



**New Zealand Angling and Casting  
Association**

# **Constitution**

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## 1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be the "New Zealand Angling and Casting Association (Incorporated)".

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## 2. INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution and any by-laws made hereunder, if not inconsistent with the context "**Association**" means the New Zealand Angling and Casting Association (Incorporated) as herein constituted.

"**Executive Committee**" means the Executive Committee as hereinafter constituted of the Association.

"**Sub-Association**" means any Fishing Clubs or Interested organisations.

"**Fishing Club**" means any Club which has as its primary activity amateur recreational fishing, casting or angling.

"**Interested Organisations**" means any organisation or Body of Persons which has either directly or indirectly as one or more of its objects the promotion of amateur fishing in all or any of its phases.

"**Sub Member**" means any individual person who is a paid up member of any club or interested organization who has paid affiliation fees to the New Zealand Angling and Casting Association (Incorporated). Such individuals will be referred to as members in context with this constitution.

"**Affiliated Member**" means any sub association duly affiliated with the association within the provisions herein after.

"**Registrar**" means the Registrar of Incorporated Societies under the Incorporated Societies Act of 1908.

"**Incorporated Society**" means a Society duly incorporated under the provisions of the Incorporated Societies.

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## 3. REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered Office of the Association shall be at the office for the time being of the Secretary of the Association, or as otherwise determined by the Association from time to time.

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## 4. OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the Association shall be;

- (a) To encourage, promote and develop the sports of angling and casting throughout New Zealand as applied to all forms of fresh and salt water fishing.
- (b) To organise, encourage and promote the formation of amateur Fishing Clubs and Associations and to develop the better acquaintance, good fellowship and closer comradeship among amateur Fisherspersons.
- (c) To introduce and foster our youth into the sport of fishing.
- (d) To assume the status and responsibility of Official and Parent Body
- (e) To promote the conservation of the N.Z. Recreational Fishery and associated environment.
- (f) To encourage the observance of all laws governing the conservation and preservation of New Zealand's Recreational Fishery and to co-operate with the appropriate Authorities in the implementation of them, and to press for the amendment or elimination of any law that in the opinion of the Association is not in the best interests of the Objectives of the Association.

- (g) To monitor Government, Commercial and Non-commercial user Groups and act in accordance with these Objectives and the wishes of Membership.
- (h) To promote the sporting welfare of its Members by organising and administering such inter-club, national and international competitions as are decided upon from time to time.
- (i) To foster and promote the sport of fishing throughout New Zealand.
- (j) To foster, promote, encourage, recognise and reward, by the means of administering Record System(s), notable or meritorious catches.
- (k) To encourage the Tourist Industry in New Zealand with particular reference to angling within NZ waters.
- (l) To affiliate with the International Game Fish Association, International Casting Federation and/or any other relevant international association.
- (m) To affiliate with any New Zealand or National Association, federation or organisation which by such affiliation fosters the Objectives of the Association.
- (n) To send Delegates to any Club, Affiliated Body, Interested Organisation, national or international conferences.
- (o) To acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise any property real or personal for the purpose of fostering the interests of fishing and to enter into and carry out contracts and agreements for that purpose.
- (p) To sell or otherwise dispose of any property real or personal belonging to the Association and to surrender any lease held by it.
- (q) To invest the funds of the Association as deemed by the Executive in any securities authorised by law.
- (r) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Association deems fit.
- (s) To advance such monies as the Association deems to Sub Associations.
- (t) To employ staff on such terms as to best benefit the Association.
- (u) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

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## 5. MEMBERSHIP

- i) Any Club or Interested organization, whether incorporated or not (in these rules called the Sub Association) may be admitted as members of the Association upon payment of the required Affiliation fees as set at the AGM and in compliance with such other formalities prescribed by the executive committee and in accordance with this constitution.
- ii) All individual members of the sub association are members of the association by way of affiliation and are subject to this constitution even though such individuals do not have any voting rights or other rights accorded to the Sub Associations.
- iii) Any Sub-Association, Incorporated Society or not, as hereinbefore will be eligible for membership under the category "Affiliated Member".

(5.1) Sub-Associations who seek membership under the provisions of clause 5a (i) will become such members on the payment of Affiliation Fees and subject to the following special provisions;

- (i) Affiliation Fees will be payable based on the total financial membership of the said Sub Association and payable for each sub member of the said Sub Association.
- (ii) There will be two classes of Affiliation Fees - these being Family and Individual.
- (iii) A list of sub members shall be filed with the Association by such Sub Associations and such individual or family members shall be classed as a sub member of the Association.
- (iv) Affiliation Fees will be set by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Annual General Meeting of the Association each year who will also have discretionary

authority to set within the Individual Fee class two sub classes of Juniors and Pensioners if it so thinks fit to do so. The fees are to be less than those set for other categories of membership.

(v) The Affiliation year will run from the 1<sup>st</sup> June each year to the 31st May of the following year.

(vi) That they will cease to be "Affiliated Members" of the Association if and when the Sub-Association itself becomes an Incorporated Society and is elected to membership of the Association under the provisions of clause 5. I (a) and that they will cease to be "Affiliated Members" of the Association if and when full and complete Affiliation Fees based on their total membership are not received by the 30<sup>th</sup> September of each year; or if their Sub Association is wound up or their activities cease to be compatible with the Objectives of the Association.

(c) Affiliated Members shall be entitled to attend Annual, Special or General Meetings of the Association. They will be entitled to two Delegates and will be eligible for votes according to the total membership of the said Club, Sub-Association or Interested Organisation on the basis of one vote for up to ten members, two votes for up to 50 members, three votes for up to 100 members and four votes for membership over 100 members; and that the other provisions as set out in clause 15 hereinafter shall so apply.

(d) All individual/family Members of Sub-Associations who become Affiliated Members under the provisions of clauses 5.2(a) as hereinbefore shall be deemed to be Sub Members of the Association and shall be eligible for Association awards and competitions and to hold office and serve on the Executive Committee on the proviso that the provisions of clause 5.2(b) are fulfilled. Such "sub members" shall be entitled to representation at meetings of the Association only through the Sub-Association of which they are members.

(e) The appropriate membership fees must be received at the Association Office on or before the date of the qualifying catch before an application for an Association award or trophy will be considered, and prior to competing in competitions.

(f) Affiliates who belong to more than Sub-Association are only required to pay one Affiliation Fee and credits will be provided, on request, for multiple membership.

(g) That such individual and family members (sub members) of said Sub-Associations shall cease to be sub members of the Association if and when their Sub-Association shall cease to be affiliated Members with the Association.

(h) That all notices of communication required by this Constitution to be served upon or given to Members of the Association shall be deemed to have been so served upon or given to such individual/family members of Affiliated Sub Associations if served upon the Secretary or other representative of their Sub-Association as this Constitution may require.

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#### 5.4 OTHER MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to grant other Associated Membership of the Association upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it may from time to time think fit, excepting that such Associate Membership will not apply to individuals excepting via some Sub-Association or Interested Organisation structure.

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## 5.5 SOCIAL MEMBERS

Social Members:

(a) Where Clubs have in their membership Members designated as "Social Members" and those Members are non-fishers the requirement to pay any "Joining Fee" and the issue of a Members Manual will not apply

(b) Normal Membership Fees/or Affiliated or Associate Members will apply.

(c) The definition of "Social Members" will be those who do not actually fish, either regularly, periodically or even occasionally. They will be those who are Club Members for some other non-fishing reason.

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## 5.6 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

The NZACA's Anti-Doping Policy shall be the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (The "Rules") in their entirety, made under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, as amended from time to time.

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## 6. RESIGNATION

(a) Members of the Association will cease to be members if:

- (i) They so apply for such in writing.
- (ii) They have failed to pay the Annual Membership Fee by due date.
- (iii) By being struck off the Roll as hereinafter provided.

(b) The Executive Committee of the Association as herein constituted at any Meeting may strike off the Roll any Member of the Association if:-

- (i) They cease to exist
- (ii) They fail to meet the requirements of their membership category
- (iii) That if, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, a Members activities ceases to be compatible with the Objectives of the Association.
- (iv) If by the resolution of the executive in its sole judgement such member (sub association and individual) brings the association into disrepute.

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## 7. ACTIVITIES

As a means of carrying out the Objectives of the Association the Association shall involve itself in activities which will encourage the sport of recreational fishing and casting and help further the aims and ideals of the Association. These activities shall be so intertwined in that the common thread and factor will be such that although each activity may be different the general principles of each will be in common with one another and with the Objectives and Principles of the Association. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to set the required rules and parameters for all its Activities, based on fairness to all and to encourage such competition. These activities could/may include, although not limited to, the following:

(a) Association Fishing Records. The Association to administer a record system open to all its financial Affiliates and Associates that would recognise and reward meritorious catches as well as

the heaviest catch in all-tackle and/or selected line classes set up for that purpose for selected fish species. The rules and regulations for these records to be based on those set by the International Grune Fishing Association. The Executive Committee being empowered to set up and administer such record systems as it sees practical and in keeping with the Objectives of the Association

(b) Association Trophies and Awards. The Association as it sees appropriate will give awards and trophies to sub members and/or Sub-Association who meet the criteria for such. The Executive Committee will be empowered to approve the introduction and criteria for such awards and trophies, and if necessary under special circumstances re-allocate trophies or alter criteria for such awards.

7(c) (i) "National Championships. The Association, by its Executive Committee shall organise and run a National Championship where and when it is felt practical, but no more regularly than annually and during the months of February, March or April, for fishing and/or casting competition based on the general principles and rules by which other Association Activities are carried out. These Championships shall be open to all Financial Members of the Association and to such invited participants as felt appropriate. The Annual General Meeting shall ratify where the National Championships are held.

7(c)(ii) The Association, if required, shall have the power to call upon some other committee, Host Clubs, sub-association or other Interested Organisation, to help, organise and/or run a National championship."

(d) Postal Casting Competition. The Association, as a means of encouraging the sport of casting, run, when it sees it practical and desirous so to do, a postal based Casting Competition whereby the results of Sub-Association casting competitions are compared with each other by a system to ascertain Champion and overall Winners. The Executive Committee being empowered to set the required rules and parameters based on a fairness to all and to encourage such competition.

(e) Masters Award. The Association to administer an Award System called the Masters award which is competed for by financial sub members which will recognise and reward the efforts of such sub members over a range of different fishing situations and criteria, but broadly based on the rules and regulations that are applied to other fishing activities of the Association. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to set the required rules and parameters and administer such Award based on fairness to all and to encourage such competition.

(f) Publicity and related Activities. The Association, through the channels of the Executive Committee, to take advantage of opportunities that may present to publicly make known the Associations Activities and Objectives and to further the sport of recreational fishing and casting and promote the causes of conservation and amateur recreational fishing rights.

(g) Non-Association Record Activities. The Association as it sees appropriate support and encourage its Members to apply for World Records as administered by the International Game Fishing Association or similar bodies, and/or NZ Records in any NZ Fishing Record system as appropriate.

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## 8. OFFICERS

(a) The Officers of the Association shall consist of a PATRON, PRESIDENT, SENIOR and JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER and LIFE MEMBERS duly elected as hereinafter provided. The Offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee, and the honoraria pertaining thereto shall be fixed by that Committee. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected by Delegates at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) The Office of President shall be held by one person for not more than three (3) consecutive years, and on retirement of the Sitting President, the Senior Vice President shall be an automatic nomination for President for the ensuing term and the Junior Vice President shall be an



automatic nomination for Senior Vice President PROVIDED HOWEVER that it shall be competent for Group, Affiliated or any other Financial Member to nominate another person for these Offices

(c.i) That no one Club shall hold more than one NZACA Officer position (excluding Patron and Life Members).

(c.ii) That wherever possible and practical that nominations for the positions of Presidents and Vice Presidents (for those in addition to automatic nominations) be for Members who are currently on or who have served in the past as Executive Members.

(d)The Annual General Meeting may elect any number of Honorary Vice Presidents, who shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

(e)The Retiring President shall also be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee until such time the sitting President completes that term of office.

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## 9.LIFE MEMBERS

The Association shall have the power to elect Life Members at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for Life Membership are to be forward, within twenty eight (28) clear days of notice of an Annual General Meeting, to the Executive Committee, care of the Secretary, together with supporting information, who will after due consideration make a recommendation on such nominations to the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for Life Membership are to be made and seconded by financial Members of the Association and such nominations should carry the consent of the Nominee being so proposed. Life Member shall not be required to pay fees. A Life Member can lose that status upon the passing of an appropriate resolution at an Annual, Special or General Meeting of the Association.

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## 10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Association shall comprise of:

(a)The Officers of the Association of this Constitution as defined in Rule 8 together with eight (8) Ordinary Members. Nominations for the Executive Officers set out in Rule 8 and for the Executive Ordinary Members shall be in writing and shall be in the hands of the Association Secretary 28 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, provided however that if there are insufficient valid nominations for the eight Ordinary Members of the Executive, the Meeting Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, accept nominations from the floor of the Annual General Meeting.

(b) The Ordinary Members shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The Annual General Meeting or the Executive Committee may appoint up to four additional members to the Executive Committee, these being known as "Club Representatives", but they will not hold voting rights on that Committee.

(d) That the maximum number of Members from any one Club be limited to two for the combined Executive positions of Officers (but excluding Patron and Life Members) and Ordinary Members; and furthermore that the maximum number allowable from any one Club be three Members for the total Executive (excluding Patron and Life Members.)

(e) Each Ordinary Member and Club Representative of the Executive shall be a financial member of a Sub-Association which is an Affiliated Member of the Association as hereinbefore defined.

(f) Reserved

Original sub-clause deleted by decision of AGM dated 28th.March 2012

(g) Any Office becoming vacant before the expiration of the Term of Office shall be filled by an election of the Executive Committee at their next meeting

(h) Should any Ordinary Member of the Executive Committee fail to attend two (2) consecutive meetings and fail to appoint a substitute to act in their stead, without reasonable excuse, the Executive Committee shall have the right to declare their position on the Executive Committee to be vacant and may proceed to fill the vacancy in terms of Rule IO(f). (j) Substitutes must be financial members of the Association and they will not hold the voting rights of the Executive Committee of the Member for whom they are substituting for. Such Substitutes can only attend up to two consecutive meetings on behalf of any one Ordinary Member.

(j) The refund of fair and reasonable expenses for Officers and Executive Committee Members of the Association attending Executive Committee Meetings may be paid to such Members. Similarly reimbursement can be made to Officers and Members of the Association for expenses incurred in attending meetings and conferences where such Members are official Delegates and are representing the Association. The rate of such to be a set annually by the Executive Committee.

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## 11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) At all Executive Committee Meetings five (5) voting Members or their substitutes shall form a Quorum which number shall include the Secretary or an approved substitute Secretary and at least one of the following Officers; President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President of the Association.

(b) There shall be a minimum of four (4) Executive Committee Meetings held in any one year on dates to be set by the Executive Committee.

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## 12. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(a) In the absence of the President the Chair shall be provided by the Senior Vice President or in their absence also the Junior Vice President.

(b) The Secretary shall keep the usual Minutes, attend to the necessary correspondence, keep all records and attend to the usual secretarial business.

(c) The Treasurer, who may also be the Secretary, shall collect all subscriptions, fees and monies; pay accounts ratified by the Executive Committee; prepare an Annual Balance Sheet and keep full and accurate account of financial transactions of the Association.

(d) The Executive Committee shall have full power to generally manage and direct the affairs of the Association subject to resolution of the Association in Annual or Special General Meeting and in particular;

(i) To arrange, regulate and control all representative and other competitions as it may think desirable.

(ii) While involved in activities of the Association regulate the conduct and behaviour of all Officials, Members and Competitors.

(iii) To make, amend or rescind such by-laws of this Association as it shall think necessary for the proper conduct of fishing generally.

(iv) To ensure activities of the Association are in keeping with the Objectives of the Association.

(v) To appoint Delegates to represent the Association.

(vi) To manage the affairs of the Association generally.

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### 13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April each year. (b) The business to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting shall be the receiving of the Executive Committee's report and the Statement of Accounts for the previous year, the election of Officers for the ensuing year and such other business as shall have been notified in writing to the Secretary of the Association at least twenty eight (28) clear days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. Upon receipt of such notice of other business, and at least fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting, the Association Secretary shall notify the Secretaries of all Sub Associations and the Officers of the Association, that such notice has been given and the contents thereof. Notwithstanding that no such notice of other business as aforesaid has been given, the Annual General Meeting may deal with other business as presented provided that a three fifths majority of the Delegates to the meeting so decide.

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### 14. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary will give sixty (60) days notice in writing of the time, place and date of the Annual General Meeting to the Secretary of each Sub Association and to each Officer of the Association.

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### 15. REPRESENTATION AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Each Sub Association shall before the Annual General Meeting give notice in writing to the Association Secretary of the name of its Delegate or Delegates to the Annual General Meeting and unless such notice is given the Delegate or Delegates shall not be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting unless special leave so to do is given by such Annual General Meeting.

All Sub-Associations shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting but only Delegates on whom notice has been given in accordance with the provisions of this clause shall be entitled to vote. If a Delegate (whose appointment has been properly notified to the Association Secretary) is unable to attend the Annual General Meeting he/she may appoint a substitute to act in their stead, provided however that such a substitute must hand to the Association Secretary at or prior to the Annual General Meeting an authority signed by the Secretary of the original Delegate's Sub-Association or by the original Delegate concerned. No delegate of an unfinancial Sub-Association shall be entitled to record a vote or act as a proxy at any General Meeting.

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### 16. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) A Special General Meeting of the Association may be convened by the Executive Committee at any time.

(b) A Special General Meeting of the Association shall be convened by the Executive Committee upon requisition being lodged with the Secretary and signed by at least seven (7) sub Members; or any Sub-Association as here in before defined setting out the subject matter to be considered at a Special General Meeting.

(c) Upon receipt of such a requisition as provided for in clause 16(b) hereinbefore the Association Secretary shall forthwith give notice in writing to all Sub Associations and to Officers of the Association of a Special General Meeting to be held at a date not later than twenty eight(28) days after the date on which the Association Secretary received the requisition and the Association Secretary shall in such notice, state the subject matter to be considered at such Special General Meeting.

(d) The Special General Meeting shall comprise the Officers of the Association and Delegates from each Sub Association entitled to representation at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with the provisions here in before contained.. Each such Sub Association shall give notice in writing to the Association Secretary of the name and address of its Delegate or Delegates to the Special General Meeting and unless such notice is given the Delegate or Delegates shall not be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Special General Meeting unless special leave so to do is given by such Special General

Meeting. All financial sub members shall be entitled to attend the Special General Meeting but only Delegates on whom notice has been given in accordance with the provisions of this clause shall be entitled to vote. If a Delegate (whose appointment has been properly notified to the Association Secretary) is unable to attend the Special General Meeting he/she may appoint a substitute to act in their stead, provided however that such a substitute must hand to the Association Secretary at or prior to the Special General Meeting an authority signed by the Secretary of the original Delegate's Sub Association or by the original Delegate concerned. No delegate of an unfinancial Sub-Association shall be entitled to record a vote or act as a proxy at any General Meeting.

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## 17. GENERAL & VOTING PROVISIONS AS TO MEETINGS

(a) Subject to Rule 20 hereinafter, at all meetings of the Association whether Annual General, Special General or Executive Committee, the mode of voting shall be by show of hands, and at a General Meeting each Group, Sub Associations shall be entitled to the number of votes hereinbefore provided for; that is Sub Associations one to four (1 to 4) votes according to their financial membership numbers. No such sub association may exercise a vote unless all monies due by the sub association to the Association have been paid in full. The Chairperson shall be entitled to a deliberative and casting vote. All votes shall be decided by a simple majority decision unless otherwise stated

(b) Proxy votes - subject to provisions in clause 15 hereinbefore and Clause 20(b) & (c) hereinafter, Proxy Votes will be acceptable from Sub Associations who are unable to send Delegates to General Meetings of the Association.

(c) The conduct and running of meetings will as per the normally accepted standards for the conduct of meetings under a Chairperson.

(d) Poll by Postal Voting

(i) "Postal Voting" - For all meetings of the Association, where felt appropriate by the Executive Committee, voting by poll in the form of Postal Voting can be used. All categories of members as set out in Clause 5 of this Constitution shall be entitled to vote according to the provisions as referred to in Clause 17(a). ii) Information pertaining to the matters to be voted upon, and suitable Voting Papers, are to be in the hands of the sub associations, in the manner set out in Clause 19, for a period not less than forty (40) clear days prior to the final close-off date for such votes to be returned to the Association National Secretary .

(iii) Voting Papers are to be returned in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside that it contains Voting Papers. Envelopes are only to be opened by the Association National Secretary, or another person chosen in their stead, in the presence of at least one other Officer of the Association.

(iv) Results of the Postal Vote are to be tabled at the next appropriate meeting and the results deemed to be binding.

(v) Postal Voting may also be used by the Executive Committee to facilitate a decision on a matter which is felt more advantageous to be dealt with in such a manner rather than calling a Special General Meeting, or which is not appropriate to leave until the next Annual General Meeting. The results of such a poll being a binding decision.

(vi) Notwithstanding however, any Member can demand that an actual meeting be held, with regard to the matter being voted upon by the Postal Vote, under the provisions of clause 16(b), providing such a requisition is received by the Association National Secretary prior to the close-off date of the poll.

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## 18. QUORUM

At all General Meetings of the Association twelve (12) Delegates shall constitute a quorum. This shall be in addition to the attendance of members of the executive committee in accordance with clause 11(a) hereinbefore.

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## 19. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Every notice required to be given to Sub Associations or duly appointed Delegates thereof, shall be deemed to have been duly delivered if posted in a prepaid letter addressed to the Secretary of the Sub-Association or Delegate or to the Officer concerned at the last known place of residence or postal address of such Secretary, Delegate or Officer.

ii) Information pertaining to the matters to be voted upon, and suitable Voting Papers, are to be in the hands of the sub associations, in the manner set out in Clause 19, for a period not less than forty (40) clear days prior to the final close-off date for such votes to be returned to the Association National Secretary .

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## 20. POLL

(a) Voting shall be by poll if (before or on the declaration of the result of any voting in accordance with clause 17 herewith) a poll is demanded by;

(i) any Officer of the Association, or

(ii) by at least Delegates present in person or by proxy, or

(iii) by any Delegate present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-twentieth of the total voting rights of all Members and Delegates having the right to vote at the meeting.

(b) On a poll, votes may be cast either personally or by proxy. A proxy shall be appointed in writing under the hand of the appointor. No person shall act as a proxy unless that person is a Member or Delegate appointed hereinbefore provided. The instrument appointing them shall be deposited with the Association Secretary at or prior to the time of holding the meeting at which they propose to vote.

(c) Any instrument appointing a proxy be in the form for the time being sanctioned by the Association and obtainable from the Association Secretary.

(d) Scrutineers shall be appointed at the meeting at which the Poll is requested and shall be a minimum of two. Wherever practical Scrutineers shall be non-voters. These Scrutineers are to collect and count the votes of the Poll.

(e) After the results of the Poll have been made known a Resolution needs to be put and passed by the majority of those present for the voting papers to be destroyed.

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## 21. SUB-ASSOCIATION

(a) The Association shall have the power to fix the boundaries of each Sub-Association's district and to make such alterations therein as it may from time to time consider necessary.

(b) Each Sub-Association shall control its own local competitions and shall exercise jurisdiction over the conduct of competitors and Clubs, other Sub-Associations participating in such competitions.

(c) Any such competitor or Sub-Association affected by any decision of a Sub-Association may appeal from such decision to the Executive Committee. Such appeal shall be forwarded through the Sub-Association making the decision appealed from and shall be lodged with the Association Secretary not later than fourteen (14) days after the date of the decision appealed from. In the event of the Sub Association duly receiving notice of such appeal but failing to forward the appeal to the Association Secretary within the aforesaid fourteen (14) days, the other Sub-Association may lodge the appeal with the Association Secretary. Every notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$1.00 which may be retained or returned as the Executive Committee determines.

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## 22. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

(a) All monies received by or on behalf of the Association shall forthwith be paid to the credit of the Association in such trading and saving bank account or accounts as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine, and all cheques and withdrawal slips drawn on the account(s) shall be signed by any two Members so nominated by the Executive Committee for this purpose, notwithstanding anything implied or expressed in these rules, the activities of the Association shall not be carried on for personal pecuniary profit or benefit of any individual or associated person.

(b) No member of the association or any person associated with a member shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the association in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person income benefit or advantage whatsoever. Any such income shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in the open market.

(c) The Financial Year shall end on the 31st. December each year and a copy of the audited accounts shall be sent, prior to the Annual General Meeting, whenever practical to do so, to all Association Officers and Member Clubs, Sub-Associations and Interested Organisations.

(d) Audit

(i) The Annual General Meeting shall elect each year a suitably qualified person as Auditor.

(ii) Payment for such audit will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee

(iii) Immediately after the close of the Financial Year the Association Secretary shall deliver to the Auditor the Accounts for that Financial Year and the Auditor shall examine such Accounts and the Books of the Association and provide a Report thereon in time for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and for distribution to Members as required under clause 22(c) of this Constitution.

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### 23. COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

Any Member who has had their Membership status cancelled, or, being a natural person, considers that he or she personally has been unfairly dealt with by a decision, or action, of the Association shall have the right of appeal to a Tribunal comprising of the President, Immediate Past President plus two Members of the Association who are not members of the Executive Committee or members of the Appellant's Club. Written Notice of Appeal shall be given to the Executive of the Association, care of the Secretary, within one calendar month after the date of the decision or action so affecting them. The Tribunal may dismiss or allow the Appeal. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final.

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### 24. COMMON SEAL

- (a) The Common Seal of the Association shall be that appointed by the Executive Committee which shall be the responsible for the safe keeping and control thereof through the Secretary.
- (b) Whenever the Common Seal of the Association is required to be affixed to any Deed, Document, Writing or other Instrument, the Seal shall be fixed pursuant to a resolution of the Executive Committee by the Chairperson and the Association Secretary and the persons so affixing the Seal shall at the same time sign the document to which the Seal is so affixed.

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### 26. LIQUIDATION

Upon a resolution requiring the Association (Society) to be wound up voluntarily, and a Liquidator appointed and being passed and confirmed by the Association (Society) in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908, the Association (Society) by a subsequent resolution shall determine the disposition of the funds and property of the Association (Society). There shall be no proxy votes at any General Meeting called for the purposes of deciding on Liquidation. Shall there be any remaining funds or property whatsoever after the winding up or dissolution of the Association after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the same shall not be paid or distributed to members of the association but shall be transferred or given to some other amateur sports promoter or charitable organisation.

Dated this 11th day of April 2015

President

Jim Yeoman

























