



**INDOOR NETBALL
FEDERATION
OF
QUEENSLAND INC**

**INFQ
CONSTITUTION**

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INFQ CONSTITUTION – (Can only be changed at an AGM)

NAME

1. The name of the incorporated Association is “*INDOOR NETBALL FEDERATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.*” (“the association”).

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the association are:
 - (1) To administer the sport of Indoor Netball throughout Queensland;
 - (2) To promote, encourage, control, and develop the sport of Indoor Netball in Queensland;
 - (3) To arrange and manage Super-league, Intra-State and Interstate netball matches and special competitions;
 - (4) To settle all questions and disputes or any matters relating to Indoor Netball which may be submitted to the Association, or its administration;
 - (5) To organise Seminars and Conferences in specialised areas of Indoor Netball;
 - (6) To implement codes of conduct and other policies for Indoor Netball and to ensure compliance with and enforce these codes and policies;
 - (7) To be and remain affiliated with Indoor Netball Federation of Australia Inc.
 - (8) To develop, promote and assist with training, coaching and development of players, umpires and officials.

Each of the objects in this Rule is a separate and independent object for which the Association is established.

POWERS

3.
 - (1) The association has, in the exercise of its affairs, all the powers of an individual.
 - (2) The association may, for example -
 - (a) enter into contracts; and
 - (b) acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of property; and
 - (c) make charges for services and facilities it supplies; and
 - (d) purchase, sell, lease or take in exchange, hire and otherwise deal in or acquire equipment, uniforms, and any rights or privileges that may be required for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of the association (provided that in case the association shall take or hold property which may be subject to any trusts the association shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts); and
 - (e) enter into any arrangements with any Government or other authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the association; and
 - (f) obtain from such Government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the association may think desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions; and
 - (g) appoint, employ, suspend or remove such staff (including, without limitation volunteers) as may be needed for the objects of the association; and
 - (h) do other things necessary or convenient to be done in carrying out its affairs.

- (3) The association make take over the funds and other assets and liabilities of the unincorporated association known as the Indoor Netball Federation of Queensland Inc.
- (4) The association may also issue secured and unsecured notes, debentures and debenture stock for the association.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

4. (1) The membership of the association will consist of ordinary members, comprising the nominated representative of any Indoor Sports Centre in Queensland which is affiliated with Indoor Netball Federation of Qld Inc. Each member's nominating Centre shall nominate a representative to represent the Centre at any relevant meeting.
- (2) **INFQ will have a Two (2) Tier Membership Structure -**
(Voted and approved at AGM 25th February 2020)

TIER 1 Membership (may apply at any time)
Cost \$750 for 12 months.

- a) A minimum of 12 months membership
- b) Will have their centre information on the INFQ website
- c) May enter teams into INFQ Junior State Championships
- d) Access to run the Mini-Nets Junior Netball Program
- e) Full access to umpire exams and in-house assistance for their umpires
- f) Their umpires may become superleague endorsed at a Tier 2 centre
- g) Access to run 1 x Coaching/Umpiring Course per calendar year – please note there are minimum course numbers required.
- h) Access to Marketing and Sponsorships
- i) Unable to host INFQ & training events.
- j) Unable to vote at INFQ meetings.

TIER 2 Membership

Must be a Tier 1 member for a minimum of 12 months – (This is only for new members after 1/1/2020)

Cost \$1,000 for 12 months.

- Invoice to be sent out 1st of January each year.
- After the AGM of that year the member centre will then be sent an invoice for any Changes/Additions (i.e., Membership Fees increasing) this will also include the Superleague Team Registration Fees & INFQ Netballs

- a) May enter teams into the INFQ Superleague Competition
- b) May enter teams into the INFQ Junior Superleague Competition
- c) May enter teams into INFQ Junior State Championships
- d) May enter teams in INFQ Mini-Nets
- e) Full access to umpire exams and in-house assistance for their umpires
- f) Full access to Umpiring courses
- g) Full access to Coaching courses
- h) Will have their centre information on the INFQ website.
- i) Access to Marketing and Sponsorships
- j) May nominate to host INFQ events.
- k) May attend and vote at INFQ meetings.

Membership may also include the following classes of members:

Honorary Life Membership:

- (a) Upon the recommendation of the Management Committee or on the nomination in writing of twenty (20) Ordinary Members twenty days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Association, an Ordinary Member who has rendered conspicuous and exceptional services to the Association may be elected an Honorary Life Member at an Annual General Meeting of the Association and, subject to Rule 4(1)(c) shall have the right to exercise all privileges of the membership of the Association without payment of the annual subscription for the time being.

- (b) The motion must be accepted by at least 75% of the Ordinary and Honorary Life Members present at the meeting and voting on that resolution shall be by secret ballot.
- (c) Honorary Members may attend General Meetings and shall be allowed to take part in discussions only by permission of the Chairman and shall not be allowed to vote at any time unless he or she is an elected member of the Management Committee, or is an Ordinary Member of the Association.
- (d) There shall be no limit on the number of Honorary Life Members admitted to Membership.

Ordinary Member:

- (a) Subject to this Constitution, any person who is an Indoor Sports Centre Owner and acceptable to the Management Committee, may become a Member of the Association upon payment or tender to the Association of his or her annual subscription for the current financial year.
- (b) There will be no limit on the number of Ordinary Members admitted to Memberships.
- (3) Every person who at the date of incorporation of the association was a member of the unincorporated association and who on or before the day of incorporation agrees in writing to become a member of the association shall be admitted by the management committee to the same class of membership of the association as that member held in the unincorporated association.
- (4) Every Member of the Association who previously to agreeing to become a member of the association has paid the member's subscription due on the day of incorporation, as a member of the unincorporated association, shall not be liable to pay any further sum by way of annual subscription to the Association for the period prior to the day of incorporation.
- (5) Every applicant for any class of membership of the association (other than the members of the unincorporated association referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be proposed by 1 member of the association and seconded by another member.

The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and the applicant's proposer and seconder and shall be in such form as the management committee from time to time prescribes.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 5. (1) The membership fees for each class of membership shall be such sum as the members shall from time to time at any general meeting so determine.
- (2) The membership fees for each class of membership shall be payable at such time and in such manner as the management committee shall from time to time determine.

ADMISSION AND REJECTION OF MEMBERS

- 6. (1) At the next meeting of the management committee after the receipt of any application and the fee applicable for any class of membership, such application shall be considered by the management committee, who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant.
- (2) The secretary will as soon as possible after receiving an application for membership, and before the management committee considers the application, advise the applicant whether or not the association has public liability insurance and, if so, the amount of the insurance.
- (3) Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the management committee present at the meeting at which such application is being considered shall be accepted as a member to the class of membership applied for.
- (4) Upon the acceptance or rejection of an application for any class of membership the secretary shall forthwith give the applicant notice in writing of such acceptance or rejection.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

7. (1) A member may resign from the association at any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary.
- (2) Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date.
- (3) If a member -
- (a) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - (b) fails to comply with any of the provisions of these rules; or
 - (c) has membership fees in arrears for a period of 2 months or more; or
 - (d) conducts himself or herself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association, the management committee shall consider whether the member's membership shall be terminated.
- (4) The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting the member's case as to why the membership should not be terminated. If, after considering all representations made by the member, the management committee resolves to terminate the membership it shall instruct the secretary to advise the member in writing accordingly.

APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

8. (1) A person whose application for membership has been rejected or whose membership has been terminated may within 1 month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the secretary written notice of his intention to appeal against the decision of the management committee.
- (2) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of membership the secretary shall convene, within 3 months of the date of receipt by the secretary of such notice, a general meeting to determine the appeal.
- (3) At any such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present the applicant's case and the management committee or those members thereof who rejected the application for membership or terminated the membership subsequently shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its or their case.
- (4) The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.
- (5) Where a person, whose application is rejected, does not appeal against the decision of the management committee within the time prescribed by these rules or so appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any fee paid.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

9. (1) The management committee shall cause a register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the association and the dates of their admission.
- (2) Particulars shall also be entered into the register of deaths, resignations, terminations and reinstatements of membership and any further particulars as the management committee or the members at any general meeting may require from time to time.
- (3) The Register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applied to the secretary for such inspection.

SECRETARY

10. (1) If the association has not elected an interim officer as secretary for the association before its incorporation, the members of the management committee must appoint or elect a secretary for the association within 14 days after incorporation.
- If a vacancy happens in the office of secretary, the members of the management committee must appoint or elect a secretary within 14 days after the vacancy happens.
- (2) The secretary must be an individual residing in the State who is –
- (b) A member of the association elected by the association as secretary; or
 - (c) A member of the association's management committee appointed by the committee as secretary; or
 - (d) Appointed by the management committee as secretary (whether or not the individual is a member of the association)

The management committee may appoint and remove the secretary at any time.

MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11. (1) The Management Committee of the Association will consist of the President, two (2) Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer. The Executive Officer stands as the Secretary of the Association but is not a member of the Management Committee for the purpose of these Rules.
- At the annual general meeting of the association, all the members of the management committee for the time being shall retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.
- (2) The election of officers and other members of the management committee shall take place in the following manner -
- (a) Any two (2) members of the association shall be at liberty to nominate any other member to serve as an officer or other member of the management committee.

The nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member and the member's proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with the secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place;
 - (c) A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers' and seconders' names, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office or usual place of meeting of the association for at least 7 days immediately preceding the annual general meeting;
 - (d) Balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order, and each member present at the annual general meeting shall be entitled to vote for any such number of such candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies.
 - (e) Should, at the commencement of such meeting, there be an insufficient number of candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.
 - (f) During their term, the management committee members will carry out the functions specified from time to time in the by-laws.

RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF MEMBER OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12. (1) Any member of the Management Committee may resign from membership of the management committee at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary but such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date or such member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the association where that member shall be given the opportunity to fully present the member's case.
- (2) The question of removal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such a general meeting.
- (3) There is no right of appeal against a member's removal from office under this section.
- (4) A member of the management committee immediately vacates the office of member in the circumstances mentioned in section 64(2) of the Act.

VACANCIES ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

13. (1) The Management Committee shall have power at any time to appoint any member of the association who meets the requirements of the Rules to hold the relevant vacant position to fill any casual vacancy on the management committee until the next annual general meeting.
- (2) The continuing members of the management committee may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy in the management committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these rules as the necessary quorum of the management committee, the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the management committee to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the association, but for no other purpose.

FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

14. (1) Except as otherwise provided by these rules and subject to resolutions of the members of the association carried at any general meeting the management committee - shall have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the association; and shall have authority to interpret the meaning of these rules and any matter relating to the association on which these rules are silent.
- (2) The management committee may exercise all the powers of the association –
- (a) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the members of the association may think fit and secure the same or the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the association in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the association's property, both present and future, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities.
- (b) to borrow amounts from members and to pay interest on the amounts borrowed and to mortgage or charge its property or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the association, and to provide and pay off any such securities; and
- (c) to invest in such manner as the members of the association may from time to time determine.

For sub-section (2) (b) the rate of interest must not be more than the rate for the time being charged for overdrawn accounts for money lent (whatever the term of the loan) by-

- (a) The financial institution for the association; or
- (b) If there is more than 1 financial institution for the association - the financial institution nominated by the association.

MEETINGS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

15. (1) The Management Committee shall meet at least once every 2 calendar months to exercise its functions.
- (2) The management committee must decide how a meeting is to be called.
- (3) Notice of a meeting is to be given in the way decided by the management committee.
- (4) A special meeting of the management committee shall be convened by the secretary on the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members of the management committee, which requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.
- (5) At every meeting of the management committee a simple majority of a number equal to the number of members elected and/or appointed to the management committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the members, shall constitute a quorum. The President may only exercise a casting vote at meetings.
- Subject as previously provided in this rule, the management committee may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit.
- (6) However, questions arising at any meeting of the management committee shall be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of equality of votes, the President will have the casting vote. Proxies will not be accepted for management committee meetings.
- A member of the management committee shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the association in which the member is interested, or any matter arising thereout, and if the member does so vote the member's vote shall not be counted.
- (7) Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given by the secretary to members of the management committee of any special meeting of the management committee.
- (8) Such notice shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.
- (9) The president shall preside as chairperson at every meeting of the management committee, or if there is no president, or if at any meeting the president is not present within 10 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the vice-president shall be chairperson, or if the vice-president is not present at the meeting then the members may choose 1 of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
- (10) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a management committee meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the management committee, shall lapse.
- (11) In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the management committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall lapse.

DELEGATION OF POWERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

16. (1) The management committee may delegate any of its powers to a subcommittee consisting of such members of the association as the management committee thinks fit and otherwise as set out in the by-laws.
- (2) Any subcommittee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the management committee.
- (3) A subcommittee may elect a chairperson of its meetings.
- (4) If no such chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting the chairperson, is not present within 10 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose 1 of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting.

- (5) A subcommittee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.
- (6) Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority votes of the members present and, in the case of and an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.

ACTS NOT AFFECTED BY DEFECTS OR DISQUALIFICATIONS

17. All acts done by any meeting of the management committee or of a subcommittee or by any person acting as a member of the management committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the management committee or person acting as aforesaid, or that the members of the management committee or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the management committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITHOUT MEETING

18. (1) A resolution in writing signed by all the members of the management committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the management committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the management committee duly convened and held.
- (2) Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by 1 or more members of the management committee.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING

19. (1) The first general meeting must be held not less than 1 month, and not more than 3 months, after the day the association is incorporated.
- (2) The Management Committee must decide where the meeting is to be held.
- (3) The business to be transacted at the first general meeting must include the appointment of an auditor.

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20. The first annual general meeting must be held within 18 months after the day the association is incorporated.

SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

21. Each subsequent annual general meeting must be held -
 - (a) At least once each year; and
 - (b) Within 3 months after the end of the association's previous financial year.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

22. The following business must be transacted at every annual general meeting -
 - (a) The receiving of the statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and of mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the association for the last financial year;
 - (b) The receiving of the auditor's report on the financial affairs of the association for the last financial year.
 - (c) The presenting of the audited statement to the meeting for adoption;
 - (d) The election of members of the management committee;
 - (e) The appointment of an auditor.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 23.** (1) The secretary shall convene a special general meeting by sending out notice of the meeting within 14 days of:-
- (a) being directed to do so by the management committee; or
 - (b) upon requisition of one-third of the members presently on the management committee or not less than the number of ordinary members of the Association which equals double the number of ordinary members presently of the association which equals double the number of members presently on the management committee plus one; or
 - (c) being given a notice in writing of an intention to appeal against the decision of the management committee to reject an application for membership or to terminate the membership of any person.
- (2) A requisition mentioned in subsection (1) (b) shall clearly state the reasons why such special general meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETING

- 24.** (1) At any general meeting the number of members required to constitute a quorum shall be double the number of members presently on the management committee plus one. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business.
- (2) For the purposes of this rule - “**member**” includes a person attending as a proxy or as representing a corporation which is a member.
- (3) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the management committee or the association, shall lapse.
- (4) In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the management committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.
- (5) The Chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- (6) When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting.
- (7) Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

- 25.** (1) The secretary shall convene all general meetings of the association by giving not less than 14 days' notice of any such meeting to the members of the association.
- (2) The manner by which such notice shall be given shall be determined by the management committee:
- (3) However, notice of any meeting convened for the purpose of hearing and determining the appeal of a member against the rejection or termination of his membership by the management committee, shall be given in writing.
- Notice of a general meeting shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.

PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETING

26. (1). Unless otherwise provided by these rules, at every general meeting -
- (a) The president shall preside as chairperson, or if there is no president, or if the president is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the vice-president shall be the chairman or if the vice-president is not present or is unwilling to act then the members present shall elect 1 of their number to be chairperson of the meeting; and
 - (b) The chairperson shall maintain order and conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly manner; and
 - (c) Each Member Centre shall be entitled to be represented at any General Meeting of the Association by two (2) delegates, one of whom may vote by casting one (1) vote – namely one (1) vote per Centre.
 - (d) Each member of the Management Committee shall attend all General meetings of the Association and shall be entitled to move, second and/or speak upon, any motion thereat, but no member of the Management save and except the President or Vice-President actually occupying the chair there-at shall be entitled to vote. The Chairperson at any General Meeting shall have a casting vote only.
 - (e) Voting at all General Meetings shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is required by the Constitution or By-Laws or demanded by at least three-quarters (3/4) of the delegates present and entitled to vote.
 - (f) A motion may be carried by a simple majority of delegates present and entitled to vote unless otherwise provided in the Constitution and in the case of an equality of votes the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote: and
 - (g) However, no member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting if the member's annual subscription is more than 1 month in arrears at the date of the meeting; and
 - (h) The Chairperson shall appoint 2 members to conduct the secret ballot in such manner as the chairperson shall determine and the result of the ballot as declared by the chairperson shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded; and
 - (i) A member may vote in person or by proxy or by attorney and on a show of hands every person who is a member or a representative of a member shall have 1 vote and in a secret ballot every member present in person or by proxy or by attorney or other duly authorised representative shall have 1 vote; and
 - (j) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing, in the common or usual form under the hand of the appointor or of the appointor's attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised; and
 - (k) A proxy may but need not be a member of the association; and
 - (l) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot; and
 - (m) where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of voting for or against a resolution the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances permit:- (insert proxy)

INDOOR NETBALL FEDERATION OF QUEENSLAND INC:

PROXY FORM – 2015 AGM (Direct extract from 2015 AGM)

I of
Indoor Sports Centre, being a Member of Indoor Netball Federation of Queensland Inc., hereby appoint . of
..... Indoor Sports Centre or failing this person
..... Indoor Sports Centre, as my proxy to vote for me on behalf
at the Annual General Meeting of Indoor Netball Federation of Queensland Inc., which is to be held on Thursday
26th February 2015 and at any adjournment thereof.

Other than votes outlined above, the proxy may / may not (delete which is not applicable) vote as they think fit.

Signed this day of.....
..... 2021

Signature.....

Note: All proxies to be deposited with the chair person prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Please DO NOT assign proxies to the Operations Manager

Should you be unable to attend and wish to appoint another person to represent your Centre as your Delegate please also provide a letter of Authorization

- (n) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited with the secretary prior to the commencement of any meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; and
 - (o) The secretary shall cause full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of every management committee meeting and general meeting to be entered in a book to be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applies to the secretary for that inspection.
 - (p) For the purposes of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of such minutes, the minutes of every management committee shall be signed by the chairperson of that meeting or the chairperson of the next succeeding management committee verifying their accuracy.
 - (q) Similarly, the minutes of every general meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of that meeting or the chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting.
- (2) However, the minutes of any annual general meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of that meeting or the chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting or annual general meeting.

BY-LAWS

- 27.** (1) The management committee may make, amend or repeal by-laws:
- (a) for the internal management of the association (including without limitation, with respect to the roles and duties of sub-committees and with respect to competitions); or
 - (b) providing for or dealing with a matter this constitution allows to be prescribed; or
 - (c) providing for or dealing with a matter the board has jurisdiction over.
- (2) The by-laws must not conflict with this constitution or any law.
- (3) Each member must comply with the by-laws as if the by-laws were in this constitution.
- (4) Any by-law or part of a by-law may be repealed by a special resolution passed at a general meeting.
- (5) However, sub-rule 28(4) does not confer the power to make or amend a by-law or part of a by-law.
- (6) The secretary must keep a register of the by-laws in force from time to time at the association's registered office.
- (7) A member may inspect the register at the association's registered office after giving reasonable notice to the secretary.
- (8) In this constitution "by-laws" includes codes of conduct and policies expressed to take effect as by-laws.

ALTERATION OF RULES

- 28.** (1) Subject to the provisions of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*, these rules may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time by a special resolution carried at any general meeting.
- (2) However, an amendment, recession or addition is valid only if it is registered by the president.

COMMON SEAL

- 29.** (1) The management committee shall provide for a common seal and for its safe custody.
- (2) The common seal shall only be used by the authority of the management committee and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the management committee and shall be countersigned by the secretary or by a second member of the management committee or by some other person appointed by the management committee for the purpose.

FUND AND ACCOUNTS

- 30.** (1) The funds of the association must be kept in the name of the association in a financial institution decided by the management committee.
- (2) Proper books and accounts shall be kept and maintained either in written or printed form in the English language showing correctly the financial affairs of the association and the particulars usually shown in books of a like nature.
- (3) All moneys shall be deposited as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.
- (4) All amounts of \$100 or over shall be paid by cheque signed by any 2 of the president, secretary, treasurer or other members authorised from time to time by the management committee.
- (5) Cheques shall be crossed "not negotiable" except those in payment of wages, allowances or petty cash recoument which may be open.

- (6) The management committee shall determine the amount of petty cash which shall be kept on the imprest system.
- (7) All expenditure shall be approved or ratified at a management committee meeting.
- (8) As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year the treasurer shall cause to be prepared a statement containing particulars of -
 - (a) the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended; and
 - (b) The assets and liabilities and of all mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the association at the close of that year.
- (9) If the association is incorporated within 3 months of the end of the association's financial year, subsection (8) does not apply for the financial year the association is incorporated.
- (10) The auditor must examine the statement prepared under subsection (8) and present a report on it to the secretary before the next annual general meeting following the financial year for which the audit was made. The income and property of the association must be used solely in promoting the association's objects and exercising the association's powers.

DOCUMENTS

31. The Management Committee shall provide for the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the association.

FINANCIAL YEAR

32. The financial year of the association shall close on (31st December) in each year.

DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS ASSETS TO ANOTHER ENTITY

33. (1) This section applies if the association is wound-up under part 10 of the Act and there are surplus assets.
 - (2) The surplus assets must not be distributed among the members but must be given to another entity –
 - (a) That has objects similar to the association's objects; and
 - (a) The rules of which prohibit the distribution of the entity's income and assets to its members.
 - (3) In this section - "**surplus assets**" has the meaning given by section 92 (3) of the Act.
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