

# ICEWORLD FIGURE SKATING CLUB INC.

## Club Rules

ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981  
ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REGULATION 1999  
*Last Amended March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

### 1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the incorporated association will be "Iceworld Figure Skating Club Inc.", hereinafter referred to as "the Association".

### 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

- 2.1 In these Rules unless the context otherwise requires:

"Act" means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (QLD)* as amended, repealed or re-enacted from time to time.

- 2.2 "Advisors" are members appointed by the Management Committee to recommend to the Management Committee the implementation of appropriate action or policy for the attainment of the Association's objects.

"AGM" means Annual General Meeting.

"Management Committee" means the management committee of the Association.

"Financial Year" means the year ending on 31 December.

"Figure Skating" means all disciplines of figure skating as governed by the International Skating Union and for these Rules exclude Speed Skating and Ice Hockey.

"ISA" means Ice Skating Australia Incorporated.

"ISU" means International Skating Union.

"Member" means a member of Iceworld Figure Skating Club Inc.

"Objects" means the Association's objects set out in Rule 3.

"Ordinary Resolution" means a resolution passed by a simple majority.

"Rules" means these rules of the Association.

"Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by not less than 75% of those Members entitled under these Rules to vote and who are present at any meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution was given in accordance with these Rules.

"Sub-Committee" means a committee formed from members of the Management Committee and/or members of the Association who report to the Management Committee.

- 2.3 Headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of these Rules.
- 2.4 Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- 2.5 Words importing the gender include all genders.

### 3. OBJECTS

3.1 The Object of the Association is to assist in the development and promotion of Figure Skating by:

- a) providing support, encouragement and guidance in the development of skaters
- b) conducting association competitions
- c) encourage, preserve and foster good fellowship and friendship amongst members
- d) represent the interest of its members and of figure skating generally in any appropriate forum
- e) act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Associations and Figure skating, its standards, quality and reputation
- f) at all times, operate with and encourage mutual trust and confidence between members in the pursuit of these goals

### 4. POWERS

4.1 The Association has the powers of an individual.

4.2 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) do other things necessary or convenient to be done in carrying out its affairs.

4.3 The Association may also issue secured and unsecured notes, debentures and debenture stock for the Association.

### 5. CLASSES OF MEMBERS

5.1 The membership of the Association shall consist of **Ordinary Members** and any of the following classes of members:

- (a) **Senior Members;**
- (b) **Junior Members;**
- (c) **Sub-Junior;** and
- (d) **Honorary Members.**

- 5.2 A person is eligible to become an **Ordinary Member** of the Association if he/she is aged 18 years or over, and:
- (a) is the parent of a current skater and is a non-competing member; or
  - (b) is a non-competing member; or
  - (c) an interested member of the community.
- 5.3 A person is eligible to become a **Senior Member** of the Association if he/she is aged 18 years or over, and:
- (a) has passed the Preliminary Test of ISA or its equivalent.
- 5.4 A person is eligible to become a **Junior Member** of the Association if he/she is under the age of 18 years, and:
- (a) has passed the Preliminary Test of ISA or its equivalent; and
  - (b) at least one of his/her parents are a Member of the Association unless the Management Committee in it's discretion waives this requirement.
- 5.5 A person is eligible to become a **Sub-Junior Member** of the Association if he/she
- (a) has not passed the Preliminary Test of the ISA or its equivalent; and
  - (b) if under the age of 18 years, at least one of his/her parents are a Member of the Association unless the Management Committee in it's discretion waives this requirement.
- 5.6 **Honorary Members** are those members granted that status by the Management Committee and whom the Management Committee especially desires to honour for valuable service rendered to the Association or in the encouragement of Figure Skating.
- 5.7 The number of Members in each class shall be unlimited.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 An applicant for membership of the Association must be proposed by one current Senior or Ordinary Member of the Association and seconded by another current Senior or Ordinary Member of the Association.
- 6.2 An application for membership must be:
- (a) in writing; and
  - (b) signed by the applicant and the applicant's proposer and seconder; and
  - (c) in the form decided by the Management Committee.

**7. MEMBERSHIP FEES**

7.1 The membership fee for each class of membership:

- (a) is the amount decided by the Management Committee from time to time; and
- (b) is payable when, and in the way, the Management Committee decides.

**8. ADMISSION AND REJECTION OF MEMBERS**

8.1 The Management Committee must consider an application for membership at the next meeting of the Management Committee held after it receives:

- (a) the application for membership;
- (b) the appropriate membership fee for the application; and
- (c) for Junior or Sub-Junior Membership applications, proof of age (such as a birth certificate or passport) or an ISA proof of age number, if requested.

8.2 The Management Committee must ensure that, prior to or as soon as possible after the person applies to become a Member of the Association, and before the Management Committee considers the persons application, the person is advised;

- (a) whether or not the Association has public liability insurance; and
- (b) if the Association has public liability insurance, the amount of insurance.

8.3 The Management Committee must decide at the meeting whether to accept or reject the application.

8.4 In making the decision in Rule 8.3, the Management Committee must determine whether the proposed Member is eligible under these Rules for the membership class for which she/he is applying for.

8.5 The Management Committee may reject the application for membership if the Management Committee has evidence that the proposed Member conducts himself or herself in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Association.

8.6 If the majority of the Management Committee members present at the meeting vote to accept the applicant as a member, the applicant must be accepted as a member to the class of membership applied for.

8.7 The secretary of the Association must, as soon as practicable after the Management Committee decides to accept or reject an application, give the applicant a written notice of the decision, and if rejected, reason/s for rejection.

**9. WHEN MEMBERSHIP ENDS**

- 9.1 A Member may resign from the Association by giving a written notice of resignation to the secretary.
- 9.2 The resignation takes effect on:
- (a) the day and at the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
  - (b) if a later day is stated in the notice, the later day.
- 9.3 The Management Committee may terminate a member's membership, if the member:
- (a) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
  - (b) does not comply with the any of the provisions of these Rules; or
  - (c) has membership fee in arrears for at least 2 months; or
  - (d) conducts himself or herself in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Association.
- 9.4 Before the Management Committee terminates a member's membership, the Management Committee must give the member a full and fair opportunity to show why the membership should not be terminated.
- 9.5 If, after considering all representations made by the Member, the Management Committee decides to terminate the membership, the secretary must give the Member a written notice of the decision.
- 9.6 Any Member who has not paid her/his membership fees within 2 months of the end of the Financial Year will have all rights under these Rules immediately terminated except for any right of Appeal under Rule 10.

**10. APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 10.1 A person whose application for membership has been rejected, or whose membership has been terminated, may give the secretary written notice of the person's intention to appeal against the decision.
- 10.2 A notice of intention to appeal must be given to the secretary within one month after the person receives written notice of the decision.
- 10.3 If the secretary receives a notice of intention to appeal, the secretary must, within one month after receiving the notice, call a general meeting to decide the appeal.

## **11. GENERAL MEETING TO DECIDE APPEAL**

- 11.1 The general meeting to decide an appeal must be held within three months after the secretary receives the notice of intention to appeal.
- 11.2 At the meeting, the Applicant must be given a full and fair opportunity to show why the application should not be rejected or the membership should not be terminated.
- 11.3 Also, the Management Committee and the members of the Management Committee who rejected the application or terminated the membership must be given a full and fair opportunity to show why the application should be rejected or the membership should be terminated.
- 11.4 An appeal must be decided by a majority of the Members present and eligible to vote at the meeting.
- 11.5 If a person whose application for membership has been rejected does not appeal against the decision within one month after receiving written notice of the decision, or the person appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the secretary must, as soon as practicable, refund the membership fee paid by the person.
- 11.6 The Management Committee is not required to consider any subsequent application for membership from a person who fails to appeal against the decision to reject membership or who unsuccessfully appeals the decision.

## **12. REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 12.1 The Management Committee must keep a register of members of the Association.
- 12.2 The register of members must include the following particulars for each member:
  - (a) the full name of the Member;
  - (b) the postal or residential address of the member;
  - (c) the date of admission as a member;
  - (d) the date of death or date of resignation of the member;
  - (e) details about the termination or reinstatement of membership;
  - (f) any other particulars the Management Committee or the members at a general meeting decide.
- 12.3 The register must be open for inspection by Members of the Association at all reasonable times.
- 12.4 A Member must contact the secretary to arrange an inspection of the register.
- 12.5 The Management Committee may, on the application of a member of the Association, withhold information about the member (other than the member's full name) from the register available for inspection, if the Management Committee has reasonable grounds for believing the disclosure of the information would put the member at risk of harm.

**13. PROHIBITION ON USE OF INFORMATION ON REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

13.1 A member of the Association must not:

- (a) use information obtained from the register of members of the Association to contact, or send material to, another member of the Association for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes; or
- (b) disclose information obtained from the register to someone else, knowing that the information is likely to be used to contact, or send material to, another member of the Association for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes.

13.2 Rule 13.1 does not apply if the use or disclosure of the information is approved by the Association.

**14. APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

14.1 The secretary must be an individual residing in Queensland, or in another State but not more than 65km from the Queensland border, who is:

- (a) a Senior or Ordinary Member of the Association elected by the Association as secretary; or
- (b) any of the following persons appointed by the Management Committee as secretary:
  - (i) a member of the Association's Management Committee; or
  - (ii) another Senior or Ordinary Member of the Association; or
  - (iii) another person

14.2 If a vacancy happens in the office of secretary, the members of the Management Committee must ensure a secretary is appointed or elected for the Association within 1 month after the vacancy happens.

14.3 If the Management Committee appoints a person mentioned in Rule 14.1(b)(ii) as secretary, the person does not become a member of the Management Committee.

14.4 The Management Committee may at any time remove a person appointed by the Management Committee as the secretary under this Rule.

## **15. FUNCTIONS OF SECRETARY**

15.1 The secretary's functions include, but are not limited to:

- (a) calling meetings of the Association, including preparing notices of a meeting and of the business to be conducted at the meeting, with the approval of the president of the Association;
- (b) keeping minutes of each meeting;
- (c) keeping copies of all correspondence and other documents relating to the Association; and
- (d) maintaining the register of Members of the Association.

## **16. MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 16.1 The Management Committee of the Association consists of a president, treasurer and three to eight other Senior or Ordinary Members of the Association who Senior or Ordinary Members elect at a general meeting.
- 16.2 A member of the Management Committee other than a secretary appointed by the Management Committee under Rule 14.1(b)(iii), must be a Senior or Ordinary Member of the Association.
- 16.3 At each Annual General Meeting of the association, those members of the Management Committee up for re-election must retire from office, but are eligible, on nomination, for re-election.

## **17. ELECTING THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 17.1 Once elected at an AGM, a member of the Management Committee shall hold office for two years subject to Rules 17.2.
- 17.2 At the next AGM of the Association after the adoption of these Rules, half the members of the Management Committee, namely the president and half of the general Management Committee members, must retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election. The remaining members of the Management Committee shall continue in office and retire from office at the following AGM, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election. Each half of the management Committee shall continue to retire in an alternate manner at subsequent AGM's, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.
- 17.3 There term of all Management Committee members shall continue until the end of the AGM in the year in which their term ends.
- 17.4 The pattern of two year terms of Management Committee with a specific half retiring at each subsequent AGM shall continue, regardless of interim vacancies, retirements and re-elections at special general meetings. For example, a member elected to the Management Committee by special general meeting would retire at the AGM when that Council position was next due to retire.



17.5 A person may be a candidate for a Management Committee position only if the person:

- (a) is a Senior or Ordinary Member of the Association; and
- (b) is not ineligible to be elected as a member under section 61A of the Act.

17.6 Nominations for all Management Committee positions, shall be as follows:

- (a) any 2 Senior or Ordinary Members of the Association may nominate another Senior or Ordinary Member (the ***candidate***) to serve as a member of the Management committee;
- (b) the nomination must be:
  - (i) in writing;
  - (ii) on the form prescribed by the Management Committee;
  - (iii) signed by the candidate and the Senior or Ordinary Members who nominated him or her; and
  - (iv) given to the secretary at least 14 days before the AGM at which the election is to be held.

17.7 For at least 7 days immediately preceding the AGM, a list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the names of the Members who nominated each candidate, must be posted in a conspicuous place in all ice rinks within the jurisdiction of the Association and on the official Association website.

17.8 If, at the start of the meeting, there are not enough candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

17.9 In any year in which the president of the Association is not up for election the president provided he or she is present at the AGM shall chair the meeting during the election of the Management Committee. The president remains entitled to vote in the election.

17.10 Should the president be up for election or not present at the AGM, the chair of the meeting during the election shall be a Senior or Ordinary Member present at the meeting elected by a majority of Members present. The Chairperson so elected is entitled to vote in the election.

17.11 If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, balloting lists must be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order and a secret ballot shall be taken;

- (a) each Senior or Ordinary Member of the Association present and eligible to vote at the AGM, may vote for 1 candidate for each vacant position of President, Treasurer and Secretary (if the Secretary is not to be appointed by the Management Committee under Rule 14.1(b)); and
- (b) each Senior or Ordinary Member of the Association present and eligible to vote at the AGM, may vote for a maximum of 1 candidate for each vacant position of the Management Committee.

- (c) The chairperson shall appoint no less than 2 Senior or Ordinary Members to conduct the secret ballot in the way the chairperson decides.
- (d) The result of the secret ballot as declared by the chairperson shall determine the election of Management Committee.

17.12 In the event that the election for any position on Management Committee results in a tied vote, a second ballot shall be immediately conducted for the position for which the vote was tied.

17.13 If following the second ballot the vote is still tied, the chairperson shall determine the outcome of the vote by chance.

## **18. RESIGNATION, REMOVAL OR VACATION OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

18.1 A member of the Management Committee may resign from the Management Committee by giving written notice of resignation to the secretary.

18.2 The resignation takes effect on:

- (a) the day and at the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
- (b) if a later day is stated in the notice, the later day.

18.3 A member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the Association if a majority of the Members present and eligible to vote at the meeting, vote in favour of removing the Member.

18.4 Before a vote of Members is taken about removing the Member from office, the Member must be given a full and fair opportunity to show cause, why he or she should not be removed from office.

18.5 A member has no right of appeal against the Member's removal from office under this Rule.

18.6 A Member immediately vacates the office in the circumstances mentioned in section 64(2) of the Act.

## **19. VACANCIES ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

19.1 If a casual vacancy happens on the Management Committee, the continuing members of the Management Committee may:

- (a) appoint another senior or ordinary member of the association to fill the vacancy; or
- (b) will call a General Meeting to fill the vacancy and the procedure will occur in accordance with Rule 17.

- 19.2 The continuing members of the Management Committee may act despite a casual vacancy on the Management Committee.
- 19.3 However, if the number of Management Committee members is less than the number fixed under Rule 22.1 as a quorum of the Management Committee, the continuing members may act only to;
- (a) increase the number of Management Committee members to the number required for a quorum; or
  - (b) call a General Meeting of the association within eight weeks.
- 19.4 In this Rule – ***casual vacancy***, on the Management Committee, means a vacancy that happens when an elected member resigns, dies or otherwise stops holding office.

## 20. FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 20.1 Subject to these Rules or a resolution of the Senior and Ordinary Members of the association carried at a general meeting, the Management Committee has the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the Association.
- 20.2 The Management Committee has authority to interpret the meaning of the Rules and any matter relating to the Association on which the Rules are silent, but any interpretation must have regard to the Act, including any regulation made under the Act.
- 20.3 The Management Committee may exercise the powers of the Association for the furtherance of the Objects, including, but not limited to:
- (a) to borrow, raise or secure the payment of amounts in a way the members of the Management Committee decide;
  - (b) to secure the amounts mentioned in paragraph (a) 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, including by the issue of debentures (perpetual or otherwise) charged upon the whole or part of the Association's property, both present and future;
  - (c) to purchase, redeem or pay off any securities issued;
  - (d) to borrow amounts from Members and pay interest on the amounts borrowed;
  - (e) to mortgage or charge the whole or part of its property;
  - (f) to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Association;
  - (g) to provide and pay off any securities issued; and
  - (h) to invest in a way the members of the Management Committee may from time to time decide.

- 20.4 For Rule 20.3(d), the rate of interest must not be more than the current rate being charged for overdrawn accounts on money lent (regardless of the term of the loan) by:
- (a) the financial institution for the Association; or
  - (b) if there is more than one financial institution for the Association, the financial institution nominated by the Management Committee.

## **21. MEETINGS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 21.1 Subject to this Rule, the Management Committee may meet and conduct its proceedings as it considers appropriate.
- 21.2 The Management Committee must meet at least once every 2 months to exercise its functions, and where practicable monthly.
- 21.3 The Management Committee must decide how a meeting is to be called.
- 21.4 Notice of a meeting is to be given in the way decided by the Management Committee.
- 21.5 The Management Committee may hold meetings, or permit a Management Committee member to take part in its meetings, by using any technology that reasonably allows the member to hear and take part in discussions as they happen.
- 21.6 A member who participates in the meeting as mentioned in Rule 21.5 is taken to be present at the meeting.
- 21.7 A question arising at a Management Committee meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of Members of the Management Committee present at the meeting and, if the votes are equal, the question is decided in the negative.
- 21.8 A member of the Management Committee must not vote on a question about a contract or proposed contract with the Association if the member has an interest in the contract or proposed contract and, if the member does vote, the member's vote must not be counted.
- 21.9 The president is to preside as chairperson at a Management committee meeting.
- 21.10 If there is no president or if the president is not present within 10 minutes after the time fixed for a Management Committee meeting, the members may choose one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

## **22. QUORUM FOR, AND ADJOURNMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 22.1 At a Management Committee meeting, more than 50% of the members elected or appointed to the Management Committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the Members form a quorum.
- 22.2 If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a Management Committee meeting called on the request of members of the Management Committee, the meeting lapses.

- 22.3 If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a Management Committee meeting called other than on the request of the members of the Management Committee, or in the event a failure in communications prevents Rule 21.5 from being satisfied by a quorum of Management Committee members and the issue is not resolved within 15 minutes from the interruption of the meeting then:
- (a) the meeting is to be adjourned for at least 1 day; and
  - (b) the members of the Management Committee who are present are to decide the day, time and place of the adjourned meeting.
- 22.4 If the meeting is adjourned in accordance with Rule 22.3, the secretary must notify all Management Committee members within 1 day of the adjournment.
- 22.5 If, at an adjourned meeting mentioned in Rule 22.3 there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting, the meeting lapses.

### **23. SPECIAL MEETING OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 23.1 If the secretary receives a written request signed by at least 33% of the members of the Management Committee, the secretary must call a special meeting of the Management committee by giving each member of the Management committee notice of the meeting within 2 days after the secretary receives the request.
- 23.2 If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the special meeting, the president must call the meeting.
- 23.3 A request for a special meeting must state:
- (a) why the special meeting is being called; and
  - (b) the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- 23.4 A notice of a special meeting must state:
- (a) the day, time and place of the meeting; and
  - (b) the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- 23.5 A special meeting of the Management Committee must be held within 7 days after notice of the meeting is given to the members of the Management Committee.

### **24. MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 24.1 The secretary must ensure full and accurate minutes of all material questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of each Management Committee meeting are entered in a minute book or recorded electronically.

24.2 To ensure the accuracy of the minutes, the minutes of each Management Committee meeting must be:

- (a) approved by the Management committee at the next meeting; and
- (b) the minutes of each Management Committee meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next Management Committee meeting, verifying their accuracy.

## **25. DELEGATION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POWERS**

25.1 The Management Committee may delegate the whole or part of its powers to a subcommittee consisting of the association members considered appropriate by the Management Committee.

25.2 A subcommittee may only exercise delegated powers in the way the Management Committee decides.

25.3 A subcommittee may elect a chairperson of its meetings.

25.4 If a chairperson is not elected, or if a chairperson is not present within 10 minutes after the time fixed for a meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.

25.5 A subcommittee may meet and adjourn as it considers appropriate.

25.6 A question arising at a subcommittee meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting and, if the votes are equal, the question is decided in the negative.

## **26. ADVISORS**

26.1 The Management Committee may appoint Members of the Association considered appropriate by the Management Committee to be Advisors.

26.2 An Advisor is not a member of the Management Committee and is not entitled to vote at a Management Committee meeting.

## **27. ACTS NOT AFFECTED BY DEFECTS OR DISQUALIFICATIONS**

27.1 An act performed by the Management Committee, a Subcommittee or a person acting as a member of the Management Committee is taken to have been validly performed.

27.2 Rule 26.1 applies even if the act was performed when:

- (a) there was a defect in the appointment of a member of the Management Committee, Subcommittee or person acting as a member of the Management Committee; or
- (b) a Management Committee member, Subcommittee member or person acting as a member of the Management Committee was disqualified from being a member.

**28. RESOLUTIONS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITHOUT MEETING**

- 28.1 A written resolution signed by a majority of members of the Management Committee, which has been sent to all members of the Management Committee, is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a Management Committee meeting that was properly called and held.
- 28.2 A resolution mentioned in Rule 28.1 may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the Management Committee.

**29. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 29.1 The AGM of the Association must be held:
- (a) at least once each year; and
  - (b) within 6 months after the end date of the Association's reportable Financial Year.

**30. BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 30.1 The following business must be conducted at each AGM of the Association:
- (a) receiving of the minutes from all general and special meetings held during the previous year;
  - (b) presenting the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting for adoption;
  - (c) receiving the Association's financial statement, and audit report, for the last reportable financial year;
  - (d) presenting the financial statement and audit report to the meeting for adoption;
  - (e) electing members of the Management Committee;
  - (f) appointing an auditor for the present financial year.

**31. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 31.1 The secretary must call a special general meeting by giving each voting Member of the Association notice of the meeting within 14 days after:
- (a) being directed to call the meeting by the Management Committee; or
  - (b) being given a written request signed by:
    - (i) at least 33% of the number of members of the Management Committee when the request is signed; or

- (ii) at least the number of Senior or Ordinary Members of the Association equal to double the number of Members of the Association on the Management Committee when the request is signed plus 1; or
  - (c) being given a written notice of an intention to appeal against the decision of the Management Committee:
    - (i) to reject an application for membership; or
    - (ii) to terminate a person's membership.
- 31.2 A request mentioned in Rule 31.1(b) must state:
- (a) why the special general meeting is being called; and
  - (b) the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- 31.3 A special general meeting must be held within 3 months after the secretary:
- (a) is directed to call the meeting by the Management Committee; or
  - (b) is given the written request mentioned in Rule 31.1(b); or
  - (c) is given the written notice of an intention to appeal mentioned in Rule 31.1(c).
- 31.4 If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the special meeting, the president must call the meeting.

## **32. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

- 32.1 The secretary may call a general meeting of the Association, upon a resolution by the Management Committee.
- 32.2 The secretary must give at least 21 days written notice of the meeting.
- 32.3 If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the meeting, the president must call the meeting.
- 32.4 However, notice of the following meetings must be given in writing:
- (a) a meeting called to hear and decide the appeal of a person against the Management Committee's decision:
    - (i) to reject the person's application for membership of the Association; or
    - (ii) to terminate the person's membership of the Association,
  - (b) a meeting called to hear and decide a proposed special resolution of the Association.
- 32.5 A notice of a general meeting must state the business to be conducted at the meeting.



**33. QUORUM FOR, AND ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEETING**

- 33.1 The quorum for a general meeting is at least double the number of Members elected or appointed to the Management Committee at the close of the Association's last general meeting less one.
- 33.2 However, if all Members of the Association are members of the Management Committee, the quorum is the total number of Members less one.
- 33.3 No business may be conducted at a general meeting unless there is a quorum of members present when the meeting proceeds to business.
- 33.4 If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a general meeting called on the request of members of the Management Committee or the Association, the meeting lapses.
- 33.5 If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a general meeting called other than on the request of members of the Management Committee or the Association:
- (a) the meeting is to be adjourned for at least 7 days; and
  - (b) the Management Committee is to decide the day, time and place of the adjourned meeting.
- 33.6 The chairperson:
- (a) may, with the consent of any meeting at which there is a quorum; and
  - (b) must if directed by the meeting,  
adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.
- 33.7 If a meeting is adjourned under Rule 33.6, only the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place may be conducted at the adjourned meeting.
- 33.8 The secretary must give the Members notice of an adjournment within 2 days of the adjournment.
- 33.9 If a meeting is adjourned for at least 30 days, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given in the same way notice is given for an original meeting.

#### **34. PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETING**

- 34.1 A Senior or Ordinary Member may take part and vote in a general meeting including an AGM only by the Member attending in person.
- 34.2 At each general meeting:
- (a) the president is to preside as chairperson; and
  - (b) if there is no president or if the president is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting or the president is unwilling to act or continue to act, the Members present must elect one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting; and
  - (c) the chairperson must conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly way.

#### **35. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETING**

- 35.1 Each question, matter or resolution, must be decided by a majority of votes of the Members present.
- 35.2 Senior and Ordinary Members and no others, subject to these Rules, are entitled to attend and vote.
- 35.3 Each Member present and eligible to vote is entitled to 1 vote only and, if the votes are equal, the chairperson has a casting vote as well as a primary vote.
- 35.4 A Member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting if the Member's annual subscription is in arrears at the date of the meeting.
- 35.5 The method of voting is to be decided by the Management Committee.
- 35.6 However, if at least one Member present demands a secret ballot, voting must be by secret ballot.
- 35.7 If a secret ballot is held, the chairperson must appoint 2 Members to conduct the secret ballot in the way the chairperson decides.
- 35.8 The result of a secret ballot as declared by the chairperson is taken to be a resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was held.

#### **36. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 36.1 The secretary must ensure full and accurate minutes of all material questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of each general meeting are entered in a minute book or recorded electronically.

36.2 To ensure the accuracy of the minutes:

- (a) the minutes of each general meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next general meeting, verifying their accuracy; and
- (b) the minutes of each AGM must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next meeting of the Association that is a general meeting or AGM, verifying their accuracy.

36.3 If asked by a Member of the Association, the secretary must, within 28 days after the request is made:

- (a) make the minute book or electronic record for a particular general meeting available for inspection by the Member at a mutually agreed time and place; and/or
- (b) give the Member copies of the minutes of the meeting.

36.4 The Association may require the Member to pay the reasonable costs of providing copies of the minutes.

### **37. PROXY OR OTHER VOTING**

37.1 Members are not entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Association by proxy, attorney or by using technology.

### **38. SECTION 47(1) OF THE ACT**

38.1 Section 47(1) of the Act does not apply to the Association.

### **39. BY-LAWS**

39.1 The Management Committee may make, amend or repeal by-laws, consistent with these Rules, for the internal management of the Association.

39.2 A by-law may be set aside by a vote of Members at a general meeting of the Association.

### **40. ALTERATION OF RULES**

40.1 Subject to the Act, these Rules may be amended, repealed or added to by a Special Resolution carried at a general meeting.

40.2 However an amendment, repeal or addition is valid only if it is registered by the chief executive.

#### **41. COMMON SEAL**

- 41.1 The Management Committee must ensure the Association has a common seal.
- 41.2 The common seal must be:
- (a) kept securely by the Management Committee; and
  - (b) used only under the authority of the Management Committee.
- 41.3 Each instrument to which the seal is attached must be signed by a member of the Management Committee and countersigned by:
- (a) the secretary; or
  - (b) another member of the Management Committee; or
  - (c) someone authorised by the Management Committee.

#### **42. FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS**

- 42.1 The funds of the Association must be kept in bank accounts in the name of the Association, in financial institutions decided by the Management Committee.
- 42.2 Records and accounts must be kept in the English language showing full and accurate particulars of the financial affairs of the Association.
- 42.3 All amounts must be deposited in the financial institution account as soon as practicable after receipt.
- 42.4 A payment by the Association of \$100 or more must be made by cheque or electronic funds transfer.
- 42.5 If a payment of \$100 or more is made by cheque or EFT, the cheque must be signed or the EFT transaction must be authorised by any 2 of the following:
- (a) the president;
  - (b) the secretary;
  - (c) the treasurer;
  - (d) any one of three other Members of the Association who have been authorised by the Management Committee to sign cheques issued by the Association.
- 42.6 However, one of the persons who signs the cheque or authorises an EFT transaction must be the president, the secretary or the treasurer.
- 42.7 Cheques, other than cheques for wages, allowances or petty cash recoupment, must be crossed not negotiable.
- 42.8 A petty cash account must be kept on the imprest system, and the Management Committee must decide the amount of petty cash to be kept in the account.

42.9 All expenditure must be approved or ratified at a Management Committee meeting.

#### **43. GENERAL FINANCIAL MATTERS**

43.1 On behalf of the Management Committee, the treasurer must, as soon as practicable after the end date of each financial year, ensure a financial statement for its last reportable Financial Year is prepared.

43.2 The income and property of the Association must be used solely in promoting the Association's objects and exercising the Association's powers.

#### **44. DOCUMENTS**

44.1 The Management Committee must ensure the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the Association.

#### **45. FINANCIAL YEAR**

45.1 The end date of the Association's Financial Year is 31 December in each year.

#### **46. DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS ASSETS**

46.1 This Rule applies if the Association—

- (a) is wound-up under part 10 of the Act; and
- (b) has surplus assets.

46.2 The surplus assets must not be distributed among the Members of the Association.

46.3 The surplus assets must be given to another entity:

- (a) having objects similar to the Association's objects; and
- (b) the Rules of which prohibit the distribution of the entity's income and assets to its Members.

46.4 In this Rule - “**surplus assets**” has the meaning given by section 92(3) of the Act.