

BYFORD BUSHRANGERS

RULES OF ASSOCIATION

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1. Name of Association

The name of the Association is BYFORD BUSHRANGERS INC, hereafter referred to as “the club”.

2. Objects of the Association

- (1) To promote and manage diamond sports in the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and surrounding regions.
- (2) To obtain sponsorships and grants for the sport/s, excluding cigarette and alcohol sponsorships for Tee-ball.
- (3) To do all things legally necessary that are conducive or incidental for the attainment of the Objects of the Association.

3. Terms used

In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears –

Act means the Associations Incorporation Act 2015;

Association - means the incorporated association to which these rules apply;

Books, of the club, includes the following -

- (a) a register;
- (b) financial records, financial statements or financial reports, however compiled, recorded or stored;
- (c) a document;
- (d) any other record of information;

Chairperson means the Committee Member holding the chair at meetings of the club;

Club means the incorporated association to which these rules apply;

Commissioner means the person for the time being designated as the Commissioner under Section 153 of the Act;

Committee means the management committee of the club;

Committee meeting means a meeting of the committee;

Financial member means a person who is a member of the club with the rights referred to in rule 9(5);

Financial records include –

- (a) invoices, receipts, orders for the payment of money, bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes and vouchers;
- (b) documents of prime entry;
- (c) working papers and other documents needed to explain –
 - (i) the methods by which financial statements are prepared;
 - (ii) adjustments to be made in preparing financial statements;

Financial statements means the financial statements in relation to the club required under Part 5 Division 3 of the Act;

Financial year of the club has the meaning given in rule 71;

General meeting, of the club, means a meeting of the club that all members are entitled to receive notice of and to attend;

General committee member means a committee member who is not an office holder of the club under rule 28(4);

Junior member means a member with the rights referred to in rule 9(6);

Member means a person who is a financial or associate member of the club;

President means the committee member holding office as the president of the Club;

Register of members means the register of members referred to in section 53 of the Act;

Registrar means the committee member holding office as the registrar of the Club;

Rules means these rules of the Club, as in force for the time being;

Secretary means the committee member holding office as the secretary of the Club;

Special general meeting means a general meeting of the Club other than the annual general meeting;

Special resolution means a resolution passed by three-fourths of members at a general meeting in accordance with section 51 of the Act;

Subcommittee means a subcommittee appointed by the committee under rule 55(1)(a);

Tier 1 association means an incorporated association to which section 64(1) of the Act applies;

Treasurer means the committee member holding office as the treasurer of the Club;

PART 2 – CLUB TO BE NOT FOR PROFIT BODY

4. Not-for-profit body

- (1) The property and income of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects or purposes of the Club and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to any member, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects or purposes.
- (2) A payment may be made to a member out of the funds of the Club only if it is authorised under sub rule (3).
- (3) A payment to a member out of funds of the Club is authorised if it is –
 - (a) the payment in good faith to the member as reasonable remuneration for any goods or services provided to the Club in the ordinary course of business; or
 - (b) the reimbursement of reasonable expenses properly incurred by the member on behalf of the Club.

PART 3 – MEMBERS

Division 1 - Membership

5. Eligibility for membership

- (1) Any person who supports the objects or purposes of the Association is eligible to apply to become a member.
- (2) An individual who has not reached the age of 18 years is not eligible to apply for a class of membership that confers full voting rights.

6. Applying for membership

- (1) A person who wants to become a member must make application in writing or electronically.
- (2) The application must be signed by the applicant.
- (3) The application for an individual who has not reached the age of 18 years must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of the applicant.

7. Dealing with membership applications

- (1) The registrar or authorised person must consider each application for membership of the Club and can decide whether to accept the application.
- (2) Unless subject to sub rule (5), if the registrar or authorised person decides not to accept the application, the application must be referred to the subcommittee for consideration.
- (3) The subcommittee may delay its consideration of an application if it is considered that any matter relating to the application needs to be clarified by the applicant or that the applicant needs to provide further information in support of the application.
- (4) The Registrar or authorised person must not accept an application unless the applicant –
 - (a) is eligible under rule 5; and
 - (b) has applied under rule 6.
- (5) The subcommittee may reject an application even if the applicant –
 - (a) is eligible under rule 5; and
 - (b) has applied under rule 6.
- (6) The subcommittee must notify the applicant of the subcommittee's decision to accept or reject the application as soon as practicable after making the decision.
- (7) If the subcommittee rejects the application, the committee is not required to give the applicant its reasons for doing so.

8. Becoming a member

- (1) An applicant for membership of the Club becomes a member when –
 - (a) the registrar or authorised committee member accepts the application; and
 - (b) the applicant pays any membership fees payable to the Club under rule 13.
- (2) Section 36(1)(b) of the Act provides that a copy of the Club's rules to be given to each person who becomes a member of the Club.

9. Classes of membership

- (1) The Club consists of financial members and associate members provided for under sub rule (2).
- (2) The Club may have any class of associate membership approved by resolution at a general meeting, including junior membership, honorary membership and life membership.
- (3) An individual who has not reached the age of 18 years is only eligible to be an associate member.

- (4) A person can only be a financial member or belong to one class of associate membership.
- (5) Financial members and associate members excluding Junior Members, have full voting rights and any other rights conferred on members by these rules or approved by resolution at a general meeting or determined by the committee.
- (6) A junior member has the rights referred to in sub rule (5) other than full voting rights.
- (7) The number of members of any class is not limited unless otherwise approved by resolution at a general meeting.

10. When membership ceases

- (1) A person ceases to be a member when any of the following takes place –
 - (a) Excluding Life Members, a period of 12 months lapses from initial registration date or another date defined by committee;
 - (b) The person ceases to be a member under rule 13(4);
 - (c) The person resigns from the Club under rule 11;
 - (d) The person is expelled from the Club under rule 16;
 - (e) The individual dies;
- (2) The registrar must keep a record, for at least one year after a person ceases to be a member, of –
 - (a) The date on which the person ceased to be a member; and
 - (b) The reason why the person ceased to be a member.

11. Resignation

- (1) A member may resign from membership of the Club by giving written notice of the resignation to the registrar, secretary or president.
- (2) The resignation takes effect –
 - (a) When the registrar, secretary or president receives the notice; or
 - (b) If a later time is stated in the notice, at that later time.
- (3) A person who has resigned from membership of the Club remains liable for any fees that are owed to the Club at the time of resignation.
- (4) The owed amount may be recovered by the Club in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Club.

12. Rights not transferable

The rights of a member are not transferable and end when membership ceases.

Division 2 – Membership Fees

13. Membership Fees

- (1) The committee must determine the annual membership fee (if any) to be paid for membership of the Club.
- (2) The fees determined under sub rule (1) may be different for different classes of membership.
- (3) A member must pay the annual membership fee to the treasurer, or another person authorised by the committee to accept payments, by the date (the due date) determined by the committee.
- (4) If a member has not paid the annual membership fee within the period of one (1) month after the due date, the member ceases to be a member on the expiry of that period.
- (5) If a person who has ceased to be a member under sub rule 13(4) offered to pay the membership fee after the period referred to in that sub rule has expired –
 - (a) The committee may, at its discretion, accept the payment; and
 - (b) If the payment is accepted, the person's membership is reinstated from the date the payment is accepted.

Division 3 – Register of members**14. Register of members**

- (1) The registrar, or another person authorised by the committee, is responsible for the requirements imposed on the Club under section 53 of the Act to maintain a register of members and record in that register any change in the membership of the Club.
- (2) In addition to the matter referred to in section 53(2) of the Act, the register of members must include the class of membership (if applicable) to which each member belongs and the date on which each member becomes a member.
- (3) The register of members must be kept at the registrar's place of residence, or at another place determined by the committee.
- (4) A member who wishes to inspect the register of members must contact the registrar to make necessary arrangements.
If –

- (a) A member inspecting the register of members wishes to make a copy of, or take an extract from, the register under section 54(2) of the Act; or
- (b) A member makes a written request under section 56(1) of the Act to be provided with a copy of the register of members, the committee may require the member to provide a statutory declaration setting out the purpose for which the copy or extract is required and declaring that the purpose is connected with the affairs of the Club.

PART 4 — DISCIPLINARY ACTION, DISPUTES AND MEDIATION

Division 1 — Term used

15. Term used: member

In this Part —

member, in relation to a member who is expelled from the Club, includes former member.

Division 2 — Disciplinary action

16. Suspension or expulsion

- (1) The committee may decide to suspend a member's membership or to expel a member from the Club if —
 - (a) the member contravenes any of these rules; or
 - (b) the member acts detrimentally to the interests of the Club.
- (2) The secretary must give the member written notice of the proposed suspension or expulsion at least 28 days before the committee meeting at which the proposal is to be considered by the committee.
- (3) The notice given to the member must state —
 - (a) when and where the committee meeting is to be held; and
 - (b) the grounds on which the proposed suspension or expulsion is based; and
 - (c) that the member, or the member's representative, may attend the meeting and will be given a reasonable opportunity to make written or oral (or both written and oral) submissions to the committee about the proposed suspension or expulsion;
- (4) At the committee meeting, the committee must —
 - (a) give the member, or the member's representative, a reasonable opportunity to make written or oral (or both written and oral) submissions to the committee about the proposed suspension or expulsion; and
 - (b) give due consideration to any submissions so made; and
 - (c) decide —
 - (i) whether or not to suspend the member's membership and, if the decision is to suspend the membership, the period of suspension; or
 - (ii) whether or not to expel the member from the Club.
- (5) A decision of the committee to suspend the member's membership or to expel the member from the Club takes immediate effect.
- (6) The committee must give the member written notice of the committee's decision, and the reasons for the decision, within 7 days after the committee meeting at which the decision is made.
- (7) A member whose membership is suspended or who is expelled from the Club may, within 14 days after receiving notice of the Committee's decision under sub rule (6), give written notice to the secretary requesting the appointment of a mediator under rule 24.
- (8) If notice is given under sub rule (7), the member who gives the notice and the committee are the parties to the mediation.

17. Consequences of suspension

- (1) During the period a member's membership is suspended, the member —
 - (a) loses any rights (including voting rights) arising as a result of membership; and
 - (b) is not entitled to a refund, rebate, relief or credit for membership fees paid, or payable, to the Club.
- (2) When a member's membership is suspended, the registrar must record in the register of members —
 - (a) that the member's membership is suspended; and
 - (b) the date on which the suspension takes effect; and
 - (c) the period of the suspension.
- (3) When the period of the suspension ends, the registrar must record in the register of members that the member's membership is no longer suspended.

Division 3 — Resolving disputes

18. Terms used

In this Division —

grievance procedure means the procedures set out in this Division;

party to a dispute includes a person —

- (a) who is a party to the dispute; and
- (b) who ceases to be a member within 6 months before the dispute has come to the attention of each party to the dispute.

19. Application of Division

The procedure set out in this Division (the grievance procedure) applies to disputes —

- (a) between members; or
- (b) between one or more members and the Club.

20. Parties to attempt to resolve dispute

The parties to a dispute must attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves within 14 days after the dispute has come to the attention of each party.

21. How grievance procedure is started

- (1) If the parties to a dispute are unable to resolve the dispute between themselves within the time required by rule 20, any party to the dispute may start the grievance procedure by giving written notice to the secretary of —
 - (a) the parties to the dispute; and
 - (b) the matters that are the subject of the dispute.
- (2) Within 28 days after the secretary is given the notice, a committee meeting must be convened to consider and determine the dispute.
- (3) The secretary must give each party to the dispute written notice of the committee meeting at which the dispute is to be considered and determined at least 7 days before the meeting is held.
- (4) The notice given to each party to the dispute must state —
 - (a) when and where the committee meeting is to be held; and
 - (b) that the party, or the party's representative, may attend the meeting and will be given a reasonable opportunity to make written or oral (or both written and oral) submissions to the committee about the dispute.
- (5) If —
 - (a) the dispute is between one or more members and the Club; and
 - (b) any party to the dispute gives written notice to the secretary stating that the party —
 - (i) does not agree to the dispute being determined by the committee; and
 - (ii) requests the appointment of a mediator under rule 24, the committee must not determine the dispute.

22. Determination of dispute by committee

- (1) At the committee meeting at which a dispute is to be considered and determined, the committee must —
 - (a) give each party to the dispute, or the party's representative, a reasonable opportunity to make written or oral (or both written and oral) submissions to the committee about the dispute; and
 - (b) give due consideration to any submissions so made; and
 - (c) determine the dispute.
- (2) The committee must give each party to the dispute written notice of the committee's determination, and the reasons for the determination, within 7 days after the committee meeting at which the determination is made.
- (3) A party to the dispute may, within 14 days after receiving notice of the committee's determination under sub rule (1)(c), give written notice to the secretary requesting the appointment of a mediator under rule 24.
- (4) If notice is given under sub rule (3), each party to the dispute is a party to the mediation.

Division 4 — Mediation**23. Application of Division**

- (1) This Division applies if written notice has been given to the secretary requesting the appointment of a mediator —
 - (a) by a member under rule 16(7); or
 - (b) by a party to a dispute under rule 21(5)(b)(ii).
- (2) If this Division applies, a mediator must be chosen or appointed under rule 24.

24. Appointment of mediator

- (1) The mediator must be a person chosen —
 - (a) if the appointment of a mediator was requested by a member under rule 16(7) — by agreement between the member and the committee; or

- (b) if the appointment of a mediator was requested by a party to a dispute under rule 21(5)(b)(ii) or 22(3) — by agreement between the parties to the dispute.
- (2) If there is no agreement for the purposes of sub rule (1), then, subject to sub rules (3) and (4), the committee must appoint the mediator.
- (3) The person appointed as mediator by the committee must be a person who acts as a mediator for another not-for-profit body, such as a community legal centre, if the appointment of a mediator was requested by —
 - (a) a member under rule 16(7); or
 - (b) a party to a dispute under rule 21(5)(b)(ii); or
 - (c) a party to a dispute under rule 22(3) and the dispute is between one or more members and the Club.
- (4) The person appointed as mediator by the committee may be a member or former member of the Club but must not —
 - (a) have a personal interest in the matter that is the subject of the mediation; or
 - (b) be biased in favour of or against any party to the mediation.

25. Mediation process

- (1) The parties to the mediation must attempt in good faith to settle the matter that is the subject of the mediation.
- (2) Each party to the mediation must give the mediator a written statement of the issues that need to be considered at the mediation at least 5 days before the mediation takes place.
- (3) In conducting the mediation, the mediator must —
 - (a) give each party to the mediation every opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) allow each party to the mediation to give due consideration to any written statement given by another party; and
 - (c) ensure that natural justice is given to the parties to the mediation throughout the mediation process.
- (4) The mediator cannot determine the matter that is the subject of the mediation.
- (5) The mediation must be confidential, and any information given at the mediation cannot be used in any other proceedings that take place in relation to the matter that is the subject of the mediation.
- (6) The costs of the mediation are to be paid by the party or parties to the mediation that requested the appointment of the mediator.

26. If mediation results in decision to suspend or expel being revoked

If —

- (a) mediation takes place because a member whose membership is suspended or who is expelled from the Club gives notice under rule 16(7); and
- (b) as the result of the mediation, the decision to suspend the member's membership or expel the member is revoked,

that revocation does not affect the validity of any decision made at a committee meeting or general meeting during the period of suspension or expulsion.

PART 5 – COMMITTEE

Division 1 – Powers of committee

27. Committee

- (1) The committee members are the persons who, as the management committee of the Club, have the power to manage the affairs of the Club.
- (2) Subject to the Act, these rules and any resolution passed at a general meeting, the committee has power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for the proper management of the affairs of the Club.
- (3) The committee must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Club complies with the Act and these rules.

Division 2 – Composition of Committee and duties of members

28. Committee members

- (1) The committee members consist of —
 - (a) The office holders of the Club as designated in sub rule (4); and
 - (b) A minimum of one general committee member allocated to each Tee-ball, Baseball and Softball subcommittees.
- (2) The number of general committee members are allocated as follows —
 - (a) Tee-ball subcommittee – 50% of general committee members
 - (b) Baseball subcommittee – 30% of general committee members
 - (c) Softball subcommittee – 20% of general committee members
- (3) The committee must determine the maximum number of members who may be general committee members, not to exceed the number of office holders per sub rule (4) elected.

- (4) The following are office holders of the Club –
- (a) The president;
 - (b) A maximum of three (3) vice-presidents as follows –
 - (i) Vice President (Tee-ball)
 - (ii) Vice President (Baseball)
 - (iii) Vice President (Softball)
 - (c) The secretary;
 - (d) The treasurer;
 - (e) The registrar
 - (f) The Equipment Coordinator;
 - (g) The Events Coordinator;
 - (h) The Uniform Officer;
 - (i) The Publicity Officer,
 - (j) The Grounds Coordinator.
- (5) A person may elect to be a committee member if the person is –
- (a) An individual who has reached 18 years of age; and
 - (b) A financial, honorary or life member.
- (6) A person is not permitted hold two (2) or more of the offices mentioned in sub rule (4) at the same time. Unless-
- (a) A position is deemed vacant at the Annual General Meeting
- (7) An officer holder may temporarily hold a second office position, until a new member nominates during a committee meeting.

29. President

The president has the following duties -

- (1) It is the duty of the president to consult with the secretary regarding the business to be conducted at each committee meeting and general meeting.
- (2) The president has the powers and duties convening and presiding at committee meetings and presiding at general meetings provided for in these rules.
- (3) Liaise with local businesses and arrange for any sponsorships, grants and donations.
- (4) Carry out any other duties given to the President under these rules or by the committee.

30. Vice President

The vice president(s) have the following duties -

- (1) Represent the Club as the primary delegate for the affiliated body of their specific sport being –
 - (a) Tee-ball
 - (b) Baseball
 - (c) Softball
- (2) Assist President where directed and undertake the President's duties if they are unavailable.
- (3) Oversee the operations of the specific sport.
- (4) Chair subcommittee meetings and ensure all rules and procedures for subcommittee meetings are followed.
- (5) Carrying out any other duty given to the vice presidents under these rules or by the committee.

31. Secretary

The secretary has the following duties -

- (1) Dealing with the Club's correspondence;
- (2) consulting with the president regarding the business to be conducted at each committee meeting and general meeting;
- (3) preparing the notices required for meetings and for the business to be conducted at meetings;
- (4) maintaining on behalf of the Club an up to date copy of the rules, as required under section 35(1) of the Act;
- (5) unless another member is authorised by the committee to do so, maintaining on behalf of the Club a record of committee members and other persons authorised to act on behalf of the Club, as required under section 58(2) of the Act;
- (6) ensuring the safe custody of the books of the Club, other than the register of members, financial records, financial statements and financial reports, as applicable to the Club;
- (7) maintaining full and accurate minutes of committee meetings and general meetings;
- (8) carrying out any other duty given to the secretary under these rules or by the committee.

32. Treasurer

The treasurer has the following duties -

- (1) ensuring that any amounts payable to the Club are collected and issuing receipts for those amounts in the Club's name;
- (2) ensuring that any amounts paid to the Club are credited to the appropriate account of the Club, as directed by the committee;
- (3) ensuring that any payments to be made by the Club that have been authorised by the committee or at a general meeting are made on time;
- (4) ensuring that the Club complies with the relevant requirements of Part 5 of the Act;
- (5) ensuring the safe custody of the Club's financial records, financial statements and financial reports, as applicable to the Club;
- (6) As a tier 1 Association, coordinating the preparation of the Club's financial statements before their submission to the Club's annual general meeting;
- (7) carrying out any other duty given to the treasurer under these rules or by the committee.

33. Registrar

The registrar has the following Duties-

- (1) Unless another member is authorised by the committee to do so, maintaining on behalf of the Club the register of members, and recording in the register any changes in the membership, as required under section 53(1) of the act.
- (2) Carrying out any other duty given to the registrar under these rules or by the committee.

34. The Equipment Coordinator

- (1) Maintains an Equipment Register and completes stocktake as directed by the committee.
- (2) Maintains a Key Register and updates as required.
- (3) Liaise with committee members ensuring all equipment is maintained and replaced when required.
- (4) Carrying out any other duty given to the Equipment Coordinator under these rules or by the committee.

35. The Events Coordinator

- (1) Organises and coordinates Club events as determined by the committee.
- (2) Carrying out any other duty given to the Events Coordinator under these rules or by the committee.

36. The Uniform Coordinator

- (1) Maintains a Uniform Register stating what stock is on hand or loaned and updates as required.
- (2) Maintains merchandise stock and updates as required.
- (3) Carrying out any other duty given to the Uniform Coordinator under these rules or by the committee.

37. The Grounds Coordinator

- (1) Ensure access to grounds are available to members when required.
- (2) Ensure condition of grounds and their facilities are maintained, reporting any faults or issues to appropriate bodies.
- (3) Carrying out any other duty given to the Grounds Coordinator under these rules or by the committee.

38. General committee members

General committee members have the following duties -

- (1) the responsibilities as determined by the committee or subcommittee;
- (2) carrying out any other duty given to the general committee member under these rules or by the committee.

Division 3 — Election of committee members and tenure of office**39. How members become Committee members**

- (1) A member becomes a committee member if the member —
 - (a) is elected to the committee at a general meeting; or
 - (b) is appointed to the committee by the committee to fill a casual vacancy under rule 46.

40. Nomination of committee members

- (1) At least 30 days before an annual general meeting, the secretary must send written notice to all the members
 - (a) calling for nominations for election to the committee; and
 - (b) stating the date by which nominations must be received by the secretary to comply with sub rule (2).
- (2) A member who wishes to be considered for election to the committee at the annual general meeting must nominate for election by sending written notice of the nomination to the secretary at least seven (7) days before the annual general meeting.
- (3) The written notice must include a statement by another member in support of the nomination.
- (4) A member may nominate for one specified position of office holder of the Club or to be a general committee member.
- (5) A member whose nomination does not comply with this rule is not eligible for election to the committee unless the member is nominated under rule 41(2) or 42(2)(b).

41. Election of office holders

- (1) At the annual general meeting, a separate election must be held for each position of office holder of the Club.
- (2) If there is no nomination for a position, the chairperson of the meeting may call for nominations from the financial, honorary or life members at the meeting.
- (3) If only one member has nominated for a position, the chairperson of the meeting must declare the member elected to the position.
- (4) If more than one member has nominated for a position, the financial, honorary and life members at the meeting must vote in accordance with procedures that have been determined by the committee to decide who is to be elected to the position.
- (5) Each financial, honorary and life member present at the meeting may vote for one member who has nominated for the position.
- (6) A member who has nominated for the position may vote for himself or herself.
- (7) If a vote is even, the chairperson must cast a second and deciding vote as outlined in rule 67(3).

42. Election of general committee members

- (1) At the annual general meeting, the Club must decide by resolution the number of general committee members to hold office for the next year.
- (2) If the number of members nominating for the position of general committee member is not greater than the number to be elected, the chairperson of the meeting —
 - (a) must declare each of those members to be elected to the position; and
 - (b) may call for further nominations from the financial, honorary and life members at the meeting to fill any positions remaining unfilled after the elections under paragraph (a).
- (3) If —
 - (a) the number of members nominating for the position of general committee member is greater than the number to be elected; or
 - (b) the number of members nominating under sub rule (2)(b) is greater than the number of positions remaining unfilled, the financial, honorary and life members at the meeting must vote in accordance with procedures that have been determined by the committee to decide the members who are to be elected to the position of general committee member.
- (4) A member who has nominated for the position may vote for himself or herself.
- (5) If a vote is even, the chairperson must cast a second and deciding vote as outlined in rule 67(3)

43. Term of office

- (1) The term of office of a committee member begins when the member —
 - (a) is elected at an annual general meeting or under rule 44(3)(b); or
 - (b) is appointed to fill a casual vacancy under rule 46.
- (2) Subject to rule 455, a committee member holds office until the positions on the committee are declared vacant at the next annual general meeting.
- (3) A committee member may be re-elected.

44. Resignation and removal from office

- (1) A committee member may resign from the committee by written notice given to the secretary or, if the resigning member is the secretary, given to the president.
- (2) The resignation takes effect —
 - (a) when the notice is received by the secretary or president; or
 - (b) if a later time is stated in the notice, at the later time.
- (3) At a general meeting, the Club may by resolution —
 - (a) remove a committee member from office;
 - (i) the committee member must have all access to club records and documents suspended immediately until the resolution is heard at a general meeting as outlined in sub rule 63
 - (b) elect a member who is eligible under rule 28(5) to fill the vacant position.
- (4) A committee member who is the subject of a proposed resolution under sub rule 44(3)(a) may make written representations (of a reasonable length) to the secretary or president and may ask that the representations be provided to the members.
- (5) The secretary or president, may give a copy of the representations to each member or, if they are not so given, the committee member may require them to be read out at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be considered.

45. When membership of committee ceases

- (1) A person ceases to be a committee member if the person —
 - (a) dies or otherwise ceases to be a member; or
 - (b) resigns from the committee or is removed from office under rule 44; or

- (c) becomes ineligible to accept an appointment or act as a committee member under section 39 of the Act;
 - (d) becomes permanently unable to act as a committee member because of a mental or physical disability; or
 - (e) fails to attend 3 consecutive committee meetings, of which the person has been given notice, without having notified the committee that the person will be unable to attend.
- (2) Under section 42 of the Act the person, as soon as practicable after their membership ceases, must deliver to a member of the committee all of the relevant documents, records and equipment they hold pertaining to the management of the Club's affairs.

46. Filling casual vacancies

- (1) The committee may appoint a member who is eligible under rule 28(5) to fill a position on the committee that
 - (a) has become vacant under rule 44; or
 - (b) was not filled by election at the most recent annual general meeting or under rule 42(2)(b).
- (2) If the positions of president or secretary becomes vacant, the committee must appoint a member who is eligible under rule 28(5) to fill the position within 14 days after the vacancy arises.
- (3) Subject to the requirement for a quorum under rule 52, the committee may continue to act despite any vacancy in its membership.
- (4) If there are fewer committee members than required for a quorum under rule 52, the committee may act only for the purpose of —
 - (c) appointing committee members under this rule; or
 - (d) convening a general meeting.

47. Validity of acts

The acts of a committee or subcommittee, or of a committee member or member of a subcommittee, are valid despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the election, appointment or qualification of a committee member or member of a subcommittee.

Division 4 — Committee meetings**48. Committee meetings**

- (1) The committee must meet at least 8 times in each year on the dates and at the times and places determined by the committee.
- (2) The date, time and place of the first committee meeting must be determined by the committee members as soon as practicable after the annual general meeting at which the committee members are elected.
- (3) Special committee meetings may be convened by the president or any 2 committee members.
- (4) Committee members are not entitled to out-of-pocket expenses for travel and accommodation to attend meetings.

49. Notice of committee meetings

- (1) Notice of each committee meeting must be given to each committee member at least seven (7) days before the time of the meeting.
- (2) The notice must state the date, time and place of the meeting and must describe the general nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- (3) Unless sub rule (4) applies, the only business that may be conducted at the meeting is the business described in the notice.
- (4) Urgent business that has not been described in the notice may be conducted at the meeting if the committee members at the meeting unanimously agree to treat that business as urgent.

50. Procedure and order of business

- (1) The president, in their absence, a vice president determined by the order listed in rule 28(4)(b) must preside as chairperson of each committee meeting.
- (2) If the president and all vice presidents are absent or are unwilling to act as chairperson of a meeting, the committee members at the meeting must choose one of them to act as chairperson of the meeting.
- (3) The procedure to be followed at a committee meeting must be determined from time to time by the committee.
- (4) The order of business at a committee meeting may be determined by the committee members at the meeting.
- (5) A member or other person who is not a committee member may attend a committee meeting if invited to do so by the committee.
- (6) A person invited under sub rule (4) to attend a committee meeting —
 - (a) has no right to any agenda, minutes or other document circulated at the meeting; and
 - (b) must not comment about any matter discussed at the meeting unless invited by the committee to do so; and
 - (c) cannot vote on any matter that is to be decided at the meeting.

51. Use of technology to be present at committee meetings

- (1) The presence of a committee member at a committee meeting need not be by attendance in person but may be by that committee member and each other committee member at the meeting being simultaneously in contact by telephone or other means of instantaneous communication.
- (2) A member who participates in a committee meeting as allowed under sub rule (1) is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, the member is taken to have voted in person.

52. Quorum for committee meetings

- (1) Subject to rule 46(4), no business is to be conducted at a committee meeting unless a quorum is present.
- (2) Any five (5) Committee members, of which at least 3 are to be office bearers will constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a committee meeting.
- (3) If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the notified commencement time of a committee meeting —
 - (a) in the case of a special meeting — the meeting lapses; or
 - (b) otherwise, the meeting is adjourned to the same time, day and place in the following week.
- (4) If —
 - (a) a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the commencement time of a committee meeting held under sub rule (3)(b); and
 - (b) at least 4 committee members are present at the meeting, those members present are taken to constitute a quorum.

53. Voting at committee meetings

- (1) Each committee member present at a committee meeting has one vote on any question arising at the meeting.
- (2) A motion is carried if a majority of the committee members present at the committee meeting vote in favour of the motion.
- (3) If the votes are divided equally on a question, the chairperson of the meeting has a second or casting vote.
- (4) A vote may take place by the committee members present indicating their agreement or disagreement or by a show of hands, unless the committee decides that a secret ballot is needed to determine a particular question.
- (5) If a secret ballot is needed, the chairperson of the meeting must decide how the ballot is to be conducted.

54. Minutes of committee meetings

- (1) The committee must ensure that minutes are taken and kept of each committee meeting.
- (2) The minutes must record the following —
 - (a) the names of the committee members present at the meeting;
 - (b) the name of any person attending the meeting under rule 50(5);
 - (c) the business considered at the meeting;
 - (d) any motion on which a vote is taken at the meeting and the result of the vote;
 - (e) the disclosure of a committee member's material personal interest in a matter being considered at a committee meeting.
- (3) The chairperson must ensure that the minutes of a committee meeting are reviewed and passed as correct by
 - (a) the chairperson of the meeting; or
 - (b) the chairperson of the next committee meeting.
- (4) When the minutes of a committee meeting have been passed as correct they are, until the contrary is proved, evidence that —
 - (a) the meeting to which the minutes relate was duly convened and held; and
 - (b) the matters recorded as having taken place at the meeting took place as recorded; and
 - (c) any appointment purportedly made at the meeting was validly made.

Division 5 — Subcommittees and subsidiary offices**55. Subcommittees and subsidiary offices**

- (1) To help the committee in the conduct of the Club's business, the committee may, in writing, do either or both of the following —
 - (a) appoint one or more subcommittees;
 - (b) create one or more subsidiary offices and appoint people to those offices.
 - (i) Chief Coach
 - a. Teeball
 - b. Baseball
 - c. Softball
 - (ii) Chief Umpire
 - a. Teeball
 - b. Baseball
 - c. Softball

(iii) Sports Safety Officer

- (2) A subcommittee may consist of the number of people, whether or not members, that the committee considers appropriate.
- (3) A person may be appointed to a subsidiary office whether or not the person is a member.
- (4) A person appointed to a subsidiary office or subcommittee shall not automatically be deemed a committee member.
- (5) A person appointed to a subsidiary office or subcommittee is eligible to be elected as a general committee member under rule 28(1)(b), subject to the maximum of general committee members determined under rule **Error! Reference source not found.**
- (6) Subject to any directions given by the committee —
 - (a) a subcommittee may meet and conduct business as it considers appropriate; and
 - (b) the holder of a subsidiary office may carry out the functions given to the holder as the holder considers appropriate.
- (7) The determined roles and duties of Subcommittees and subsidiary offices shall be recorded and made available upon request.

56. Delegation to subcommittees and holders of subsidiary offices

- (1) In this rule —
non-delegable duty means a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or another written law.
- (2) The committee may, in writing, delegate to a subcommittee or the holder of a subsidiary office the exercise of any power or the performance of any duty of the committee other than —
 - (a) the power to delegate; and
 - (b) a non-delegable duty.
- (3) A power or duty, the exercise or performance of which has been delegated to a subcommittee or the holder of a subsidiary office under this rule, may be exercised or performed by the subcommittee or holder in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- (4) The delegation may be made subject to any conditions, qualifications, limitations or exceptions that the committee specifies in the document by which the delegation is made.
- (5) The delegation does not prevent the committee from exercising or performing at any time the power or duty delegated.
- (6) Any act or thing done by a subcommittee or by the holder of a subsidiary office, under the delegation has the same force and effect as if it had been done by the committee.
- (7) The committee may, in writing, amend or revoke the delegation.

57. The Tee-ball Subcommittee

- (1) oversees all Tee-ball operations;
- (2) has the power to make decisions affecting the sport of Tee-ball only;
- (3) is to meet at least once every six weeks and a record of the meeting must be presented at the following committee meeting;
- (4) Includes the following roles:
 - (a) Vice-President (Tee-ball)
 - (b) Registration Officer
 - (c) Sports Safety Officer
 - (d) Chief Umpire (Tee-ball)
 - (e) Chief Coach (Junior Tee-ball)
 - (f) State Championships Officer
 - (g) Any role added to the subcommittee by motion passed at a committee meeting.
- (5) Any role stated in 55(1)(b) may elect for a General Committee Member position, provided they do not already hold a General Committee Member position or any position stated in 28(4).

58. The Baseball Subcommittee

- (1) oversees all baseball operations;
- (2) has the power to make decisions affecting the sport of baseball only;
- (3) is to meet once every six weeks and a record of the meeting must be presented at the following committee meeting;
- (4) Includes the following roles:
 - (a) Vice-President (Baseball)
 - (b) Registration Officer
 - (c) Sport Safety Officer
 - (d) Chief Coach (Baseball)
 - (e) Chief Umpire (Baseball)

- (f) Any role added to the subcommittee by motion passed at a committee meeting.
- (5) Any role stated in 55(1)(b) may elect for a General Committee Member position, provided they do not already hold a General Committee Member position or any position stated in 28(4).

59. The Softball Subcommittee

- (1) oversees all softball operations;
- (2) has the power to make decisions affecting the sport of softball only;
- (3) is to meet once every six weeks and a record of the meeting must be presented at the following committee meeting;
- (4) Includes the following roles:
 - (a) Vice-President (Softball)
 - (b) Registration Officer
 - (c) Sport Safety Officer
 - (d) Chief Coach (Softball)
 - (e) Chief Umpire (Softball)
 - (f) Any role added to the subcommittee by motion passed at a committee meeting.
- (5) Any role stated in 55(1)(b) may elect for a General Committee Member position, provided they do not already hold a General Committee Member position or any position stated in 28(4).

PART 6 — GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB**60. Annual general meeting**

- (1) The committee must determine the date, time and place of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If it is proposed to hold the annual general meeting more than six (6) months after the end of the Club's financial year, the secretary must apply to the Commissioner for permission under section 50(3)(b) of the Act within four (4) months after the end of the financial year.
- (3) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows —
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then if the minutes of that meeting have not yet been confirmed;
 - (b) to receive and consider —
 - (i) the committee's annual report on the Club's activities during the preceding financial year; and
 - (ii) As a tier 1 association, the financial statements of the Club for the preceding financial year presented under Part 5 of the Act; and
 - (c) to elect the office holders of the Club;
 - (d) to elect roles and duties of members required as determined by previous committee;
 - (e) to elect general committee and life members;
 - (f) to confirm or vary the annual membership fees, subscriptions and other amounts (if any) to be paid by members.
- (4) Any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these rules may be conducted at the annual general meeting.

61. Special general meetings

- (1) The committee may convene a special general meeting.
- (2) The committee must convene a special general meeting if at least 20% of the members require a special general meeting to be convened.
- (3) The members requiring a special general meeting to be convened must —
 - (a) make the requirement by written notice given to the secretary; and
 - (b) state in the notice the business to be considered at the meeting; and
 - (c) each sign the notice.
- (4) The special general meeting must be convened within 28 days after notice is given under sub rule (3)(a).
- (5) If the committee does not convene a special general meeting within that 28 day period, the members making the requirement (or any of them) may convene the special general meeting.
- (6) A special general meeting convened by members under sub rule (5) —
 - (a) must be held within 3 months after the date the original requirement was made; and
 - (b) may only consider the business stated in the notice by which the requirement was made.
- (7) The Club must reimburse any reasonable expenses incurred by the members convening a special general meeting under sub rule (5).

62. Notice of general meetings

- (1) The secretary or, in the case of a special general meeting convened under rule 61(5), the members convening the meeting, must give to each member —

- (a) at least 21 days' notice of a general meeting if a special resolution is to be proposed at the meeting; or
 - (b) at least 14 days' notice of a general meeting in any other case.
- (2) The notice must —
- (a) specify the date, time and place of the meeting; and
 - (b) indicate the general nature of each item of business to be considered at the meeting; and
 - (c) if the meeting is the annual general meeting, include the names of the members who have nominated for election to the committee under rule 40(2); and
 - (d) if a special resolution is proposed —
 - (i) set out the wording of the proposed resolution as required by section 51(4) of the Act; and
 - (ii) state that the resolution is intended to be proposed as a special resolution; and
 - (iii) comply with rule 63(7).

63. Proxies

- (1) Subject to sub rule (2), a financial, honorary or life member may appoint another individual who is a financial, honorary or life member as his or her proxy to vote and speak on his or her behalf at a general meeting.
- (2) A financial, honorary or life member may be appointed the proxy for not more than five (5) other members.
- (3) The appointment of a proxy must be in writing and signed by the member making the appointment.
- (4) The member appointing the proxy may give specific directions as to how the proxy is to vote on his or her behalf.
- (5) If no instructions are given to the proxy, the proxy may vote on behalf of the member in any matter as the proxy sees fit.
- (6) If the committee has approved a form for the appointment of a proxy, the member may use that form or any other form —
 - (a) that clearly identifies the person appointed as the member's proxy; and
 - (b) that has been signed by the member.
- (7) Notice of a general meeting given to a member under rule 62 must —
 - (a) state that the member may appoint an individual who is a financial, honorary or life member as a proxy for the meeting; and
 - (b) include a copy of any form that the committee has approved for the appointment of a proxy.
- (8) A form appointing a proxy must be given to the secretary before the commencement of the general meeting for which the proxy is appointed.
- (9) A form appointing a proxy sent by post or electronically is of no effect unless it is received by the Club not later than 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting.

64. Use of technology to be present at general meetings

- (1) The presence of a member at a general meeting need not be by attendance in person but may be by that member and each other member at the meeting being simultaneously in contact by telephone or other means of instantaneous communication.
- (2) A member who participates in a general meeting as allowed under sub rule (1) is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, the member is taken to have voted in person.

65. Presiding member and quorum for general meetings

- (1) The president or, in their absence, a vice president must preside as chairperson of each general meeting.
- (2) If the president and all vice presidents are absent or are unwilling to act as chairperson of a general meeting, the committee members at the meeting must choose one of them to act as chairperson of the meeting.
- (3) No business is to be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum is present.
- (4) Any 8 committee members, including at least 4 office bearers to be personally present (being members entitled to vote under these rules at a general meeting) will constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a general meeting.
- (5) If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the notified commencement time of a general meeting —
 - (a) in the case of a special general meeting — the meeting lapses; or
 - (b) in the case of the annual general meeting — the meeting is adjourned to —
 - (i) the same time and day in the following week; and
 - (ii) the same place, unless the chairperson specifies another place at the time of the adjournment or written notice of another place is given to the members before the day to which the meeting is adjourned.
- (6) If —
 - (a) a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the commencement time of an annual general meeting held under sub rule (5)(b); and
 - (b) at least 5 financial, honorary or life members are present at the meeting, those members present are taken to constitute a quorum.

66. Adjournment of general meeting

- (1) The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of a majority of the financial, honorary or life members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting to another time at the same place or at another place.
- (2) Without limiting sub rule (1), a meeting may be adjourned —
 - (a) if there is insufficient time to deal with the business at hand; or
 - (b) to give the members more time to consider an item of business; or
 - (c) any valid reason as to why the general meeting should be adjourned.
- (3) No business may be conducted on the resumption of an adjourned meeting other than the business that remained unfinished when the meeting was adjourned.
- (4) Notice of the adjournment of a meeting under this rule is not required unless the meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, in which case notice of the meeting must be given in accordance with rule 62.

67. Voting at general meeting

- (1) On any question arising at a general meeting —
 - (a) subject to sub rule (3), each financial, honorary or life member has one vote; and
 - (b) financial, honorary or life members may vote personally or by proxy.
- (2) Except in the case of a special resolution, a motion is carried if a majority of the financial, honorary or life members present at a general meeting vote in favour of the motion.
- (3) If votes are divided equally on a question, the chairperson of the meeting has a second or casting vote.
- (4) If the question is whether to confirm the minutes of a previous general meeting, only financial, honorary or life members who were present at that meeting may vote.
- (5) For a person to be eligible to vote at a general meeting as a financial, honorary or life member, the member —
 - (a) must have been an financial, honorary or life member at the time notice of the meeting was given under rule 62; and
 - (b) must have paid any fee or other money payable to the Club by the member.

68. When special resolutions are required

- (1) A special resolution is required if it is proposed at a general meeting —
 - (a) to affiliate the Club with another body; or
 - (b) to request the Commissioner to apply to the State Administrative Tribunal under section 109 of the Act for the appointment of a statutory manager.
- (2) Sub rule (1) does not limit the matters in relation to which a special resolution may be proposed.

69. Determining whether resolution carried

- (1) In this rule —

poll means the process of voting in relation to a matter that is conducted in writing.
- (2) Subject to sub rule (4), the chairperson of a general meeting may, on the basis of general agreement or disagreement or by a show of hands, declare that a resolution has been —
 - (a) carried; or
 - (b) carried unanimously; or
 - (c) carried by a majority; or
 - (d) lost.
- (2) If the resolution is a special resolution, the declaration under sub rule (2) must identify the resolution as a special resolution.
- (3) If a poll is demanded on any question by the chairperson of the meeting or by at least 3 other financial, honorary or life members present in person or by proxy —
 - (a) the poll must be taken at the meeting in the manner determined by the chairperson;
 - (b) the chairperson must declare the determination of the resolution based on the poll.
- (4) If a poll is demanded on the election of the chairperson or on a question of an adjournment, the poll must be taken immediately.
- (5) If a poll is demanded on any other question, the poll must be taken before the close of the meeting at a time determined by the chairperson.
- (6) A declaration under sub rules (2) or (4) must be entered in the minutes of the meeting, and the entry is, without proof of the voting in relation to the resolution, evidence of how the resolution was determined.

70. Minutes of general meeting

- (1) The secretary, or a person authorised by the committee from time to time, must take and keep minutes of each general meeting.
- (2) The minutes must record the business considered at the meeting, any resolution on which a vote is taken and the result of the vote.
- (3) In addition, the minutes of each annual general meeting must record —
 - (a) the names of the financial, honorary or life members attending the meeting; and

- (b) any proxy forms given to the chairperson of the meeting under rule 63(8); and
- (c) the financial statements or financial report presented at the meeting, as referred to in rule 60(3)(b)(ii);
- (4) The chairperson must ensure that the minutes of a general meeting are reviewed and passed as correct by —
 - (a) the chairperson of the meeting; or
 - (b) the chairperson of the next general meeting.
- (5) When the minutes of a general meeting have been passed as correct they are, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, taken to be proof that —
 - (a) the meeting to which the minutes relate was duly convened and held; and
 - (b) the matters recorded as having taken place at the meeting took place as recorded; and
 - (c) any election or appointment purportedly made at the meeting was validly made.

PART 7 — FINANCIAL MATTERS

71. Financial year

The Club's financial year will be the period of 12 months commencing on 1 April and ending on 30 March of each year.

72. Source of funds

The funds of the Club may be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations, fundraising activities, grants, interest and any other sources approved by the committee.

73. Control of funds

- (1) The Club must open an account in the name of the Club with a financial institution from which all expenditure of the Club is made and into which all funds received by the Club are deposited.
- (2) Subject to any restrictions imposed at a general meeting, the committee may approve expenditure on behalf of the Club.
- (3) The committee may authorise the treasurer or authorised person to expend funds on behalf of the Club up to a specified limit without requiring approval from the committee for each item on which the funds are expended.
- (4) Excluding sub rule (3), all financial transactions of the Club must be approved by -
 - (a) two committee members; or
 - (b) one committee member and a person authorised by the committee.
- (5) All funds of the Club must be deposited into the Club's account within 5 working days after their receipt.

74. Financial statements and financial reports

- (1) For each financial year, the committee must ensure that the requirements imposed on the Club under Part 5 of the Act relating to the financial statements or financial report of the Club are met.
- (2) Without limiting sub rule (1), those requirements include —
 - (a) As a tier 1 association, the preparation of the financial statements; and
 - (b) the presentation to the annual general meeting of the financial statements or financial report, as applicable;

PART 8 — GENERAL MATTERS

75. Common

This Club does not use a Common Seal.

Seal

76. Giving notices to members

- (1) In this rule —
 - recorded means recorded in the register of members.
- (2) A notice or other document that is to be given to a member under these rules is taken not to have been given to the member unless it is in writing and —
 - (a) delivered by hand to the recorded address of the member; or
 - (b) sent by prepaid post to the recorded postal address of the member; or
 - (c) sent by facsimile or electronic transmission to an appropriate recorded number or recorded electronic address of the member.

77. Custody of books and securities

- (1) Subject to sub rules (2) and (3), the books and any securities of the Club must be kept in the secretary's custody or under the secretary's control.
- (2) The financial records and, as applicable, the financial statements or financial reports of the Club must be kept in the treasurer's custody or under the treasurer's control.
- (3) The register of members of the club must be kept in the registrar's custody or under the registrar's control.
- (4) Sub rules (1), (2) and (3) have effect except as otherwise decided by the committee.
- (5) The books of the Club must be retained for at least 5 years.

78. Record of office holders

The record of committee members and other persons authorised to act on behalf of the Club that is required to be maintained under section 58(2) of the Act must be kept in the secretary's custody or under the secretary's control.

79. Inspection of records and documents

- (1) Sub rule (2) applies to a member who wants to inspect —
 - (a) the register of members under section 54(1) of the Act; or
 - (b) the record of the names and addresses of committee members, and other persons authorised to act on behalf of the Club, under section 58(3) of the Act; or
 - (c) any other record or document of the Club.
- (2) The member must contact the secretary to make the necessary arrangements for the inspection.
- (3) The inspection must be free of charge.
- (4) If the member wants to inspect a document that records the minutes of a committee meeting, the right to inspect that document is subject to any decision the committee has made about minutes of committee meetings generally, or the minutes of a specific committee meeting, being available for inspection by members.
- (5) The member may make a copy of or take an extract from a record or document referred to in sub rule (1)(c) but does not have a right to remove the record or document for that purpose.

80. Publication by committee members of statements about Club business prohibited

A committee member must not publish, or cause to be published, any statement about the business conducted by the Club at a general meeting or committee meeting unless —

- (1) the committee member has been authorised to do so at a committee meeting; and
- (2) the authority given to the committee member has been recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting at which it was given.

81. Distribution of surplus property on cancellation of incorporation or winding up

- (1) In this rule —

surplus property, in relation to the Club, means property remaining after satisfaction of —

 - (a) the debts and liabilities of the Club; and
 - (b) the costs, charges and expenses of winding up or cancelling the incorporation of the Club, but does not include books relating to the management of the Club.
- (2) On the cancellation of the incorporation or the winding up of the Club, its surplus property must be distributed as determined by special resolution by reference to the persons mentioned in section 24(1) of the Act.

82. Alteration of rules

If the Club wants to alter or rescind any of these rules, or to make additional rules, the Club may do so only by special resolution and by otherwise complying with Part 3 Division 2 of the Act.