

CONSTITUTION

of

WINNACOTT KATS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.



18 November 2024

Table of Contents

1.	Name of Club	3
2.	Club Colours	3
3.	Home Ground.....	3
4.	Objects.....	3
5.	Not for Profit.....	3
6.	Definitions	3
7.	Membership	4
8.	Application to Become a Member	7
9.	Member's Rights	7
10.	Fees	8
11.	General Meetings – Annual General Meeting	8
12.	General Meetings – Special General Meeting.....	9
13.	General Provisions for General Meetings	9
14.	General Provision.....	10
15.	Election of Office Bearers	11
16.	The Management Committee and Conditions.....	11
17.	Ceasing to be a member of the Management Committee.....	13
18.	Powers of the Committee	14
19.	Role and Responsibilities of Committee Members.....	15
20.	Chairperson.....	16
21.	Secretary.....	16
22.	Treasurer.....	17
23.	Sub-Committees	18
24.	Alteration and Repeal of Rules.....	18
25.	Suspension or Expulsion of Members.....	18
26.	Resolving Disputes	20
27.	Liquor Act.....	22
28.	Executing Documents	22
29.	Dissolution of the Club	22

1. Name of Club

- (a) The name of The Club shall be Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club Inc.

2. Club Colours

- (a) The Club colours shall be royal blue, emerald green and white designed in such a manner as the Committee determines.

3. Home Ground

- (a) The Club's home ground shall be Winnacott Reserve.

4. Objects

The principal objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To promote, advance, foster and cultivate the game of Australian Rules Football.
- (b) To assist in the educational advancement of the community by means of the development of a sense of fair play and love of sport, in particular, Australian Rules Football.
- (c) To encourage, advance and assist in the development of an improved standard of physical fitness in all members of the community both individually and collectively.
- (d) To educate, train, coach and encourage members of the Club in the game of Australian Rules Football so that all members can reveal their maximum potential.
- (e) To encourage members of the Club to assist in the development of the game of Australian Rules Football throughout Australia, in particular the East Fremantle Football Club Inc. and South Fremantle Football Club Incorporated zones, as defined by the regulations of the West Australian Football Commission Inc.
- (f) To promote the highest level of participation and enjoyment in the game of Australian Rules Football.
- (g) To provide and maintain a clubhouse and sporting amenities for the use of the members.

5. Not for Profit

- (a) The property and income of The Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of The Club and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects.

6. Definitions

- (a) In reading this Constitution, unless the context or such otherwise indicates or requires:
- (i) "Annual Meeting" means an Annual General Meeting.
 - (ii) "Books of the Association" means: The Members Register; the Record of Office Holders; and the Club Constitution.
 - (iii) "By-Laws" means the codes of rules made and adopted by The Club in accordance with Section 18(b)(xi).

- (iv) “Commissioner” means: the person for the time being designated as the Commissioner under section 153 of The Act.
- (v) “Committee” means the Management Committee for The Club, duly elected for the time being in accordance with these Rules.
- (vi) “Financial records” Includes: invoices, receipts, orders for the payment of money, bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes, and vouchers; documents of prime entry; working papers and other documents needed to explain the methods by which financial statements are prepared; and adjustments to be made in preparing financial statements.
- (vii) “Financial report” has the meaning given in Part 5 of The Act.
- (viii) “Financial statements” means the financial statements in relation to The Club required under Part 5 of The Act.
- (ix) “Financial year” means from the first of October each year, until the following 30th of September.
- (x) “General Meeting” means a General meeting of The Club whether Annual or Special.
- (xi) “Liquor Act” means the Liquor Control Act 1988, its amendments and any other legislation that may come into force to replace or supplement this Act and shall form part of these Rules.
- (xii) “Month” means a calendar month.
- (xiii) “Special General Meeting” means a General Meeting as defined below, called in accordance with Section 12 hereunder, at which only business that has been described in the notice may be transacted.
- (xiv) “Special Resolution” means a resolution passed by the members at a general meeting in accordance with Section 51 of The Act.
- (xv) “The Act” means the Associations Incorporation Act 2015, its amendments and any other legislation that may come into force to replace or supplement this Act and shall form part of these Rules.
- (xvi) “The Club” means Winnacott Kats Junior Football Club Inc.
- (xvii) “The Club Premises” means all land, building and structures thereon of which The Club is the bona fide occupier.
- (xviii) “Voting rights” means the ability for a financial member to propose or second an application for membership; move or second a motion or special motion; speak at all general meetings; nominate for a position on the Management Committee; vote at all general meetings; and petition for a special general meeting.

7. Membership

- (a) The Club shall keep an up-to-date register of members in respect of Life, Junior Life, Player, Parent, Temporary and Honorary members.
 - (i) This register is available for inspection at The Club premises on request by authorised officers.

- (ii) Residential, postal or email address; or information by means of which contact can be made with the member, can be nominated for the members register.

(b) Membership of The Club shall consist of the following:

- (i) Player Member – A Player Member shall be a person within the eligible age limits as specified by the West Australian Football Commission.
 - 1. Persons granted this category of membership will require a sporting affiliation but shall have no voice in the management of The Club and shall not be entitled to hold any office or hold voting rights.
 - 2. This category of member does not have the authority to invite guests to The Club.
- (ii) Parent-Guardian Member – Persons who have attained eighteen (18) years of age and are the parent or guardian of a Player Member shall be eligible to apply for Parent-Guardian membership.
 - 1. Parent-Guardian members shall have the use of the Clubhouse amenities and sporting facilities, subject to limitations on that entitlement determined by the Committee under Section 18(b)(xiii).
 - 2. Parent-Guardian Members shall have voting rights (one vote per family).
 - 3. Parent-Guardian Members shall be exempt from subscriptions but shall pay any levies and capitation fees.
- (iii) Life Member – A member may propose another member for Life Membership to the Committee in writing giving reasons that Life Membership should be granted.
 - 1. No person shall be eligible to be elected as a Life Member of The Club unless they have provided exceptional service to The Club for a minimum of five (5) years.
 - a. The committee have the right to award Life Membership in exceptional circumstances.
 - 2. Life Members shall have voting rights.
 - 3. The holder of a Life Membership shall be entitled to all privileges of a Parent-Guardian Member and be exempt from subscriptions.
- (iv) Junior Life Member – A player shall be awarded Junior Life Membership after having played a minimum of 125 games for The Club.
 - 1. In exceptional circumstances, the committee may award Junior Life Membership to a player has been a registered player for ten (10) years at The Club but has not achieved 125 games.
 - 2. The committee may also, at its discretion, award Junior Life Membership in extenuating circumstances.
 - 3. Persons granted this category of membership will require a sporting affiliation but shall have no voice in the management of The Club and shall not be entitled to hold any office or hold voting rights.
 - 4. This category of member does not have the authority to invite guests to The Club.

- (v) Temporary Member – a person who is on any day visiting The Club as a member or an official of another club or team, or a person assisting a member or an official of another club or team to:
 - a. Engage in a pre-arranged event with The Club as per The Club’s objects; or
 - b. Hold a pre-arranged function at The Club involving the use of The Club’s sporting facilities.
- 1. Temporary Members shall not be entitled to be present at any meeting of the members of The Club, nor have voting rights or any right, title, or interest in or to any of the property of The Club.
- (vi) Honorary Member – Membership that may be granted to Club Patrons, Sponsors, Selected Government Officers and any other such persons as the committee may decide from time to time based on their relationship to The Club or community.
 - 1. Honorary membership will be restricted at any one time to a level deemed appropriate by the Committee or as may be suggested by the liquor licensing authority.
 - 2. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to be present at any meeting of the members of The Club, nor have any voting rights or any right, title, or interest in or to any of the property of The Club.
- (c) Temporary and Honorary membership would be subject to withdrawal by any club official, including bar persons, acting on the best interests of The Club.
- (d) Cessation of Membership:
 - (i) A person ceases to be a member when any of the following takes place:
 - 1. For a member who is an individual, the individual dies.
 - 2. The person resigns from The Club.
 - 3. The person is expelled from The Club under Section 255;
 - 4. The person ceases to be a member under Section 10(c)
 - 5. The person is no longer eligible to be a member as per the membership criteria.
 - (ii) The Club Registrar will keep a record on file of the date on which the person ceased to be a member; and the reason the person ceased to be a member.
 - (iii) A member may resign from membership of The Club by giving written notice of the resignation to the Club Registrar:
 - 1. The resignation takes effect when the Club Registrar receives the notice; or if a later time is stated in the notice, at that later time.
 - 2. A person who has resigned from membership of The Club remains liable for any fees that are owed to The Club at the time of resignation.
 - 3. The owed amount may be recovered by The Club in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to The Club.

8. Application to Become a Member

- (a) Subscriptions and any nomination fee shall be made at the time of application unless otherwise determined by the committee.
- (b) Any person desiring to become a Player Member, Parent-Guardian or Corporate member of the Club shall apply via electronic means as nominated from time to time by the Club.
 - (i) The registration process for all prospective playing members shall include application for membership with the Club.
 - (ii) When the application and all subscriptions have been received by the Secretary, the person shall be a provisional member of the Club and exercise all of the privileges of a member excluding voting rights until such time as the next Committee meeting.
 - (iii) At the next Committee meeting, the applicant will then be accepted or denied membership.
 - 1. The Committee shall have the right to refuse to admit any person to membership without assigning any reason for doing so.
 - (iv) If membership is denied, all subscriptions shall be refunded.
- (c) No person shall be entitled to exercise any of the privileges of a member until they have paid all subscriptions due by them unless otherwise determined by the committee.

9. Member's Rights

- (a) The rights and privileges of every member shall be personal and shall not be in any manner transferable by their own act or through any other person on their behalf or by operation of law.
- (b) Employees – Members who are employees of The Club are entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership excluding those rights concerned with the selection, election and holding of office with The Club.
- (c) All members, upon successful registration, will be directed to obtain a copy of The Club constitution from The Club's website.
- (d) Guests – All members shall be at liberty to invite guests to The Club, but the number of guests per member shall not exceed the maximum number as contained in Section 48(4)(b) of the Liquor Act.
- (e) Upon request, a member can inspect the Books of the Association at such time and place as is mutually convenient to the Club and the Member.
 - (i) A Member must contact the President to request to inspect the Member Register.
 - (ii) The Member may make a copy of details from the Member Register but has no right to remove the Register for that purpose.
 - (iii) A Member may make a request in writing for a copy of the Member Register.
 - (iv) The Club may charge a reasonable fee to the Member for providing a copy of the Member Register, the amount to be determined by the Committee from time to time.
 - (v) A Member must not use or disclose the information on the Member Register:

1. To gain access to information that a Member has deliberately denied them (that is, in the case of social, family, or legal differences or disputes).
 2. To contact, send material to The Club or a Member for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable, or commercial purposes, or
 3. For any other purpose unless the use of the information is approved by the Committee and for a purpose:
 - a. That is directly connected with the affairs of The Club; or
 - b. Related to the provision of the information to the Commissioner in accordance with a requirement of the Act.
- (vi) The Committee will require a Member who requests a copy of the Member Register to provide a statutory declaration setting out the purpose of the request and declaring that the purpose relates to the affairs of The Club.

10. Fees

- (a) Annual fees of The Club shall be set by majority vote of the Committee prior to the commencement of player registration.
- (b) Notice of the fees shall be notified to the members via The Club electronic media communications.
- (c) All fees are due before the first competition day of each season provided that:
 - (i) the Committee shall not declare a member un-financial if at least an agreed part of the fee is paid by the first competition day of each season in the current year; and/or
 - (ii) the balance of the fee is paid by round four in the current year and/or
 - (iii) a mutually agreed payment plan has been established.
- (d) The Committee shall have the power to suspend a player until all fees are paid.

11. General Meetings – Annual General Meeting

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of members shall be held every calendar year within six months after the end of The Club's financial year, with the Committee to determine the date, time, and place.
 - (i) Ten (10) financial voting members shall constitute a quorum.
 - (ii) In the case of insufficient members to form a quorum being present after 30 minutes following the advertised start time for an Annual Meeting, said meeting will be automatically adjourned to re-convene at the same time seven days later and shall proceed with or without a quorum.
- (b) All Notices of Motion for consideration at the Annual Meeting must be handed to the President in writing and communicated via electronic means to members of the committee no less than seven (7) days prior to the date set for said meeting.
- (c) Notice of the Annual Meeting (including date, time, and location) and agenda items, including wording of Notices of Motion or proposed resolutions, shall be circulated to members seven (7) days before the date of the meeting via electronic means for all

members to read. If the resolution is intended to be proposed as a special resolution this will also be stated in the notice with the wording of the proposed special resolution.

- (d) The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:
- (i) Reading notice of meeting.
 - (ii) Reading minutes of the last Annual Meeting and any other General Meeting not yet confirmed and confirming or amending same.
 - (iii) Reading Club Report.
 - (iv) Reading Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to be received or otherwise.
 - (v) Election of Management Committee.
 - (vi) Special Business of which Notice of Motion has been given.

12. General Meetings – Special General Meeting

- (a) The Management Committee may at any time call a Special General Meeting.
- (i) Ten (10) financial voting members shall constitute a quorum.
 - (ii) In the case of insufficient members to form a quorum being present after 30 minutes following the advertised start time, the meeting shall automatically adjourn to re-convene at the same time seven days later and shall proceed with or without a quorum.
- (b) A Special General Meeting shall also be called by the Committee on a requisition signed by no less than 10% of members with voting rights, stating in detail the purpose of the meeting.
- (i) If the Committee does not convene a Special General Meeting within 35 days of the date of the requisition being received, any signatory of the requisition shall have the power to convene the meeting as per 12(c).
 - (ii) Ten percent of financial voting members shall constitute a quorum.
 - (iii) In the case of insufficient members to form a quorum being present after 30 minutes following the advertised start time, the meeting shall automatically lapse.
- (c) Notice of the Annual Meeting (including date, time, and location) and agenda items, including wording of Notices of Motion or proposed resolutions, shall be circulated to members seven (7) days before the date of the meeting via electronic means for all members to read. If the resolution is intended to be proposed as a special resolution this will also be stated in the notice with the wording of the proposed special resolution.
- (d) Only business of which notice shall have been given as above, or in accordance with these rules, shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting.

13. General Provisions for General Meetings

- (a) General Meetings may take place:
- (i) where the Members are physically present together; or
 - (ii) where the Members can communicate by using any technology that reasonably allows the Member to participate fully in discussions as they happen in the General

Meeting and in making any decisions, provided that the participation of the Member in the General Meeting must be made known to all other Members.

- (b) A Member who participates in a meeting as set out in Section 13(a)(ii):
 - (i) is deemed to be present at the General Meeting; and
 - (ii) continues to be present at the meeting for the purposes of establishing a quorum. until the Member notifies the other Members that he or she is no longer taking part in the General Meeting.
- (c) The Chair of the meeting shall be the Club President or if not available a person nominated prior to the meeting by the Club President or a person elected by the members present.
- (d) Only members with voting rights, as per the constitution will be permitted to vote on matters at the Annual Meeting.
- (e) At any general meeting unless a poll is requested by at least three members with voting rights, a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been carried or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of The Club shall be sufficient evidence of the decision.
- (f) The Chair shall have a deliberate and casting vote and shall decide all questions of order unless otherwise provided by these rules.

14. General Provision

- (a) These rules shall be the rules of The Club and shall be binding on members.
- (b) The interpretation of these rules and any by-laws of The Club shall, unless set aside by a general meeting called for that purpose, be in the sole determination of the Committee whose decision shall be binding on all members.
- (c) No member shall be entitled to take any legal action against the Club other than a claim for goods sold and delivered and services rendered except where it is available under law.
 - (i) Members wishing to appeal any disciplinary proceedings must do so under Section 26 of the constitution.
- (d) Member dispute resolution will only be dealt with as per Section 26 of the constitution.
- (e) Correct accounts and books shall be kept showing the financial affairs of The Club and the particulars usually shown in books of accounts of a like nature.
- (f) The clubhouse and other club facilities is to be provided and maintained from the joint funds of The Club and no person shall be entitled under these rules to derive any benefit or advantage from The Club which is not shared equally by every member thereof.
- (g) Section 14(f) does not prevent:
 - (i) the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer, employee, or Member in return for any services rendered to The Club or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual course of business.
 - (ii) the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding the prevailing market rate published by the Reserve Bank of Australia as the "Cash Rate Target" from time to time on money borrowed from any Member.

- (iii) the payment of reasonable and proper rent by The Club to a Member for premises leased by the Member to The Club; or
- (iv) the reimbursement of expenses incurred by any Member or any Committee Member on behalf of The Club.
- (v) the reimbursement of a Committee Member's travelling and other expenses as properly incurred:
 - 1. in attending Committee Meetings or sub-committee meetings.
 - 2. in attending any General Meetings of The Club; and
 - 3. in connection with The Club's business.
- (vi) The payment of an honorarium to Committee Members as determined by members by special resolution at an Annual or Special General meeting.

15. Election of Office Bearers

- (a) The committee of The Club shall consist of a President, Vice President (Seniors), Vice President (Juniors), Secretary, Treasurer, Club Registrar, and a minimum of five (5) members, all of whom shall be elected by the membership on an annual basis at the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The annual election of officers shall be by ballot at each Annual Meeting in the presence of the returning officer and two scrutineers elected by the members present at such meeting.
 - (i) All votes shall be cast at the Annual Meeting.
- (c) Nominations for each candidate shall be proposed and seconded by two (2) financial members of The Club and acknowledged by the nominee.
- (d) The committee member's term (1 year) begins when the member is elected at the Annual Meeting and ends when the position is declared vacant at the next Annual meeting.
- (e) If there shall be insufficient nominations to fill the whole of the vacancies of the list of officers, those nominated shall be declared elected and shall have power to fill the vacancies and any casual vacancies that may occur.
- (f) All members of the committee must be financial members of The Club.

16. The Management Committee and Conditions

- (a) Quorum for any meeting is defined as 50% of the current committee plus one (1).
 - (i) Where there are an odd number of committee members then the fifty percent shall be calculated to the nearest higher even number.
- (b) Committee Meetings may take place:
 - (i) where the Committee Members are physically present together; or
 - (ii) where the Committee Members can communicate by using any technology that reasonably allows the Committee Member to participate fully in discussions as they happen in the Committee Meeting and in making decisions, provided that the participation of the Committee Member in the Committee Meeting must be made known to all other Members.

- (c) A Committee Member who participates in a meeting as set out in Section 16(b)(ii):
 - (i) is deemed to be present at the Committee Meeting; and
 - (ii) continues to be present at the meeting for the purposes of establishing a quorum, until the Committee Member notifies the other Committee Members that he or she is no longer taking part in the Committee Meeting.
- (d) The Committee may pass a resolution outside a Committee meeting if:
 - (i) Identical copies of a document are circulated to each Committee Member detailing:
 - 1. Motion
 - 2. Mover
 - 3. Secunder
 - (ii) The document shall be circulated:
 - 1. By electronic means or in person
 - (iii) All Committee Members shall:
 - 1. Reply via electronic means, quoting the motion and indicating acceptance or rejection of the motion.
 - (iv) Taken together, all signed copies of the document will constitute the same document.
 - (v) The resolution shall be decided by a majority vote after all Committee Members have cast a vote.
- (e) Committee meetings shall be held a minimum of six (6) times annually, with no more than three (3) months between committee meetings.
- (f) Special meetings may be called by the President, Secretary or on the request of three members of the Committee.
- (g) The Management Committee can determine the distribution of Committee Meetings minutes to members.
- (h) All Members, or other guests, may attend Committee Meetings if invited by the President but the person shall not have any right to comment without invitation, or vote on any matter, or to be provided with copies of any agenda, minutes of meetings, or documents presented to such meetings.
- (i) No member of the Committee shall be held to have resigned their seat until their resignation, in writing, has been accepted by the Committee.
- (j) Committee Vacancies
 - (i) Any vacancy occurring in the Committee as per Section 17 may be filled at a meeting of the Committee when a member may be elected to fill such a vacancy until the next election provided the member elected at such Committee meeting shall hold office in the place of, and upon the same terms and conditions as their predecessor, had the latter continued in the office.
 - (ii) The casual vacancy of President shall be filled by an existing member of the Committee.

- (iii) If vacancies in the Management Committee result in the number of Committee Members being less than the number fixed under Section 16(b), the continuing Committee Members may act to only:
 - 1. increase the number of Members on the Committee to the number required for a quorum; or
 - 2. convene a General Meeting of The Club
- (k) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Committee of The Club and, in his or her absence either the Vice President (Seniors) or Vice President (Juniors).
 - (i) Should neither be present, the meeting shall elect a Chairperson.
- (l) All resolutions of the Committee shall be decided by a majority vote of all those present.
 - (i) In the case of equality of votes, the President has the casting vote.
- (m) The President or in his or her absence, the acting President shall be authorised to speak on behalf of The Club.
- (n) Any act performed by the Committee, a sub-committee or a person acting as a Committee Member is deemed to be valid even if the act was performed when:
 - (i) there was a defect in the appointment of a Committee Member, subcommittee or person holding a subsidiary office; or
 - (ii) a Committee Member, a sub-committee member or a person holding a subsidiary office was disqualified from being a Committee/sub-committee Member as per Section 19(g) or 19(h) as a result of bankruptcy or conviction of a relevant criminal offence.

17. Ceasing to be a member of the Management Committee

- (a) A casual vacancy occurs in the office of the Committee if the Committee Member:
 - (i) dies.
 - (ii) ceases to be a Member.
 - (iii) becomes disqualified from holding a position under Section 19(g) or 19(h) as a result of bankruptcy or conviction of a relevant criminal offence.
 - (iv) becomes permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill-health.
 - (v) resigns from office under Section 16(i);
 - (vi) is absent from more than:
 - 1. three consecutive Committee Meetings without a good reason; or
 - 2. three Committee Meetings in the same Financial Year without tendering an apology to the person presiding at each of those Committee Meetings,
 - (vii) Is removed from office under by resolution at a General Meeting of The Club if the majority of the Members present and with voting rights at the meeting vote in favour of the removal.
 - 1. The Committee Member who faces removal from the Committee must be given a full and fair opportunity at the General Meeting to decide the

proposed resolution, to state his or her case as to why the Member should not be removed from his or her position on the Committee.

2. If all Committee Members are removed by resolution at a General Meeting, the Members must, at the same General Meeting, elect an interim Committee.
3. The interim Committee must, within two months, convene a General Meeting of The Club for the purpose of electing a new Committee.

18. Powers of the Committee

- (a) The business of The Club shall be managed by the Committee who may exercise all powers of The Club, except those required to be exercised by The Club at a General Meeting.
- (b) Without prejudice to the powers conferred by the last preceding rule, the Committee shall, subject to the by-laws, have power to do the following things:
 - (i) To purchase or otherwise acquire any equipment and goods to assist running The Club and dispose of them as it may see fit.
 - (ii) To determine from time to time the conditions on which and time when, members may use the property of The Club or any part or parts thereof.
 - (iii) To appoint any officials or servants of The Club and to remove them as occasions may require at their discretion and to define their respective duties. Persons appointed to paid positions shall be engaged under a contract, award, or classification of work in the [Registered and Licensed Clubs Award (2020)] and its amendments.
 - (iv) To delegate, subject to such conditions as it thinks fit any of its powers to sub committees consisting of such members of the Committee and other members of The Club co-opted for the purpose as it may determine and to make such regulations as to the proceedings of such sub committees as may be thought desirable.
 - (v) To regulate and control their own meeting and the transaction of business.
 - (vi) To reimburse expenses of any servant of The Club for faithful and diligent service as deemed fit.
 - (vii) In accordance with the rules, to suspend, or expel any member.
 - (viii) To enter into or accept any lease or tenancy of the premises where on The Club shall conduct its affairs or of any furniture, goods and effects, which may be required for the use of The Club on such terms and on such conditions as The Club, may deem expedient.
 - (ix) To take and defend all legal proceedings by or on behalf of The Club and to appoint all necessary Attorneys for any such purpose.
 - (x) To open and operate bank accounts, invest its money in any security in which trusts monies may legally be invested or in any other manner authorised by the rule of The Club, borrow, raise, or secure the payment of money, and to sell and dispose of the assets of The Club as The Club sees fit.

- (xi) To make, alter and repeal by-laws not inconsistent with these rules regulating the use and management of The Club premises, the admission of members and the conduct of The Club and its affairs generally.
- (xii) To do and perform any other act, matters and things in connection with or relative to the management of The Club as shall not by these rules require to be done by The Club in General Meetings.
- (xiii) To appoint such number of delegates to sporting bodies and associations with which The Club may from time to time be affiliated as may be required by the rules thereof and such delegates shall hold office in accordance with the rules of such sporting bodies and associations, respectively.
- (xiv) Every member of the Committee shall be indemnified against any loss, expenses or liability incurred by reason of any act or deed performed by him/her in good faith on behalf of the Committee and the Committee may use the funds of The Club for any such purpose required, together with any reasonable expenses incidental to Committee activities.

19. Role and Responsibilities of Committee Members

(a) Obligations of the Committee

- (i) The Committee must take all reasonable steps to ensure The Club complies with its obligations under the Act and these Rules.

(b) Responsibilities of Committee Members

- (i) A Committee Member must exercise his or her powers and discharge his or her duties with a degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise in the circumstances.
- (ii) A Committee Member must exercise his or her powers and discharge his or her duties in good faith in the best interests of The Club and for a proper purpose.
- (iii) A Committee Member or former Committee Member must not improperly use information obtained because he or she is a Committee Member to:
 - 1. gain an advantage for himself or herself or another person; or
 - 2. cause detriment to The Club.

- (iv) A Committee Member or former Committee member must not improperly use his or her position to:
 - 1. gain an advantage for himself or herself or another person; or
 - 2. cause detriment to The Club.

(c) A Committee Member having any material personal interest, i.e.: financial or non-financial interests, in a matter being considered at a Committee Meeting must:

- (i) as soon as he or she becomes aware of that interest, disclose the nature and extent of his or her interest to the Committee.
- (ii) disclose the nature and extent of the interest at the next General Meeting of The Club; and

- (iii) not be present while the matter is being considered at the Committee Meeting or vote on the matter.
- (d) Section 19(c) does not apply in respect of a material personal interest that:
 - (i) exists only because the Committee Member belongs to a class of persons for whose benefit The Club is established; or
 - (ii) the Committee Member has in common with all, or a substantial proportion of, the members of The Club.
- (e) The Secretary must record every disclosure made by a Committee Member under Section 19(c) in the minutes of the Committee Meeting at which the disclosure is made.
- (f) No Committee Member shall make any public statement or comment or cause to be published any words or article concerning the conduct of The Club unless the person is authorised by the Committee to do so, and such authority is recorded in the minutes of the Committee Meeting.
- (g) No person shall be entitled to hold a position on the Committee if the person is, according to the Interpretation Act section 13D, a bankrupt or a person whose affairs are under insolvency laws unless the person has obtained the consent of the Commissioner.
- (h) No person shall be entitled to hold a position on the Committee if the person has been convicted of, or imprisoned in the previous five years for:
 - (i) an indictable offence in relation to the promotion, formation, or management of a body corporate.
 - (ii) an offence involving fraud or dishonesty punishable by imprisonment for a period of not less than three months; or
 - (iii) an offence under Part 4 Division 3 or section 127 of the Act.unless the person has obtained the consent of the Commissioner.
- (i) As soon as is practicable after a person has ceased to be a member of the management committee of The Club, all relevant documents, records, and security items (including passwords and keys) must be delivered to a member of the management committee of The Club.

20. Chairperson

- (a) The Chairperson:
 - (i) must consult with the Secretary regarding the business to be conducted at each Committee Meeting and each General Meeting and unless otherwise notified will be the President of The Club
 - (ii) may convene special meetings of the Committee under Section 16(f)
 - (iii) may preside over Committee Meetings under Section 16(k)
 - (iv) may preside over General Meetings under Sections 11 and 12; and
 - (v) must ensure that the minutes of a General Meeting or Committee Meeting are reviewed and signed as correct.

21. Secretary

(a) The Secretary must:

- (i) co-ordinate the correspondence of The Club.
- (ii) consult with the Chairperson about all business to be conducted at meetings and convene General Meetings and Committee Meetings, including preparing the notices of meetings and of the business to be conducted at each meeting.
- (iii) keep and maintain in an up-to-date condition the rules of The Club and any by-laws of The Club;
- (iv) along with the Registrar, maintain the contact details of the Members including the email, street, postal address, or information by means of which contact can be made of each member.
- (v) along with the Registrar, update the register within 28 days of new members, members resigning, members suspended/expelled and in the latter case, include date in which member ceases and reasons for cessation of membership.
- (vi) maintain the record of office holders of The Club.
 - 1. Committee members may nominate a business address, post office box address or email address to be used in the record in place of their personal address.
- (vii) ensure the safe custody of the Books, except for the Accounting Records, of The Club.
- (viii) keep full and correct minutes of Committee Meetings for approval at the next Management Committee meeting, which will then be stored for a minimum of 3 years.
- (ix) keep full and correct minutes of General Meetings, which, if requested, will be distributed to all members within 30 days of the General Meeting via mail or email and will be tabled for adoption at the next General Meeting; and
- (x) perform any other duties as are imposed by these Rules or The Club on the Secretary.

22. Treasurer

(a) The Treasurer must:

- (i) ensure all moneys payable to The Club are collected, and that receipts are issued for those moneys in the name of The Club.
- (ii) ensure the payment of all moneys referred to in Section 22(a)(i) into the account or accounts of The Club as the Committee may from time to time direct.
- (iii) ensure timely payments from the funds of The Club with the authority of a General Meeting or of the Committee, with all cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments of The Club signed by either:
 - 1. Two (2) of the President, Secretary and Treasurer; or
 - 2. one committee member and a person authorised by the committee.
- (iv) ensure that The Club complies with the account keeping requirements in Part 5 of the Act.

- (v) ensure the safe custody of the Financial Records of The Club and any other relevant records of The Club.
- (vi) Coordinate the preparation of the financial statements or financial report, as imposed on The Club under Part 5 of the Act, prior to their submission to the annual general meeting of The Club.
- (vii) assist the reviewer or auditor (if any) in performing their functions; and
- (viii) perform any other duties as are imposed by these Rules or The Club on the Treasurer.
- (ix) The Treasurer shall hold a sum of money (as determined by the current ruling Committee) as petty cash.

23. Sub-Committees

- (a) The Committee may delegate any of its delegable powers to Sub-Committees consisting of such Ordinary Members as it thinks fit.
- (b) Such Sub-Committee must report to and be responsible to the Committee.
- (c) No act of any Sub-Committee shall be binding on the Committee or Club until ratified by the Committee.
- (d) A minimum of one Committee member must be on each sub-committee.

24. Alteration and Repeal of Rules

- (a) No repeals of any existing rules and no new rules or alteration, amendments or suspensions of a rule shall be valid unless a special resolution is carried by a three-fourths majority of members present and with voting rights at a General or Special General Meeting and by otherwise complying with Part 3 Division 2 of the Act.
- (b) Notices of motions to repeal, alter or suspend any rule shall be given to the Secretary at least seven (7) days preceding the Annual or Special General Meeting at which the motion shall be presented. The Secretary shall exhibit the proposal on The Club notice board at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting.
- (c) Within one month after the making of any amendment or addition to the rules of The Club, passed by special resolution, the Management Committee shall submit the required documents to the Commissioner. No effect will be given to the amendments without the approval of the Commissioner.

25. Suspension or Expulsion of Members

- (a) The Committee shall have the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any member of the Club.
- (b) Any complaints relating to a member must be in writing and must be lodged with the Committee within three (3) months of the date of the incident.
- (c) The President, Committee or Approved Manager in receiving a complaint from the Approved Manager or Approved Bar Staff, of a member's behaviour which is considered a serious breach of the Liquor Act or acceptable member behaviour or where police

- involvement is required, may suspend a member for a period of time until disciplinary action under Section 25(f) can be taken.
- (d) The Committee shall apply the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any member of the Club who:
 - (i) Fail in the observance or commit any breach of any rule of the Club, members Code of Conduct, or any by-law of the Club or of any order or direction of the Committee or of any General Meeting; and/or
 - (ii) In the sole judgement of the Committee have been guilty in or out of the Club's premises of any act, conducted matter or thing calculated to bring discredit on the Club or its members, or to impair or affect the enjoyment of the Club by other members.
 - (e) The Committee is required to exempt any member of that Committee from hearing a charge in which they have an interest.
 - (f) Any member charged with misconduct as above shall be furnished with a written copy of the charge and summoned before the Committee with no less than seven (7) days' notice.
 - (i) The Committee shall, after hearing the accuser and accused and taking such evidence as they may consider proper, if they find the charge proved inflict a penalty of suspension from all or any of the privileges of membership.
 - (ii) If the Committee determine that on a charge of gross misconduct suspension is insufficient and expulsion is warranted:
 1. The committee shall first call on the member to resign within ten (10) days.
 2. If the member neglects to resign within ten (10) days, the committee shall then declare the member to be expelled.
 - (iii) If a Member is suspended or expelled under Section 25(f)(i) or 25(f)(ii), the person may appeal the Committee's decision through a Special General Meeting by giving written notice to the President within fourteen (14) days of receiving notice of the Committee's decision under Section 25(f)(i) or 25(f)(ii).
 - (g) At the hearing, all parties to the disciplinary proceeding must be given a full and fair opportunity to state their respective cases orally, in writing or both.
 - (h) Members are not permitted to have legal representation attend any disciplinary matters but may bring another member to act in a support capacity only.
 - (i) Any member under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present during the entire disciplinary process.
 1. If a parent or legal guardian does not attend the hearing, the member under the age of 18 will not be able to attend the hearing and the Committee will continue as per Section 25(i).
 - (i) If a responding member or a representative of the responding member does not attend within 30 minutes of the time stated on the hearing notice, the hearing may start without that member or their representative and determination will be made at the hearing.
 - (j) If a Member's membership is suspended under Section 25(f)(i), the President must record in the Register:
 - (i) The name of the Member that has been suspended from membership;

- (ii) The date on which the suspension takes effect; and
 - (iii) The length of the suspension as determined by the Committee under Section 25(f)(i).
- (k) During the period a member's membership is suspended, the member:
- (i) Loses any rights (including voting rights) arising as a result of membership;
 - (ii) Is not entitled to a refund, rebate, relief or credit for membership fees paid, or payable, to the Club; and
 - (iii) Cannot attend the Club as a Guest of a member, unless prior written authorisation is received from the Committee.
- (l) Upon the expiry of the period of a Member's suspension, the President must record in the Register that the Member is no longer suspended.
- (m) If the Committee's decision to suspend or expel a Member is revoked under these Rules, any act performed by the Committee or Members in a General Meeting during the period that the Member was suspended or expelled from Membership under Section 26(f), is deemed to be valid, notwithstanding the Member's inability to exercise their rights or privileges of Membership, including voting rights, during that period.

26. Resolving Disputes

- (a) Disputes Arising under the Rules
- (i) Section 26(a) applies to:
 - 1. Disputes between Members; and
 - 2. Disputes between The Club and one or more Members that arise under the rules or relate to the rules of The Club. This does not include disciplinary matters undertaken with club members, which are covered only under Section 25 of The Club constitution.
 - (ii) The parties to a dispute must attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves within fourteen (14) days of the dispute coming to the attention of each party.
 - (iii) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, any party to the dispute may initiate a procedure under this rule by giving written notice to the President of the parties to, and details of, the dispute.
 - (iv) The President must convene a Committee Meeting within twenty-eight (28) days after the President receives notice of the dispute under Section 26(a)(iii) for the Committee to determine the dispute.
 - (v) At the Committee Meeting to determine the dispute, all parties to the dispute must be given a full and fair opportunity to state their respective cases orally, in writing or both.
 - (vi) The President must inform the parties to the dispute of the Committee's decision and the reasons for the decision within seven (7) days after the Committee Meeting referred to in Section 26(a)(v).
 - (vii) If any party to the dispute is dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee, they may elect to initiate further dispute resolution procedures as set out in the Rules.

(b) Mediation

- (i) Section 26(b) applies:
 - 1. where a person is dissatisfied with a decision made by the Committee under Section 25(f) or Section 26(a) or
 - 2. where a dispute arises between a Member or more than one Member and The Club and any party to the dispute elects not to have the matter determined by the Committee.
- (ii) Where the dispute relates to a proposal for the suspension or expulsion of a Member this rule does not apply until the procedure under Section 25(f) in respect of the proposed suspension or expulsion has been completed.
- (iii) If the parties to a dispute are unable to resolve the dispute between themselves within the time required by Section 26(a)(ii), or a party to the dispute is dissatisfied with a decision made by the Committee under Section 26(a)(vii) a party to a dispute may:
 - 1. Provide written notice to the President of the parties to, and the details of, the dispute.
 - 2. Agree to, or request the appointment of, a mediator.
- (iv) Party, or parties requesting the mediation must pay the costs of the mediation.
- (v) The mediator must be:
 - 1. a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - 2. in the absence of agreement:
 - a. if the dispute is between a Member and another Member – a person appointed by the Committee; or
 - b. if the dispute is between a Member or more than one Member and The Club, the Committee, or a Committee Member then an independent person who is a mediator appointed to, or employed with, a not-for-profit organisation.
- (vi) A Member can be a mediator, but the mediator cannot be a Member who is a party to the dispute.
- (vii) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (viii) The parties are to exchange written statements of the issues that are in dispute between them and supply copies to the mediator at least five (5) days before the mediation session.
- (ix) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must:
 - 1. give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard.
 - 2. allow all parties to consider any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - 3. ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.

- (x) The mediator must not determine the dispute and the mediation must be confidential. Information provided by the parties during the mediation cannot be used in any other legal proceedings that may take place in relation to the dispute.
- (c) Inability to Resolve Disputes
 - (i) If a dispute cannot be resolved under the procedures set out in the Rules, any party to the dispute may apply to the State Administrative Tribunal to determine the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

27. Liquor Act

- (a) The Club will maintain a club license under the current Liquor Act and its amendments.
- (b) The Club shall ensure a Duty Manager is on the licensed premises for the purposes of observing liquor licensing requirements and regulations, as required under the Liquor Act.
- (c) The Club shall be open for sale of liquor during such hours as The Committee shall from time to time determine and as permitted under the Liquor Act.
- (d) No liquor shall be sold or supplied to any juvenile.
- (e) The club may allow visitors onto the premises, as per the requirements of the Liquor Act.
 - (i) Visitors shall not be entitled to be present at any meeting of the members of The Club, nor have any right, title, or interest in or to any of the property of The Club.
 - (ii) Visitors will be subject to withdrawal by any club official, including bar persons, acting on the best interests of The Club.
 - (iii) an up-to-date register of visitors can be requested for inspection at The Club premises by authorised officers.
- (f) No liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption other than on The Club's premises, unless the member purchasing it removes such liquor from the premises of The Club.

28. Executing Documents

- (a) The Club shall not have a common seal.
- (b) The Club may execute a document without using a Common Seal if the document is signed by:
 - (i) any two Committee Members; or
 - (ii) one Committee Member and a person authorised by the Committee.

29. Dissolution of the Club

- (a) The Club may cease its activities and have its incorporation cancelled in accordance with Part 10 of the Act:
 - (i) after the committee has determined The Club is able to pay or meet its debts and liabilities; and
 - (ii) the Members resolve by Special Resolution that The Club will:
 1. apply to the Commissioner for cancellation of its incorporation; or
 2. appoint a liquidator to wind up its affairs.

- (b) The Club shall be wound up in accordance with Part 9 of the Act if:
 - (i) the committee has determined The Club is unable to pay or meet its debts and liabilities; or
 - (ii) the committee or members determine by special resolution to wind up The Club as a result of financial difficulty resulting in or from:
 - 1. being party to any current legal proceedings; or
 - 2. any other outstanding legal obligations
- (c) Upon cancellation of The Club, the Surplus Property must only be distributed to one or more of the following:
 - (i) an incorporated association under the Act.
 - (ii) a body corporate that at the time of the distribution is the holder of a licence under the charitable collections legislation in Western Australia.
 - (iii) a company limited by guarantee that is registered as mentioned in section 150 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cwth);
 - (iv) a company holding a licence that continues in force under section 151 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cwth);
 - (v) a body corporate that:
 - 1. is a member or former member of The Club; and
 - 2. at the time of the Surplus Property is distributed, has rules that prevent the property being distributed to its members.
 - (vi) a trustee for a body corporate referred to in Section 29(c)(v); or
 - (vii) a co-operative registered under the Co-operatives Act 2009 that, at the time of the distribution, is a non-distributing co-operative as defined in that Act.