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ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1985 (SA)

CONSTITUTION

of

Tea Tree Gully City Soccer Club

1. NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The name of the incorporated association is "Tea Tree Gully City Soccer Club" ("**Club**").

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 Definitions

In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

"Act" means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA)*.

"Annual General Meeting" means a meeting of the kind described in clause 17(a).

"Appointed Committee Member" means a committee member appointed under clause 11.4(a).

"Committee" means the body consisting of the Committee Members and constituting the committee for the purposes of the Act.

"Club Policies" means all policies, procedures and requirements set down by the committee.

"Constitution" means this constitution of the Club.

"Committee Member" means a member of the Committee and includes Elected Committee Members and Appointed Committee Members and any person acting in that capacity from time to time appointed in accordance with this Constitution.

"Elected Committee Member" means a committee member appointed under clause 11.

"Financial year" means the financial year of the Club, this shall end on the last day of September in each year following incorporation and thereafter a period of 12 months commencing on 1 October to which day the accounts of the Club shall be balanced

"General Meeting" means a general meeting of Members and includes the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting.

"Intellectual Property" means all rights subsisting in copyright, business names, names, trademarks (or signs), logos, designs, equipment including computer software, images (including photographs, videos or films) or service marks relating to the Club or any activity of or conducted, promoted or administered by the Club in South Australia.

"Junior competition" means a competition of the sport that is classified as being 'junior' and where a player's age determines their eligibility, and level in which they may participate.

"Junior player Member" means a person admitted as a Junior member of the Club under clause 5.

"Honorary Member" means an individual appointed as an honorary member of the Club under clause 5.

“Life Member” means an individual appointed as a life member of the Club under clause 5.

“Member” means a member for the time being of the Club.

“Objects” means the objects of the Club in clause 2.

“Ordinary Member” means a person admitted as an ordinary member of the Club under clause 5.

“Ordinary Resolution” means:

- (a) at a meeting of Members, a resolution passed at a General Meeting by a majority of Members present, entitled to vote and voting; or
- (b) at a meeting of the Committee or a committee of the Committee, a resolution passed by a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

“Parental / Guardian” means the parent or guardian who authorises the application for membership of a junior member.

“Regulation” means a rule, regulation, by-law or policy made by the Committee under this Constitution.

“RSO” means the Regional Sporting Organisation, and in this Constitution, for the Sport involving junior members is the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association (EDJSA)

“Seal” means the common seal of the Club.

“Senior player Member” means a person admitted as a Junior member of the Club under clause 5.

“Special General Meeting” means a general meeting of Members convened in accordance with clause 18.

“Special Resolution” means a resolution passed at General Meeting of the Members if:

- (a) at least 21 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been given to all Members; and
- (b) it is passed at a duly convened meeting of the Members by a majority of not less than three-quarters of Members present, entitled to vote and voting.

“Sport” means the sport of Soccer

“SSO” State Sporting Organisations, and in this Constitution, means the South Australian Amateur Soccer Association (SAASA) and the Football Federation of South Australia (FFSA)

“Team coach Member” means a person admitted as a Junior member of the Club under clause 5.

2.2 Interpretation

In this Constitution:

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty;
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a power, authority or duty, a reference to the exercise of the power or authority of the performance of the duty;
- (c) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (d) words importing any gender include the other genders;
- (e) persons include corporations and bodies politic;
- (f) references to a person include the legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of that person;
- (g) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other statutory instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them (whether of the same or another legislative authority having jurisdiction); and
- (h) unless the contrary intention appears, a requirement that something is in writing will be met if it is produced by electronic, photographic, lithographic or other means by which it can readily be read and reproduced.

2.3 Resolutions

Where this Constitution requires or permits a decision to be made or a resolution to be passed by a General Meeting, the Committee or a sub-committee of the Committee, the decision may be made or the resolution may be passed by Ordinary Resolution unless either this Constitution or the Act requires otherwise.

2.4 The Act

- (a) Words and phrases which are defined in the Act and which are not specifically defined in clause 2.1 above have the same meanings in this Constitution as they do in the Act.
- (b) Model rules under the Act are expressly displaced by this Constitution.

3. OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The Objects of the Club are to:

- (a) encourage, promote and advance the Sport in both junior and senior level in particular the region of Tea Tree Gully;
- (b) enter teams of Members in competitions in the Sport;
- (c) affiliate with the RSO and the SSO
- (d) maintain and enhance the reputation of the Sport and the standards of play and behaviour of Members; and
- (e) undertake and or do other things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these Objects.

4. POWERS OF THE CLUB

For furthering the Objects, the Club has:

- (a) the specific rights, powers and privileges conferred on it by section 25 of the Act.

5. MEMBERS

5.1 Categories of Members

The Members of the Club consist of:

- (a) Life Members; and
- (b) Junior Members; and
- (c) Senior Player Member; and
- (d) Team Coach Member; and
- (e) Honorary Members; and
- (f) Ordinary Members.

5.2 Admission of Members

- (a) A candidate for membership upon their application being approved and upon payment of the appropriate subscription and fees shall be eligible to become members of the club for the next ensuing year.
- (b) The application must:
 - (i) be in a form approved by the Committee;
 - (ii) contain full particulars of the name and address and contact details of the applicant; and
 - (iii) contain any other information prescribed by Regulation for an application for membership.

5.3 Discretion to accept or reject application

- (a) The Committee Members may accept or reject an application whether the applicant has complied with the requirements in clause 5.2 or not. The Committee Members are not required, nor can they be compelled to provide, any reason for rejection.
- (b) Membership begins on the later to occur of:
 - (i) acceptance of the application by the Committee Members; or
 - (ii) payment of any fees payable by the new Member.

5.4

5.4.1 Life Members

- (a) Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by the Club for longstanding and valued service to the Tea Tree Gully City Soccer Club.
- (b) Any Member may recommend a person for Life Membership by notice in writing to the Committee. A recommendation made under this clause must include a written report outlining the history of services of the nominee.
- (c) A person may be appointed a Life Member only by resolution of the clubs committee at a meeting of the committee.
- (d) A Life Member has all the rights of an Ordinary Member.
- (e) A Life Member cannot be required to pay fees or subscriptions (other than fees that are required to be paid to play in a team representing the Club).

5.4.2 Elected and Appointed Committee Members

- (a) Committee Members elected or appointed by the committee has all the rights and obligations of an Ordinary Member.

5.4.3 Junior Player Member

- (b) Junior Membership may be extended to any person who is eligible to play in the Junior Competitions.
- (c) A Parent or Guardian of the Junior Member has all the rights and obligations of an Ordinary Member

5.4.4 Senior Player Member

- (a) Senior Player Membership may be extended to any person who is eligible to play in the Senior Competitions.
- (b) Senior Player Member has all the rights and obligations of an Ordinary Member.
- (d) In the event a Senior Player Member is under 18 years of age of , a Parent or Guardian of the Senior Member has all the rights and obligations of an Ordinary Member

5.4.5 Team Coach Member

- (e) Team Coach Membership may be extended to any person who is coaching in either Senior or Junior Competitions.
- (c) Team Coach Member has all the rights and obligations of an Ordinary Member.
- (f) In the event a Team Coach Member is under 18 years of age of , a Parent or Guardian of the Team Coach Member has all the rights and obligations of an Ordinary Member

5.4.6 Honorary Members

- (a) Honorary Membership may be extended to any persons for services to the club, for the current year, at the discretion of the Committee and shall be appropriately registered.
- (b) An Honorary Member has all the rights of an Ordinary Member.
- (c) An Honorary Member cannot be required to pay fees or subscriptions (other than fees that are required to be paid to play in a team representing the Club or fees required by affiliated associations);

5.4.7 Ordinary Members

Ordinary Membership may be extended to any persons interested in playing for or supporting the Club.

5.5 Obligations of Members

Each Member must:

- (a) treat all members, officials and representatives of the Club and the RSO and SSO with respect and courtesy at all times;
- (b) maintain and enhance the standards, quality and reputation of both the Club and the Sport; and
- (c) not act in a manner unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the Objects or the interests or reputation of the Club, the RSO or SSO or the Sport.

5.6 Register of Members

- (a) The Club must keep and maintain a register of Members in accordance with the Act.
- (b) In addition to the information required by the Act, the Register may contain such other information as the Committee considers appropriate.
- (c) Members must provide the Club with the details required by the Club to keep the register complete and up to date.

5.7 Effect of Membership

- (a) This Constitution constitutes a contract between each of the Members and the Club and each Member is bound by this Constitution and the Regulations.
- (b) Each Member is also bound by the rules and regulations governing competitions in which the Member participates.
- (c) Each Member is also bound by the rules and policies of the club
- (d) Each Member authorises the Club to apply on the Member's behalf for the Member to be admitted to membership of the RSO and SSO.

6. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

6.1 General

A Member ceases to be a Member of the Club if:

- (a) the Member dies;
- (b) Upon a member failing to pay their subscription within 30 days of receipt of notice that subscription is due.
- (c) the Member is dissolved, wound up or bankrupted;
- (d) the Member resigns from membership in accordance with clause 6.2; or
- (e) the Member is expelled from the Club under clause 6.3.

6.2 Notice of Resignation

A Member may resign from membership of the Club by giving notice in writing to the Club. A resigning Member is liable for any outstanding fees or subscriptions which may be recovered as a debt due to the Club.

6.3 Expulsion for breach

- (a) Subject to clause 6.3(c) but despite anything contained in any Regulation made under clause 7(a), the Committee may expel a Member from membership of the Club if, in the opinion of the Committee, the Member has materially breached any of its obligations under this Constitution, Club policies or the Regulations.
- (b) The Committee may, in its discretion, convene a judiciary committee under clause 7(c) to hear and determine an allegation that a Member has materially breached one or more of its obligations under this Constitution, Club policies or the Regulations and to make recommendations to the Committee about the appropriate consequences of its findings. The Committee may rely on the findings and recommendations of the judiciary committee.
- (c) A member may not be expelled under clause 6.3(a) unless the Member has been afforded natural justice.

6.4 Return of Property

A Member who ceases to be a Member must not thereafter use any property of the Club (including, without limitation, its Intellectual Property) and must immediately return to the Club all of the Club's documents, records or other property in the possession, custody or control of the former Member.

6.5 Membership may be Reinstated

- (a) Nothing in this clause 6 prevents a former Member from applying for readmission to Membership but, in considering the readmission application the Committee is entitled to take into account the facts and circumstances in which the prior membership (or memberships) ceased.
- (b) Membership which has ceased under this clause 6 may be reinstated at the discretion of the Committee without an application having been made under clause 6.5(a), with such conditions as it deems appropriate.

6.6 Refund of Membership Fees

Membership fees or subscriptions paid by the former Member may, at the Committee's discretion, be refunded on a pro-rata basis to the Member in line with the clubs policies on cessation of the membership.

7. DISCIPLINE

- (a) The Committee may make Regulations governing the hearing and determination of disputes, protests or complaints by or against Members or Participants and any other matter involving the enforcement of this Constitution, Club policies or the Regulations against Members or Participants.
- (b) A Regulation made under clause 7(a) may:
 - (i) provide for one or more judiciary committees or tribunals to hear and resolve cases falling under clause 7(a);
 - (ii) prescribe penalties for breaches of this Constitution, Club policies or the Regulations;
 - (iii) invest a judiciary committee or tribunal with power to impose penalties;
 - (iv) and otherwise prescribe the procedures for dealing with cases falling under clause 7(a).
- (c) Despite any Regulation made under clause 7(a), the Committee may itself deal with any disciplinary matter referred to it or appoint a judiciary committee to do so.
- (d) All proceedings relating to cases falling under clause 7(a) must be conducted according to the rules of natural justice.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

- (a) The Committee will:
 - (i) fix annual membership subscriptions;
 - (ii) fix such other fees or levies as the Committee considers prudent for the effective and sustainable management of the affairs of the Club; and
 - (iii) determine the time for and manner of payment of the subscriptions, fees and levies by Members to the Club.
- (b) On admission to membership a new Member must pay the current full year's subscription unless the Committee or club treasurer agrees to accept payment in instalments.
- (c) The Committee or club treasurer may waive all or part of a Member's subscriptions, fees or levies if the Committee or club treasurer is satisfied that there are special reasons to do so.
- (d) The Committee or club treasurer may agree terms of payment of subscriptions, fees or levies for a Member different from those applicable to other Members if the Committee or club treasurer is satisfied that there are special reasons to do so.

9. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

9.1 General powers of Committee

- (a) Subject to the Act and this Constitution, the business and affairs of the Club must be managed by the Committee which may exercise the powers of the Club for that purpose.
- (b) The Committee must perform its functions in the pursuit of the Objects and in the interests of the Club as a whole, having regard to the Club's position in the structure of the Sport in South Australia and their role in supporting the Sport's reputation in the State.

9.2 Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee

The Clubs Committee is the governing body responsible for ensuring the long-term health and success of the club. The Committee acts on behalf of the members to ensure that the club remains viable and effective both in the present and for the future. The Committee has the ultimate authority for financial operations and budgeting to ensure the achievement of strategic objectives. It also has the responsibility of ensuring that the various activities of the club are in compliance with the law and expectations of stakeholders and those risks are managed. The Committee's key governance responsibilities include:

- (a) Strategic Planning – set and review the short, medium and long term goals of the club in consultation with key stakeholders
- (b) Financial Oversight – approve budgets; monitor business performance – approve large investments and any major financial decisions – ensure there is accurate financial reporting
- (c) Policy Formulation – establish Committee level policy for governing the club within which all operational plans and actions are developed
- (d) Legal Compliance – ensure that the club complies with all aspects of the law, including legislation covering such areas as employment, trading, occupational health and safety
- (e) Risk – ensure major risks are identified and managed, ensure a risk management plan is established and monitored to ensure compliance and effectiveness
- (f) Club Performance – monitor management and club performance
- (g) Succession Planning – for the Management Committee
- (h) Stakeholder Relations – identify key stakeholders, build relationships, communicate and seek stakeholder views on strategic direction
- (i) Promotion of the club – positive ambassadors externally and role modelling internally
- (j) Reporting to members and other stakeholders at the annual general meeting

Committee Members are appointed to act on behalf of the club, a high level of trust is placed in them to act appropriately. Under the law, Directors have fiduciary duties to the organisation. This means that Committee Members are required to act with a high degree of trust, honesty, care and diligence and to act in the best interests of the club at all times. The detailed duties come from the legislation under which the club is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985. In summary the duties are:

- (a) To act with good faith and honesty in the best interests of the club
- (b) To act with reasonable care and diligence

9.3 Limitation

The Committee may not cause the Club to disaffiliate from the RSO or SSO without an Ordinary Resolution of the Members in General Meeting.

10. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

10.1 Composition of the Committee

The Committee will comprise of:

- (a) Elected Committee Members elected under clause 11; and
- (b) Appointed Committee Members appointed under clause 11.4(a).

10.2 Portfolios

The Committee may allocate portfolios to Committee Members.

11. ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11.1 Nominations

- (a) The Committee must call for nominations for Elected Committee Member at least Twenty eight (28) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Committee may, when it calls for nominations, indicate which portfolios on the Committee it wishes to fill, the job descriptions for those portfolios and the qualifications or experience it considers desirable for those portfolios.

11.2 Form of Nomination

Nominations must:

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) be in the prescribed form (if any) provided for that purpose;
- (c) be signed by the nominee; and
- (d) be delivered to the Club not less than Fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Any document referred to in this clause may be in the form of a facsimile or electronic transmission (email)

11.3 Elections

- (a) If the number of nominations received for the Committee does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, then those nominated will be declared elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) If there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, nominations for the remaining Elected Committee Member positions may be made from the floor of the Annual General Meeting. If the number of nominations received from the floor does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, then those nominated will be declared elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) If at any stage the number of nominations for the Committee exceeds the number of vacancies then to be filled, an election must be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Elections must be conducted by secret ballot or in such manner and by such method as may be determined by the Committee from time to time or if the Committee has not made a determination, by the method determined by the chairperson of the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) If at the close of the Annual General Meeting, vacancies on the Committee remain unfilled, the vacant positions will be casual vacancies under clause 13.1.

11.4 Term of Appointment for Elected Committee Members

- (a) Subject to clause 11.4(b), the term of office of each Elected Committee Member begins at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which their election occurs.
- (b) If the law requires the Elected Committee Member to have a particular qualification or clearance (for example, police clearance), the Elected Committee Member's term will not begin until the qualification or clearance has been established.
- (c) Subject to clause 11.4(d), the term of office of each Elected Committee Member ends at the conclusion of the second Annual General Meeting following their election, but the Elected Committee Member is, subject to clause 11.4(f), eligible for re-election.
- (d) At least half of the Elected Committee Members must retire every year. If the number of Elected Committee Members whose term ends in any one year (**Retiring Committee Members**) is less than one half of the number of Elected Committee Members, then an additional number of the Elected Committee Members who are not due to retire (**Non-Retiring Committee Members**) must retire to make up one half.
- (e) If the Non-Retiring Committee Members cannot agree on which of the Non-Retiring Committee Members will retire, it will be determined by ballot.
- (f) Following the adoption of this Constitution, no person who has served as an Elected Committee Member for a period of four (4) consecutive full terms, including terms served prior to the adoption of this Constitution, is eligible for election as an Elected Committee Member until the next Annual General Meeting following the date of conclusion of their last term as an Elected Committee Member.

12. APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

12.1 Appointment of Appointed Committee Members

The Elected Committee Members may appoint any number of 'Appointed Committee Members' to any vacant committee position with exception of the Chairperson.

12.2 Qualifications for Appointed Committee Members

In appointing Appointed Committee Members, the Elected Committee Members should have regard to which personal skills and experience the Committee thinks will complement the Committee composition.

12.3 Term of Appointment

- (a) The term of office of each Appointed Committee Member must be fixed by the Elected Committee Members at the time of the Appointed Committee Member's appointment but it cannot exceed two (2) years.
- (b) An Appointed Committee Member whose term of office ends is eligible for re-appointment.

13. VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

13.1 Casual Vacancies

Any casual vacancy occurring in the position of Elected Committee Member may be filled by the remaining Elected Committee Members. A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy holds office only until the end of the next Annual General Meeting irrespective of the term of office of the person whom he or she replaces.

13.2 Grounds for Termination of Committee Member

The office of a Committee Member becomes vacant if the Committee Member:

- (a) dies;
- (b) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with her creditors generally;
- (c) suffers from mental or physical incapacity;
- (d) is disqualified from office under section 30 of the Act;
- (e) resigns his or her office by notice in writing to the Club;
- (f) is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee unless the Committee considers the circumstances to be extenuating;
- (g) holds any office of employment with the Club;
- (h) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Club and fails to declare the nature of his or her interest;
- (i) in the case of an Appointed Committee Member, is removed from office by the Elected Committee Members;
- (j) is removed by the Members in General Meeting; or

- (k) would otherwise be prohibited from being a director of a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

If a Committee Member is removed by resolution of the Members, the Committee Member cannot be reappointed to the Committee as an Appointed Committee Member without a further resolution of Members authorising the appointment.

13.3 Committee May Act

If there are any vacancies on the Committee, the remaining Committee Members may act but, if the number of remaining Committee Members is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Committee, they may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Committee Member to a number sufficient to constitute a quorum.

14. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

14.1 Committee to Meet

- (a) The Committee must meet at intervals not exceeding six weeks during the playing season for the dispatch of business (and must meet at least as often as is required under the Act). Subject to this Constitution, the Committee may adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.
- (b) Any Committee Member may at any time convene a meeting of the Committee on reasonable notice to the other Committee Members.

14.2 Attendance by Telephone or electronic devices

A Committee Member may attend a meeting by telephone or other electronic means by which he or she can hear and be heard. The Committee member must be present by telephone or other electronic means for the entirety of the meeting.

14.3 Decisions of Committee

Subject to this Constitution, questions arising at any meeting of the Committee may be decided by Ordinary Resolution. Each Committee Member has one (1) vote on any question. The chair does not have a casting vote.

14.4 Resolutions not in Meeting

- (a) Subject to clause 14.4(d), the Committee may pass a resolution without a Committee meeting being held if all the Committee Members entitled to vote on the resolution sign a document containing a statement that they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document. The resolution is passed when the last Committee Member signs.
- (b) For the purposes of clause 14.4(a), separate copies of a document may be used for signing by those entitled to vote if the wording of the resolution and statement is identical in each copy.
- (c) Any document referred to in this clause may be in the form of a facsimile or electronic transmission (email)
- (d) A resolution may not be passed under clause 14.4(a) if, before it is circulated for voting under clause 14.4(a), the Committee resolves that it can only be put at a meeting of the Committee.
- (e) A resolution passed under this clause must be recorded in the minute book.

14.5 Quorum

At meetings of the Committee the number of Committee Members whose presence is required to constitute a quorum is:

- (a) if the number of Committee Members then in office is an even number, half of the number of Committee Members plus one; or
- (b) if the number of Committee Members then in office is an odd number, half of the number of Committee Members rounded up to the next whole number.

14.6 Chairperson

The chairperson will act as chair of any Committee meeting or General Meeting at which he or she is present and is the nominal head of the Club. If the chairperson is not present, or is unable to preside at a Committee meeting the remaining Committee Members must appoint another Committee Member to preside as chair for that meeting only.

14.7 Committee Members' Interests

The Committee Members must comply with sections 31 and 32 of the Act regarding disclosure of interests and voting on contracts in which a Committee Member has an interest.

15. DELEGATIONS

The Committee may, establish subcommittees and delegate to each of them the exercise of the functions of the Committee that are specified in the instrument of delegation, other than:

- (a) this power of delegation; and
- (b) a function that is a function imposed on the Committee by the Act, by any other law, or by resolution of the Club in General Meeting.

16. SEAL

- (a) The Club will have a Seal on which its corporate name appears in legible characters.
- (b) The Seal may not be used without the express authorisation of the Committee and every use of the Seal must be recorded in the minute books of the Club. The affixing of the Seal must be witnessed by two (2) Committee Members or by one Committee Member and another person authorised by the Committee for that purpose.

17. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) An Annual General Meeting of the Club must be held in accordance with the Act and this Constitution and on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Committee.
- (b) All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting will be Special General Meetings.

18. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

18.1 Special General Meetings may be held

The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Club.

18.2 Requisition of Special General Meetings

- (a) On the requisition in writing of not less than ten per cent (10%) of the total number of Members, the Committee must, within one month after the receipt of the requisition convene a Special General Meeting for the purpose specified in the requisition.
- (b) Every requisition for a Special General Meeting must be signed by requisitioning Members, state the purpose of the meeting and be sent to the Club. The requisition may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the Members making the requisitions.
- (c) If the Committee does not cause a Special General Meeting to be held within one month after the receipt of the requisition, the Members making the requisition may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than three (3) months after the receipt of the requisition.
- (d) A Special General Meeting convened by Members under this Constitution must be convened in the same manner, or as nearly as practical to the same manner, as a meeting convened by the Committee and for this purpose the Committee must ensure that the Members making the requisition are supplied free of charge with particulars of the Members entitled to receive a notice of meeting. The reasonable expenses of convening and conducting such a meeting must be borne by the Club.

19. ATTENDANCE AND VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) Each Member is entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings.
- (b) Each of the Committee Members and the auditor (if any) is entitled to attend General Meetings, but not to vote unless he or she is a Member.

20. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

- (a) Notice of every General Meeting must be given to every Member, the auditor and the Committee Members by the means authorised in clause 32.
- (b) A notice of a General Meeting must specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and state the nature and order of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (c) At least seven (7) days' notice of a General Meeting must be given to those Members entitled to receive notice, together with:
 - (i) the agenda for the meeting;
 - (ii) any notice of motion received from Members entitled to vote.

21. BUSINESS

- (a) The ordinary business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting includes the consideration of accounts and the reports of the Committee and auditors, the election of Committee Members under this Constitution and the appointment of the auditors.
- (b) All business that is transacted at a General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting, other than those matters referred to in clause 21(a), is special business.
- (c) No business other than that stated on the notice for a General Meeting may be transacted at that meeting.

22. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

22.1 Quorum

No business may be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Subject to clause 22.3(a)(ii), a quorum for General Meetings is 5 Members.

22.2 Chairperson to preside

The chairperson of the Committee will, subject to this Constitution, preside as chairperson at every General Meeting except:

- (a) in relation to any election for which the chairperson of the Committee is a nominee; or
- (b) where the chairperson of the Committee has a conflict of interest.

If the chairperson of the Committee is not present or is unable to preside, the Members present must appoint another Committee Member to preside as chair for that meeting only.

22.3 Adjournment of meeting

- (a) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting must be adjourned until the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day, time and place as the chairperson determines. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the adjourned meeting
 - (i) if the meeting was convened on the requisition of Members under clause 18.2, the meeting will lapse; and
 - (ii) in any other case, those Members present will constitute a quorum.
- (b) The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, and must, if directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- (c) When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as in the case of an original meeting.
- (d) Except as provided in clause 22.3(c), it is not necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.

22.4 Voting Procedure

At any meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting will be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by:

- (a) the chairperson; or
- (b) a simple majority of Members present at the meeting.

22.5 Recording of Determinations

A declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Club is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

23. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

23.1 Members entitled to vote

Each Member is entitled to one (1) vote at General Meetings.

23.2 Chairperson may not exercise casting vote

The chair of a General Meeting does not have a casting vote. If a majority cannot agree on an issue/motion then the vote on the issue/motion will be regarded as defeated.

24. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

- (a) The dispute resolution procedure set out in this clause applies to disputes between a Member and:
 - (i) another Member; or
 - (ii) the Club.
- (b) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days after the dispute comes to the attention of all parties.
- (c) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within ten (10) days after the scheduled meeting, refer the dispute to the the peak body this club is affiliated with, RSO and SSO, who may refer the matter to an external agency, including the State Sport Dispute Centre, for resolution.
- (d) The Committee may prescribe additional grievance procedures in Regulations consistent with this Rule 24.
- (e) In this clause 'Member' includes any former Member who was a Member not more than six months before the dispute occurred.

25. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

The Club must comply with its obligations under of the Act in respect of accounts, records and minutes.

26. AUDITOR

At the Annual General Meeting an Auditor who shall be an accountant and not a member of the Club shall be appointed by the Committee for the ensuing year for the purpose of auditing the Club accounts. The auditor shall as soon as possible after the 30th day of September in each year examine the annual return prepared by the Treasurer and verify the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto and shall either sign the annual return as found by him or her to be correct, duly vouched in accordance with law, or shall specially report to the Club at the next Annual General Meeting in what respect has found it incorrect, unvouched or not in accordance with law.

27. APPLICATION OF INCOME

- 27.1** The income and property of the Club must be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.
- 27.2** Except as prescribed in this Constitution or the Act, no portion of the income or property of the Club may be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly or whether by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to any Member or any associate of a Member.
- 27.3** Subject to clause 27.4, nothing in clauses 27.1 or 27.2 prevents a payment in good faith to any Member:
- (a) in accordance with clauses 3 and 27.1 where that Member is a not-for-profit entity with a similar purpose to the Club;
 - (b) for any services actually rendered to the Club whether as an employee, Committee Member or otherwise;
 - (c) for goods supplied to the Club in the ordinary and usual course of operation;
 - (d) for interest on money borrowed from any Member;
 - (e) for rent for premises demised or let by any Member to the Club;
 - (f) for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Member on behalf of the Club.
- 27.4** No payment made under clause 27.3 may exceed the amount ordinarily payable between ordinary commercial parties dealing at arm's length in a similar transaction.

28. WINDING UP

Subject to this Constitution, the Club may be wound up or deregistered in accordance with the Act.

29. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON WINDING UP

- (a) If, on winding up, dissolution or deregistration of the Club and after satisfaction of all the Club's debts and liabilities, there remain surplus assets (as defined in the Act) those surplus assets must not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members but must be distributed to another organisation or organisations which has objects similar to the Objects and a constitution which prohibits the distribution of income and property to Members.
- (b) The organisation or organisations to whom the distribution is to be made under clause 29(a) may be determined by the Members in General Meeting at or before the time of winding up, dissolution or deregistration, and in default a determination

by the Members, by a judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia or any other Court that has jurisdiction in the matter.

30. CONSTITUTION

30.1 Alteration of Constitution

- (a) Subject to clause 30.1(b), this Constitution may be repealed or altered or a new provision may be added by Special Resolution passed at a duly convened General Meeting.
- (b) If, in the opinion of the Committee, it is necessary to amend this Constitution:
 - (i) to achieve or maintain affiliation of the Club with the RSO or SSO;
 - (ii) to comply with the RSO or SSO constitution and regulations; or
 - (iii) to achieve or maintain a particular tax status,the Committee may, by Ordinary Resolution, make the amendments that it considers necessary for the purpose.

31. REGULATIONS

31.1 Committee to formulate Regulations

The Committee may make and amend rules, regulations, by-laws or policies (**Regulations**) for the proper advancement, management and administration of the Club, the advancement of the purposes of the Club and the Sport in South Australia as it thinks necessary or desirable, including without limitation regulations governing:

- (a) the conduct of club competitions or events (including but not limited to the rules of competition and codes of conduct);
- (b) the conduct of meetings;
- (c) the resolution of disputes;
- (d) discipline of Members for breaches of this Constitution or the Regulations; and
- (e) any other matter in respect of which this Constitution authorises the Committee to make Regulations or which the Committee considers is necessary or appropriate for the good governance of the Club and its affairs.

The Regulations must be consistent with the Constitution, the RSO and SSO constitution and any regulations made by the RSO or the SSO.

31.2 Regulations Binding

All Regulations are binding on the Club and all Members.

31.3 Publication of Regulations

Regulations and any amendments, alterations or other changes to or interpretations of the Regulations may be communicated to Members by a notice on the Club's website or in any journal or publication which is published by or on behalf of the Club and which is circulated by the Club to the Members.

32. NOTICE

- (a) Any notice required or authorised by this Constitution to be given to a Member may be served on the Member personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the Member at the Member's last known place of business or by facsimile, email or other electronic means or by its insertion on the Club's website or in any journal or publication which is published by or on behalf of the Club and which is circulated by the Club to its members.
- (b) Any notice required or authorised by this Constitution to be given to the Club may be served by delivering it personally to the Club at its registered office or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the Club at the registered office.
- (c) A notice served by post will be taken to have been received by the recipient on the second working day after it was posted.
- (d) A notice served by facsimile, email or other electronic means will be taken to have been received by the Member two hours after it was sent.

33. PATRONS AND VICE PATRONS

The Club at its Annual General Meeting may appoint annually on the recommendation of the Committee a chief patron and as many vice patrons as it considers necessary, subject to approval of that person or persons.

34. INDEMNITY

- (a) Every Committee Member and employee of the Club is entitled to be indemnified out of the property and assets of the Club against any liability incurred by them in their capacity as Committee Member or employee in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in their favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application in relation to any proceedings in which relief is granted by the Court.
- (b) The Club must indemnify its Committee Members and employees against all damages and losses (including legal costs) for which any such Committee Member or employee may be or become liable to any third party in consequence of any act or omission:
 - (i) in the case of a Committee Member, performed or made in good faith whilst acting on behalf of and with the authority, express or implied of the Club; and
 - (ii) in the case of an employee, performed or made in good faith in the course of, and within the scope of their employment by the Club.

35. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

35.1 Continuing Membership

Each person who is a Member on the day on which this Constitution is adopted, will automatically be admitted to membership in the category that, in the reasonable opinion of the Committee, is the category most appropriate for that Member.

35.2 Committee Members

For the purpose of determining when the term ends for each Committee Member in office on the day on which this Constitution is adopted, time served in the Committee Member's current term will be counted as if this Constitution had been in place at the commencement of that term.

35.3 Regulations deemed applicable

All rules, by-laws, policies and regulations of the Club in force at the date of the approval of this Constitution are to be deemed to be Regulations and continue to apply unless they are inconsistent with, or have been replaced by this Constitution.