by proxy, in favour of the resolution. In any other case, the resolution is revoked.

8. *Disputes and mediation*

- (1) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between-
 - (a) a member and another member; or
 - (b) a member and the Association.
 - (2) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
 - (3) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
 - (4) The mediator must be-
 - (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - (b) in the absence of agreement -
 - (i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Association; or
 - (ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
 - (5) A member of the Association can be a mediator.
 - (6) The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
 - (7) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
 - (8) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must -
 - (a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
 - (9) The mediator must not determine the dispute.
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- (10) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act otherwise at law.

9. *Annual general meetings*

- (1) The committee may determine the date, time and place of the annual general meeting of the Association, which must be held no later than 30 November in any year.
- (2) The notice convening the annual general meeting must specify that the meeting is an annual general meeting.
- (3) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be-
- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting; and
 - (b) to receive from the committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year; and
 - (c) to elect officers of the Association and the ordinary member of the committee; and
 - (d) to receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act; and
 - (e) to appoint an auditor.
- (4) (a) The annual general meeting may conduct any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.
- (b) such special business shall be dealt with in the order in which notices of motion have been received by the Secretary.

10. *Special general meetings*

- (1) In addition to the annual general meeting, any other general meeting may be held in the same year.
- (2) All general meetings other than the annual general meeting are special general meetings.
- (3) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (4) If, but for this sub-rule, more than 15 months would elapse between annual general meetings, the committee must convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.
- (5) The committee must on the request in writing of twenty or more members convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (6) The request for a special general meeting must -
- (a) state the objects of the meeting; and
 - (b) be signed by the members requesting the meeting; and
 - (c) be sent to the address of the Secretary.
- (7) If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the request is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the request, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (8) If a special general meeting is convened by members in accordance with this rule, it must be convened by the committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the special general meeting must be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring the expenses.

11. *Special business*

All business that is conducted at a special general meeting and all business that is conducted at the annual general meeting, except for business conducted under the rules as ordinary business of the annual general meeting, is deemed to be special business.

12. *Notice of general meetings*

- (1) The Secretary of the Association, at least 14 days, or if a special resolution has been proposed at least 21 days, before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, must cause to be sent to each member of the Association, a notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- (2) Notice may be sent-
 - (a) by prepaid post to the address appearing in the register of members; or
 - (b) if the member requests, by facsimile transmission or electronic transmission.
- (3) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting may be conducted at the meeting.
- (4) A member intending to bring any business before a meeting may notify in writing, or by electronic transmission, the Secretary of that business, who must include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting.

13. *Quorum at general meetings*

- (1) No item of business may be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these Rules to vote is present at the time when the meeting is considered that item.
- (2) Five members personally present (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a general meeting.
- (3) If, within half an hour after the appointment time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present -
 - (a) in the case of a meeting convened upon the request of members- the meeting must be dissolved; and
 - (b) in any other case - the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairperson at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.
- (4) If at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members personally present (being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.

14. *Presiding at general meetings*

- (1) The President, or in the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall Preside as Chairperson at each general meeting of the Association
- (2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, or are unable to preside, the members present must select one of their number to preside as Chairperson.

15. *Adjournment of meetings*

- (1) The person presiding may, with the consent of a majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place.
- (2) No business may be conducted at an adjourned meeting other than the unfinished business from

the meeting that was adjourned.

- (3) If a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given in accordance with rule 12.
- (4) Except as provided in sub-rule (13), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be conducted at an adjourned meeting.

16. *Voting at general meetings*

- (1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member has one vote only, unless they are the nominated parent or guardian of a junior playing member in which case they may vote personally, if a member in their own right, and also vote on behalf of each of the junior playing members for whom they are the nominated parent or guardian.
- (2) All votes must be given personally or by proxy.
- (3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (4) A member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting unless all moneys due and payable by the member to the Association have been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the current financial year.

17. *Poll at general meetings*

- (1) If a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than 3 members, it must be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairperson may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.
- (2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairperson or on a question of an adjournment, or on a motion of dissent from a ruling of the Chair must be taken immediately and a poll that is demanded on any other question must be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairperson may direct.

18. *Manner of determining whether resolution carried*

If a question arising at a general meeting of the Association is determined on a show of hands -

- (a) a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been -
 - (i) carried; or
 - (ii) carried unanimously; or
 - (iii) carried by a particular majority; or
 - (iv) lost; and
- (b) an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Association - is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

19. *Proxies*

- (1) Each member is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy must be –
 - (a) for a meeting of the Association convened under rule 7(7), in the form set out in Appendix 2; or
 - (b) in any other case, in the form set out in Appendix 3.

20. *Committee of Management*

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the committee of management.
- (2) The committee -
 - (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association; and
 - (b) may, subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association; and
 - (c) subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.
- (3) Subject to section 23 of the Act, the committee shall consist of -
 - (a) the officers of the Association; and
 - (b) four ordinary members-
each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.

20A. *Inaugural Committee*

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other rule, the inaugural committee shall be elected at a General Meeting held within sixty days of incorporation for a period of two years.

21. *Office holders*

- (1) The officers of the Association shall be -
 - (a) a President;
 - (b) a Vice-President;
 - (c) a Treasurer;
 - (d) a Secretary, who shall be the public officer;
 - (e) an Assistant Secretary, and
 - (f) a Match and Facilities Manager.
- (2) The provisions of rule 23, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any other offices referred to in sub-rule (1).
- (3) Subject to rule 20A, each officer of the Association shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his or her election.
- (4) No person may hold an office or offices for more than six consecutive years except by special resolution passed by a majority of two thirds of all members present or voting by proxy.
- (5) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-rule (1), the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

22. *Ordinary members of the committee*

- (1) Subject to these Rules, each ordinary member of the committee shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of election, even if no longer eligible for re-election.
- (2) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the committee,

the committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member appointed shall hold office, subject to these Rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

23. *Election of officers and ordinary committee members*

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election of officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the committee must be -
 - (a) made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (b) delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) A candidate may only be nominated for one office, but may also be nominated as an ordinary member of the committee, prior to the annual general meeting, such nomination for ordinary membership lapsing in the event that they are elected to an office.
- (3) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot must be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the committee must be conducted at the annual general meeting in such manner as the chair may direct.

24. *Vacancies*

- (1) The office of an officer of the Association, or of an ordinary member of the committee, becomes vacant if the officer or member -
 - (a) ceases to be a member of the Association; or
 - (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Law; or
 - (c) resigns from office by notice in writing given to the Secretary.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything in rule 24 (1), an office or ordinary membership does not become vacant if a person's membership has expired as a consequence of a junior player, of whom they are parent or guardian, attaining the age of eighteen.

25. *Meetings of the committee*

- (1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each year at such place and such times as the committee may determine.
- (2) Special meetings of the committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 members of the committee.

26. *Notice of committee meetings*

- (1) Written notice of each committee meeting must be given to each member of the committee at least seven days before the date of the meeting.

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- (2) Written notice must be given to members of the committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be conducted and no other business may be conducted at such a meeting.
 - (3) Written notice of committee meetings shall also be given to all other members of the association by publication on the notice board or in the newsletter and such members may attend committee meetings but may not speak without leave or vote on any matter.

27. *Quorum for committee meetings*

- (1) Any 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (2) No business may be conducted unless a quorum is present.
- (3) If within half of hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present -
 - (a) in the case of a special meeting- the meeting lapses;
 - (b) in any other case- the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and the same time and day in the following week.
- (4) The committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.

27A. *Circular resolutions using email*

The committee may transact business by emailed circular resolution, without observing the notice provisions of rule 26, so long as the agreement is unanimous and there is no objection by any member of the committee.

28. *Presiding at committee meetings*

At meetings of the committee-

- (a) the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President presides; or
- (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, or are unable to preside, the members present must choose one of their number to preside.

29. *Voting at committee meetings*

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee, or at a meeting of any sub-committee appointed by the committee, shall be determined on a show of hands or, if a member requests, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at that meeting may determine.
- (2) Each officer or ordinary committee member present at a meeting of the committee, or at a meeting of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting), is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

30. *Removal of committee member*

- (1) The Association in general meeting may, by resolution, remove any member of the committee before the expiration of the member's term of office and appoint another member in his or her place to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member.
- (2) A member who is the subject of a proposed resolution referred to in sub-rule (1) may make representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the Association (not exceeding a reasonable length) and may request that the representations be provided to the members of the Association.
- (3) The Secretary or the President shall give a copy of the representations to each member of the

Association.

31. *Minutes of meetings*

- (1) The Secretary of the Association must keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting, and each committee meeting, together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings.
- (2) In the case of circular resolutions of the committee, a print-out of the electronic communications, showing no dissent by any member of the committee, shall serve as the minutes.

32. *Funds*

- (1) The Treasurer of the Association must -
 - (a) collect and receive all moneys due to the Association and make all payments authorised by the Association; and
 - (b) keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by two members of the committee, one of whom shall be the Treasurer.
- (3) The funds of the Association shall be derived from annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the committee determines.

33. *Seal*

- (1) The common seal of the Association must be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
- (2) The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures of one member of the committee and the public officer of the Association.

34. *Notice to members*

Except for the requirement in rule 12, any notice that is required to be given to a member, by or on behalf of the Association, under these Rules may be given by-

- (1) delivering the notice to the member personally; or
- (2) sending it by prepaid post addressed to the member at that member's address shown in the register of members; or
- (3) facsimile transmission, if the member has requested that the notice be given to him or her in this manner; or
- (4) electronic transmission, if the member has requested that the notice be given to him or her in this manner.

35. *Winding up*

In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, the assets of the Association must, subject to the Act, be distributed to:

- (a) a fund with objectives similar to those of the Association; or

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- (b) a community or charitable organisation.

36. *Custody and inspection of books and records*

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary and the Treasurer must keep in their custody or under their control all books, documents and securities of the Association.
- (2) All accounts, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the Association must be available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.
- (3) A member, at their own cost, may make a copy of any accounts, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the Association.