



ST GEORGE AND SUTHERLAND SHIRE GIANTS BASEBALL CLUB INC CONSTITUTION

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Definitions

(1) In this constitution:

ordinary committee member means a member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of the Club.

secretary means:

- (a) the person holding office under this constitution as secretary of the Club, or
- (b) if no person holds that office - the public officer of the Club.

special general meeting means a general meeting of the Club other than an annual general meeting.

the Act means the *Clubs Incorporation Act 2009*.

the Regulation means the *Clubs Incorporation Regulation 2016*.

(2) In this constitution:

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.

(3) The provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* apply to and in respect of this constitution in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if this constitution were an instrument made under the Act.

Part 2 Membership

2 Membership generally

(1) A person is eligible to be a member of the Club if:

- (a) the person is a natural person, and
- (b) the person has applied and been approved for membership of the Club in accordance with clause 3.

3 Application for membership

(1) An application by a person for membership of the Club:

- (a) must be made in writing (including by email or other electronic means, if the committee so determines) in the form determined by the committee, and
- (b) must be lodged (including by electronic means, if the committee so determines) with the secretary of the Club.

(2) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the secretary must refer the application to the committee, which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the application.

(3) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:

- (a) notify the applicant in writing (including by email or other electronic means, if the committee so determines) that the committee approved or rejected the application (whichever is applicable), and
 - (b) if the committee approved the application, request the applicant to pay (within the period of 28 days after receipt by the applicant of the notification) the sum payable under this constitution by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.
- (4) The secretary must, on payment by the applicant of the amounts referred to in subclause (3) (b) within the period referred to in that provision, enter or cause to be entered the applicant's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the Club.
- (5) Life membership may be recommended for any Member who has served the Club in an outstanding manner for a minimum period of 5 years. Such recommendation may be made at any meeting as determined by the Executive Committee. Election of a Life Member shall require a two thirds majority of the Members present and eligible to vote.
- (6) A player applies for membership by completing player registration as required by the Club at the beginning of each baseball season.
- (7) The Club reserves the right to decline membership to any player, parent / guardian or other person where:
- (a) There has been a history of failure to pay membership fees;
 - (b) There has been a history of behaviour contrary to the Club's Code of Conduct;
 - (c) Where by actions, or verbal or written opinions, the Member has brought the Club or the game of baseball into disrepute.

Such decisions will be at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee, although the prospective Member may look for an alternate resolution in line with Clause (10).

4 Types of Membership

- (1) A player member is a person who undertakes to play and does play baseball (subject to injury or disability) for a team sponsored and /or financed by the Club and is admitted to membership under these rules.
- (2) A parent member is a person who is not an ordinary member or a player member and who has a child or is the guardian of a person under the age of 18 years who is a Player Member of the Club.
- (3) An Honorary Member is a member of the Club having been invited to join by the Executive in respect of their particular knowledge, skill or service to the Club.
- (4) Every member (including Honorary Members) shall be bound to further, to the best of their ability, the objects, interests and standing of the Club and shall observe that rules and regulations of the Club in force from time to time.

6 Cessation of membership

A person ceases to be a member of the Club if the person:

- (a) dies, or

- (b) resigns membership, or
- (c) is expelled from the Club, or
- (d) fails to pay the annual membership fee under clause 8 (1) within 3 months after the fee is due.

5 Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the Club:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, and
- (b) terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

6 Resignation of membership

- (1) A member of the Club may resign from membership of the Club by first giving to the secretary written notice of at least 1 month (or any other period that the committee may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.
- (2) If a member of the Club ceases to be a member under subclause (1), and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

7 Register of members

- (1) The secretary must establish and maintain a register of members of the Club (whether in written or electronic form) specifying the name and postal, residential or email address of each person who is a member of the Club together with the date on which the person became a member.
- (2) The register of members must be kept in New South Wales:
 - (a) at the main premises of the Club, or
 - (b) if the Club has no premises, at the Club's official address.
- (3) The register of members must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the Club at any reasonable hour.
- (4) A member of the Club may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- (5) If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection, that information must not be made available for inspection.
- (6) A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person, other than for:
 - (a) the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to the Club or other material relating to the Club, or
 - (b) any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or the Regulation.

- (7) If the register of members is kept in electronic form:
 - (a) it must be convertible into hard copy, and
 - (b) the requirements in subclauses (2) and (3) apply as if a reference to the register of members is a reference to a current hard copy of the register of members.

8 Fees and subscriptions

- (1) A member of the Club must, on admission to membership, pay to the Club the Registration Fee or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.
- (2) No Registration Fee or Subscription Fee shall be payable by Parent Members other than in respect of Player Member Registration and Subscription Fees.
- (3) No Registration Fee or Subscription Fee shall be payable by Life Members and Life Player Members in recognition of the years of service to the Club.

9 Members' liabilities

The liability of a member of the Club to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Club or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Club as required by clause 8.

10 Resolution of disputes

- (1) A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the Club, or a dispute between a member or members and the Club, are to be referred in the first instance to the Member Protection Information Officer.
- (2) Member Protection Information Officer will report to the Executive any and all such disputes along with the resolution.
- (3) Disputes involving the Member Protection Information Officer or of a serious nature will be escalated to the Executive for consideration and resolution. Any Executive Member (including the Member Protection Information Officer) who is party to the dispute should recuse themselves from all decision-making discussions relating to the dispute.
- (4) Should a dispute or grievance not be able to be resolved within the Executive it shall be referred to a Community Justice Centre for mediation under the *Community Justice Centres Act 1983*.
- (2) If a dispute is not resolved by mediation within 3 months of the referral to a Community Justice Centre, the dispute is to be referred to arbitration.
- (3) The *Commercial Arbitration Act 2010* applies to a dispute referred to arbitration.

11 Disciplining of members

- (1) Where the Executive Committee is of the opinion that a Member of the Club:

- (a) has brought the game of baseball and or the name of the Club into disrepute;
- (b) has not conducted themselves in accordance with the Club's Code of Conduct;
- (c) Has persistently and will fully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club;
- (d) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of the Club's Rules or Code of Conduct; or
- (e) has been guilty of conduct derogatory to the character of a Member;

The Executive Committee may by resolution:

- (i) Expel the Member from the Club; or
 - (ii) Suspend the Member from the Club for a specified period of time.
- 2) A resolution passed under Clause 11(1) must be confirmed by the Executive Committee at a meeting held not more than 28 days after service on the Member of notice of the resolution.
 - 3) Where the Committee passes a resolution under Clause 11(1), the Secretary shall as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing (or by electronic means) to be served on the Member:
 - (a) Setting out that resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it was based;
 - (b) Stating that the Member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not more than 14 days after the service of the notice;
 - (c) Stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) Informing the Member that they may:
 - (i) Attend and speak at the meeting and / or
 - (ii) Submit to the Committee at a prior date written representation relating to the resolution.
 - 4) At the Meeting referred to in 11(3), the Executive Committee shall:
 - (a) Provide the Member an opportunity to make oral and / or written representations;
 - (b) Give due consideration to any such representations; and
 - (c) By resolution decide whether to confirm or revoke the resolution.
 - 5) The Secretary shall within seven days of the resolution provide notice to the Member in writing of the Executive Committee's decision, and where appropriate, the Member's right of appeal through the dispute process as outlined in Clause 12.
 - 6) A complaint may be made to the Member Protection Information Officer by any person. The Member Protection Information Officer shall investigate the complaint and provide a recommendation to the Executive Committee.
 - 7) The Executive Committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
 - (6) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or

- (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the Committee confirms the resolution under clause 12, whichever is the later.

12 Right of appeal of disciplined member

- (1) A member may appeal against a resolution of the Executive Committee under clause 11, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
- (3) On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1), the secretary must notify the committee, which is to convene an Executive Committee meeting to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.
- (4) At the Executive Committee Meeting convened under subclause (3):
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and
 - (b) the Executive Committee and the Member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
 - (c) the Members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (5) The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by Members of the Club.

Part 3 The committee

13 Powers of the committee

Subject to the Act, the Regulation, this constitution and any resolution passed by the Club in general meeting, the committee:

- (a) is to control and manage the affairs of the Club, and
- (b) may exercise all the functions that may be exercised by the Club, other than those functions that are required by this constitution to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the Club, and
- (c) has power to perform all the acts and do all things that appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Club.

14 Composition and membership of Executive committee and the General Committee

- (1) The Executive committee is to consist of:
 - (a) the Executive office-bearers of the Club, and
 - (b) at least 1 ordinary committee members,each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Club under clause 15.
- (2) The total number of committee members is to be a minimum of 4.
- (3) The Executive office-bearers of the Club are as follows:
 - (a) the President,
 - (c) the Treasurer,
 - (d) the Secretary.
- (4) A committee member may hold up to 2 offices (other than both the offices of president and vice-president).
- (5) The maximum consecutive term of any Executive Office-bearer is 5 years with a maximum of 7 consecutive years on the Executive Committee.
- (6) Each member of the committee is, subject to this constitution, to hold office until immediately before the election of committee members at the annual general meeting next following the date of the member's election, and is eligible for re-election except where such re-election would breach Clause 14.5.
- (7) The General Committee consists of the Executive Committee and Committee Members.
- (8) The Committee Members are as follows:
 - (a) Patron
 - (b) Head Coach
 - (c) Vice President Minor League Baseball
 - (d) Vice President Junior Baseball
 - (e) Vice President Modified Baseball

- (f) Assistant Secretary
- (g) Assistant Treasurer
- (h) Registrar
- (i) Recorder
- (j) Web Master
- (k) Wet Weather Co-ordinator
- (l) Recruitment and Retention Officer
- (m) Fundraising & Events Coordinator
- (n) Sponsorship Coordinator
- (o) Canteen Coordinator
- (p) Equipment Coordinator
- (q) Umpire Coordinator
- (r) Uniform Coordinator
- (s) Ground Manager
- (t) Scorers Coordinator
- (u) Social Media Officer
- (v) Girls Coordinator
- (w) Team Coaches
- (x) Team Managers
- (y) Member Protection Information Officer

15 Election of committee members

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the Club or as ordinary committee members:
 - (a) must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the Club and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination), and
 - (b) must be delivered to the secretary of the Club at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in any usual and proper manner that the committee directs.

- (7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of the Club must be a member of the Club.
- (8) In the event that no nominations are received for an Executive Office and re-election of the previous incumbent would breach the maximum term as outlined in Clause 14.5, the office must remain vacant for a period of at least 60 days during which time all members must be advised of the vacancy and nominations sought.
- (9) At the end of 60 days, should no nominations be received, the previous incumbent may again nominate subject to election at a Special General Meeting and a maximum further term of 2 years.

16 Secretary

- (1) The secretary of the Club must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with the Club of his or her address.
- (2) It is the duty of the secretary to keep minutes (whether in written or electronic form) of:
 - (a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the committee, and
 - (b) the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting, and
 - (c) all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.
- (3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.
- (4) The signature of the chairperson may be transmitted by electronic means for the purposes of subclause (3).

17 Treasurer

It is the duty of the treasurer of the Club to ensure:

- (a) that all money due to the Club is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the Club are made, and
- (b) that correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Club, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Club.

18 Casual vacancies

- (1) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the Club to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.
- (2) A casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member:
 - (a) dies, or
 - (b) ceases to be a member of the Club, or
 - (c) is or becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth, or

- (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the secretary, or
- (e) is removed from office under clause 19, or
- (f) becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or
- (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from 3 consecutive meetings of the committee, or
- (h) is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty for which the maximum penalty on conviction is imprisonment for not less than 3 months, or
- (i) is prohibited from being a director of a company under Part 2D.6 (Disqualification from managing corporations) of the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth.

19 Removal of committee members

- (1) The Club in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
- (2) If a member of the committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in subclause (1) relates makes representations in writing to the secretary or president (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the Club, the secretary or the president may send a copy of the representations to each member of the Club or, if the representations are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

20 Committee meetings and quorum

- (1) The committee must meet at least 4 times in each period of 12 months at the place and time that the committee may determine.
- (2) Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the committee.
- (3) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the committee must be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least 48 hours (or any other period that may be unanimously agreed on by the members of the committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (4) Notice of a meeting given under subclause (3) must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (5) Any 3 members of the Executive committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (6) No business is to be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.

- (7) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.
- (8) At a meeting of the committee:
 - (a) the president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president is to preside, or
 - (b) if the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, one of the remaining members of the committee chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.
- (9) The Committee may admit or exclude visitors from any Committee Meeting as it sees fit. Any visitor may address the meeting upon invitation from the Chairman or with consent of the majority of the Committee Members present. No visitor shall have the right to vote.

21 Appointment of Club members as committee members to constitute quorum

- (1) If at any time the number of committee members is less than the number required to constitute a quorum for a committee meeting, the existing committee members may appoint a sufficient number of members of the Club as committee members to enable the quorum to be constituted.
- (2) A member of the committee so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.
- (3) This clause does not apply to the filling of a casual vacancy to which clause 18 applies.

22 Use of technology at committee meetings

- (1) A committee meeting may be held at 2 or more venues using any technology approved by the committee that gives each of the committee's members a reasonable opportunity to participate.
- (2) A committee member who participates in a committee meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

23 Delegation by committee to sub-committee

- (1) The committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-committees (consisting of the member or members of the Club that the committee thinks fit) the exercise of any of the functions of the committee that are specified in the instrument, other than:
 - (a) this power of delegation, and
 - (b) a function which is a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or by any other law.
- (2) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this clause may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

- (3) A delegation under this clause may be made subject to any conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, that may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (4) Despite any delegation under this clause, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this clause has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.
- (6) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this clause.
- (7) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

24 Voting and decisions

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) Subject to clause 20 (5), the committee may act despite any vacancy on the committee.
- (4) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.

Part 4 General meetings

25 Annual general meetings - holding of

- (1) The Club must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months after its registration under the Act.
- (2) The Club must hold its annual general meetings:
 - (a) within 6 months after the close of the Club's financial year, or
 - (b) within any later time that may be allowed or prescribed under section 37 (2) (b) of the Act.

26 Annual general meetings - calling of and business at

- (1) The annual general meeting of the Club is, subject to the Act and to clause 25, to be convened on the date and at the place and time that the committee thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,
 - (b) to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the Club during the last preceding financial year,
 - (c) to elect office-bearers of the Club and ordinary committee members,
 - (d) to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting must be specified as that type of meeting in the notice convening it.
- (4) Any Member may admit a visitor to the Annual General Meeting as they see fit. Any visitor may address the meeting upon invitation from the Chairman or with consent of the majority of the Committee Members present. No visitor shall have the right to vote.

27 Special general meetings - calling of

- (1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Club.
- (2) The committee must, on the requisition of at least 5% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Club.
- (3) A requisition of members for a special general meeting:
 - (a) must be in writing, and
 - (b) must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and
 - (c) must be signed by the members making the requisition, and
 - (d) must be lodged with the secretary, and
 - (e) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.

- (4) If the committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in subclause (4) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee.
- (6) For the purposes of subclause (3):
 - (a) a requisition may be in electronic form, and
 - (b) a signature may be transmitted, and a requisition may be lodged, by electronic means.
- (7) The Committee or the Members who have called for a Special General Meeting may admit visitors any Special General Meeting as they see fit. Any visitor may address the meeting upon invitation from the Chairman or with consent of the majority of the Members present. No visitor shall have the right to vote.

28 Notice

- (1) Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Club, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Club, the secretary must, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be given to each member specifying, in addition to the matter required under subclause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.

Note. A special resolution must be passed in accordance with section 39 of the Act.
- (3) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting is to be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted under clause 26 (2).
- (4) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who must include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

29 Quorum for general meetings

- (1) No item of business is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this constitution to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (2) Five members present (being members entitled under this constitution to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

- (3) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:
 - (a) if convened on the requisition of members—is to be dissolved, and
 - (b) in any other case—is to stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.
- (4) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being at least 3) are to constitute a quorum.

30 Presiding members

- (1) The president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president, is to preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the Club.
- (2) If the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, the members present must elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

31 Adjournment

- (1) The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (2) If a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary must give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the Club stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in subclauses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

32 Making of decisions

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the Club is to be determined by:
 - (a) a show of hands or, if the meeting is one to which clause 37 applies, any appropriate corresponding method that the committee may determine, or
 - (b) if on the motion of the chairperson or if 5 or more members present at the meeting decide that the question should be determined by a written ballot—a written ballot.
- (2) If the question is to be determined by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Club, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.

- (3) Subclause (2) applies to a method determined by the committee under subclause (1) (a) in the same way as it applies to a show of hands.
- (4) If the question is to be determined by a written ballot, the ballot is to be conducted in accordance with the directions of the chairperson.

33 Special resolutions

A special resolution may only be passed by the Club in accordance with section 39 of the Act.

34 Voting

- (1) On any question arising at a general meeting of the Club a member has one vote only.
- (2) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Club unless all money due and payable by the member to the Club has been paid.
- (4) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Club if the member is under 18 years of age.
- (5) A parent member may only exercise a vote on behalf of and instead of the the associated player member. For this purpose, the parent Member is deemed to have the automatic proxy of the player member.
- (6) Regardless of the number of player members associated with a parent member, each parent member can only cast one vote.
- (7) Regardless of the parental arrangements only one parent or guardian may vote on behalf of a player member or player members of the same family.

35 Proxy votes permitted

Proxy voting may be undertaken at or in respect of a general meeting.

36 Postal or electronic ballots

- (1) The Club may hold a postal or electronic ballot (as the committee determines) to determine any issue or proposal (other than an appeal under clause 12).
- (2) A postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Regulation.

37 Use of technology at general meetings

- (1) A general meeting may be held at 2 or more venues using any technology approved by the committee that gives each of the Club's members a reasonable opportunity to participate.
- (2) A member of a Club who participates in a general meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

Part 5 Miscellaneous

38 Insurance

- (1) The Club may affect and maintain insurance.
- (2) Insurance, other than that provided by any affiliated associations, is the sole responsibility of each individual player or associated parent/guardian.
- (3) The club will accept no liability beyond any legal negligence for any death, injury or mishap however occasioned, whether it occurs on the field during competition games, at practice or any social function.

39 Funds - source

- (1) The funds of the Club are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Club in general meeting, any other sources that the committee determines.
- (2) All money received by the Club must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Club's bank or other authorised deposit-taking institution account.
- (3) The Club must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

40 Funds - management

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the Club in general meeting, the funds of the Club are to be used solely in pursuance of the objects of the Club in the manner that the committee determines.

For practical reasons, the committee may delegate authority to expend Club funds without explicit pre-approval or general meeting resolution. Such delegations must be to nominated members, for particular purposes pursuant to the objects of the Club, and must be agreed by the committee and recorded.

Members are obliged to disclose any personal interest, or conflict of interest, in financial resolutions and should recuse themselves from particular resolutions where appropriate

- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by 1 authorised signatories.
- (3) Such surplus funds as may exist from time to time may be invested in a fund approved by the Committee.
- (4) Funds which are surplus to the Club's requirements at the conclusion of the Financial Year shall be retained for use in promoting the objects of the Club or meeting the Club's future obligations.
- (5) Except in circumstances warranting reimbursement of expenses directly incurred in attending to the business of the Club, or in the form of recognition of substantial service to the Club as approved in line with expenditure delegations and subject to resolution by the Executive Committee, no funds shall be disbursed by way of profit, gain, dividend or similar means.

- (6) No Member of the Committee shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Club or of any office of the Club paid by fees and no remuneration or other benefit in money or in kind shall be given by the Club to a Member of the Committee except:
- (a) Repayment of out-of-pocket expenses;
 - (b) Interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being which is or would have been charged by the Club's bankers for money lent to the Club;
 - (c) Reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the Club; and
 - (d) Honorariums endorsed at an Annual General Meeting.

41 Accounts

- (1) Accounts properly recording all money received and expended by, or on behalf of the Club, and the circumstances under which such money has been received or expended by or on behalf of the Club, and a register of assets and liabilities of the Club shall be retained by the Club and shall be available for examination by a Member as prescribed in Clause 47.
- (2) Financial Statements carried to the last day of June in each calendar year shall be prepared and submitted to the Annual General Meeting.
- (3) Audited Financials are not required.

42 Levies

- (1) The Club may at any time make a levy on any class of Members of the Club for the purpose meeting a particular expense of the Club.
- (2) Any such levy shall:
 - (a) Be determined and apportioned by the Committee;
 - (b) Be calculated on the basis of expenses and expenditure incurred by a class of Members in pursuance of the objects of the Club;
 - (c) Become payable at such time and place as may be determined by the Committee;
 - (d) Be reported to Members at the succeeding Annual General Meeting as part of the Committee's reports.

43 Club is non-profit

Subject to the Act and the Regulation, the Club must apply its funds and assets solely in pursuance of the objects of the Club and must not conduct its affairs so as to provide a pecuniary gain for any of its members.

Note. Section 5 of the Act defines **pecuniary gain** for the purpose of this clause.

44 Distribution of property on winding up of Club

- (1) Subject to the Act and the Regulations, in a winding up of the Club, any surplus property of the Club is to be transferred to another organisation with similar objects and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.
- (2) In this clause, a reference to the surplus property of a Club is a reference to that property of the Club remaining after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the Club and the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club.

Note. Section 65 of the Act provides for distribution of surplus property on the winding up of a Club.

45 Change of name, objects and constitution

- (1) An application for registration of a change in the Club's name, objects or constitution in accordance with section 10 of the Act is to be made by the public officer or a committee member.
- (2) Subject to reporting requirements under the Act, this document may be altered, rescinded or added to only be a Special Resolution of the Club.
- (3) The Code of Conduct and Statement of Objects may be altered, rescinded or added to only with the approval of a two-thirds majority of the votes of Members present and eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

46 Custody of books etc

Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, all records, books and other documents relating to the Club must be kept in New South Wales:

- (a) at the main premises of the Club, in the custody of the public officer or a member of the Club (as the committee determines), or
- (b) if the Club has no premises, at the Club's official address, in the custody of the public officer.

47 Inspection of books etc

- (1) The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Club at any reasonable hour:
 - (a) records, books and other financial documents of the Club,
 - (b) this constitution,
 - (c) minutes of all committee meetings and general meetings of the Club.
- (2) A member of the Club may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in subclause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- (3) Despite subclauses (1) and (2), the committee may refuse to permit a member of the Club to inspect or obtain a copy of records of the Club that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the Club.

48 Service of notices

- (1) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice may be served on or given to a person:
 - (a) by delivering it to the person personally, or
 - (b) by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person, or
 - (c) by sending it by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission to an address specified by the person for giving or serving the notice.
- (2) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:
 - (a) in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee, and
 - (b) in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post, and
 - (c) in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent or, if the machine from which the transmission was sent produces a report indicating that the notice was sent on a later date, on that date.

49 Financial year

The financial year of the Club is:

- (a) the period of time commencing on the date of incorporation of the Club and ending on the following 30 June, and
- (b) each period of 12 months after the expiration of the previous financial year of the Club, commencing on 1 July and ending on the following 30 June.

50 Indemnity

- (1) If any prosecution, action or suit at law is commenced against any Member of the Committee or of a Standing Sub-Committee or any other officer, servant or agent of the Club for anything done by them in the proper discharge of their duties such person or persons shall be indemnified by the Club for all damage, costs and expenses which may be incidental to, or result from such prosecution, action or suit at law and the Club shall be empowered to apply the property and funds of the Club for such purposes.
- (2) No member of the Committee or of a Standing Sub-Committee or other officer of the Club shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other Member of the Committee, or Standing Sub-Committee or other officer or for joining in any receipt or other act for the sake of conformity or for any loss or expense happening to the Club through the insufficiency or deficiency of title of any property acquired by order of the Committee for or on behalf of the Club in or upon which any money of the Club shall be invested or for any loss or damage arising from bankruptcy, insolvency or misfortune whatsoever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of their respective office or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen through their own act or wilful default.

51 Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct shall be binding on all Members of the Club.

52 Affiliation

Affiliations shall be made each year with such associations as the Club registers teams and through them to Baseball NSW. Such associations include CSJBA, CSMLBA, and STMLBA. In the event of any inconsistencies between this Constitution and the Constitution of the affiliated Association, the latter shall prevail.