

WATSONIA SPORTING CLUB

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 - (a) to foster sport and enter teams in such competitions approved by the Committee.
 - (b) To arrange, regulate and control the conduct of all players, officials and servants of the Club and to control the financial transactions and arrangements of the Club.
 - (c) To carry on such other activities as are consistent with the promotion of sport to club members.
3. Colours
The colours of the Club shall be red, white and black.
4. Membership
A member of the Club shall mean a person whose membership is approved by the Committee, is willing to abide by the rules of the Club, and has paid the annual subscription to the Club.
5. Life Membership
Any member may nominate any other member who has been an outstanding working member of the Club for not less than 10 years as an Honorary Life Member. All such nominations shall be forwarded to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and shall be considered by the general committee who shall report its approval of TWO only each year, or disapproval of the nominee's at the next Annual General Meeting. Provided that two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote approve of the nominations, then the nominee's shall become an Honorary Life Member and thereafter shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership without paying the annual subscription or any special payment for such Life Membership.
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A member desiring to resign from the Club must give written notice of his desire to the General Secretary. Such resignation will take effect upon its acceptance by the general committee.
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8. Members Register

A member's register shall be kept at all times by the General Secretary. Such register shall denote the classification on membership and shall record the payment or non-payment of the annual subscriptions for each member. Every member shall from time to time communicate to the General Secretary whose address shall be inserted in the register and all notices sent by the post to such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered on the day following the date of posting.

9. Annual Subscriptions

The amount of the annual subscription to the Club shall be determined each year by the Committee and shall be due and payable as from the 1st January each year. No person shall be allowed to vote or take part in the proceedings of the Club until the annual subscription has been paid.

10. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club members shall be held in November of each year and such date to be set by the Management Committee.

11. Notice of Annual General Meeting and Special Meeting

Notice of the time date and place of the Annual General Meeting and any Special Meeting shall be given at least fourteen days before the meeting by advertisement of notice in at least one newspaper circulating in the district of Watsonia and by the display of the notice and the agenda for such meeting on the notice board of the Club.

12. Agenda

Any member who desires a matter to be included in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall give written notice signed by himself of such matter to the General Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the first day of November.

13. Quorum

The quorum of the Annual General Meeting and any special meeting shall be twenty members present and entitled to vote.

14. Voting

- (a) Only financial members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting are entitled to vote.
- (b) The Chairman shall have the right to vote on all matters and in the event of an equality of votes he shall have a second casting vote.

15. Functions of the
Annual General
Meeting

- (c) On any motion before the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting, the Chairman shall declare the result on a show of hands or on a secret ballot and his decision shall be final and binding.

The functions of the Annual General Meeting shall be to -

- (a) Fill the vacancies in the Committee in the manner hereinafter provided.
- (b) To appoint an auditor for the ensuing year.
- (c) On the recommendation of the General Committee to appoint patrons of the Club.
- (d) Receive and if thought fit adopt the report including the financial statement relating to the activities of the Club in the preceding years.
- (e) To decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as herein provided.
- (f) To transact such other business as may at the discretion of the Chairman be brought forward.

16. Special General
Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Club members shall be convened at the request of the President, the Secretary or at the direction of the Committee or upon the requisition of 50 financial members, to transact such special business for which the meeting has been called.

The management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by these Rules) will be deputed to a Management Committee consisting of the Club President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents nominated by individual sporting bodies in the Club.

The election of this Committee shall be at the Annual General Meeting. Assisting the Management Committee will be any other persons that the Management Committee considers necessary.

The appointment of these persons will be by the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall retire from office before each Annual General Meeting, and be eligible to stand for re-election.

17. Committee

18. Office Bearers

The Office Bearers of the Club shall consist of -

- (a) The President
- (b) The Secretary
- (c) A Treasurer

(d) The committee of each individual sporting body will nominate a Vice-President to represent them on the Management Committee, who shall be elected by and from the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

19. Committee Meetings

(a) Ordinary Meetings. The Committee shall meet once in each calendar month

(hereinafter referred to as "the ordinary meetings").

(b) Special Meetings. A meeting by the Management Committee, other than an ordinary meeting, can be convened at the request of any of the Management Committee Members.

20. Notice of Committee Meetings

The Secretary shall give written notice including the agenda of each meeting to every member of the Committee at least seven days prior to the date of such meeting, provided however, that a meeting may be convened by shorter notice written or otherwise if all members entitled to attend and note thereat so agree.

21. Quorum

The quorum of the Management Committee shall be four members.

22. Visitors

The committee may invite any person to attend a meeting of the Committee.

23. Powers and Duties of the Committee

The powers and duties of the Committee as provided by this constitution shall be to -

- (a) control the finances of the Club and transact any business on behalf of the members of the Club.
- (b) appoint such sub-committees as they may deem necessary or expedient and may depute or refer to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine. All sub-committees shall be responsible to the Management Committee.
- (c) The Committee shall have the power to veto (on character grounds only) any person nominated to a sub-committee or appointed by a sub-committee providing they have a two-

to-one majority of members present.

24. Accounts

- (a) The Committee shall cause to be kept proper books of account from which are to be prepared the annual statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet of the Club to the 31st day of October of each year, which shall after audit be printed and displayed on the notice board of the Club.
- (b) The Management Committee shall approve the opening and closing of any bank accounts to be operated by the Club.
- (c) The Committee shall have power to invest and expend the Club funds in such manner as they think fit in accordance with these rules and the objects of the Club.
- (d) Cheques drawn on the account of the Club shall bear the signature of two of the following Office Bearers:-
the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer.

25. Absence from Meetings

In the event of any Committee man absenting himself without reasonable excuse for three consecutive committee or general meetings, special meetings included, he shall be removed from his Office and his Office declared vacant. In the case of any casual vacancies occurring in the Committee the Committee may appoint any member of the Club to fill such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

27. Voting

On any motion before meetings of the Committee voting shall be by a show of hands or at the request of any three members, by secret ballot.

28. Powers and Duties of the President

The President shall act as Chairman of all meetings of the Club and shall have the power of a casting vote.

29. Powers and Duties of Vice-Presidents

The Vice-Presidents shall undertake the duties of the President in the President's absence. In the absence of the President the meeting shall elect a Chairman who shall undertake duties of the President at the meeting.

30. Powers and Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall issue all notices of meetings and conduct and file all correspondence. He shall attend meetings and keep correct minutes of all proceedings which minutes shall be produced for confirmation at the next meeting. He shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a report of the years activities.

31. Powers and Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall subject to the direction of the Committee keep all proper books of accounts shall receive all monies due to the Club and bank those monies in a cheque account on a bank named by the Committee. He shall endorse cheques and issue receipts on behalf of the Club. He shall submit to all meetings a statement of finances and pay accounts as directed by the Committee. He shall prepare, audit and present to the Annual General Meeting an audited financial statement and liabilities of the Club setting out in detail receipts and expenditure for the preceeding year ending the 31st October.

32. Emergency Decisions

Where in the best interests of the Club it becomes necessary to take prompt action and it is in-practicable to call a meeting of the Committee then the Office Bearers may take such action as they think fit and shall report to the next meeting of the Committee the action that they have so taken.

33. Alteration to Constitution

This Constitution shall not be added to, repealed or amended, nor the Club dissolved except by resolution of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at a General or Special Meeting convened according to the rules. Written notice of the motion to add to, repeal or amend the Constitution or dissolve the Club must be signed by both the proposer and seconder and must be delivered to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to a General or Special Meeting.

34. By-Laws

The Committee shall have power to make By-Laws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club provided the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

This is the Constitution of the Watsonia Sporting Club tabled and formally adopted by the existing members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting held at A.K. Lines Pavillion on the Twenty-ninth day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six.

WITNESSED by me President

in the presence of Secretary