



Association Constitution

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. **NAME**

The name of the Association shall be the "OLD SCHOLARS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC" (hereinafter referred to as "the Association").

. **OBJECTIVES**

.. The objectives of the Association shall be to:

2.1.1 Administer and control a football competition played under the rules of the Australian Football League in two levels, seniors and reserves, and that the competition is greater Hobart based.

2.1.2 Limit the extent of payments to coaches and players of member clubs.

2.1.3 Ensure that the over-riding control of the Association's affairs and directions is in the hands of the majority of member clubs.

. **COMPOSITION**

.. The Association shall be composed of Office Bearers of the Association and such clubs as may from time to time be members of the Association, each club to be represented by a delegate as hereinafter provided.

. **GENERAL POWERS**

The Association shall at all times have power to:

.. Perform any act incidental to the furtherance of its objectives, or to the carrying out and enforcing of any of its rules.

.. Appoint any committee or committees, half the members of any committee being a quorum.

.. Appoint such officials as it may think fit, and to pay any official or office-bearer such salary or honorarium as it may fix from time to time.

.. Admit to membership, reject, or expel (but only at a Special Meeting) any club without assigning a reason therefore.

.. Deal as it may think fit with any member club or player found guilty of contravening any of the rules of the Association or deliberately giving false or misleading evidence, or concealing material evidence relating to any matter before the Association, the Independent Tribunal or any committee or official of the Association and,

.. Settle all disputes which may arise in connection with any matter under its jurisdiction.

.. Nominate the Treasurer of the Association as the Public Officer for the Association

.. If the Association is wound up, the net assets will be divided equally between each remaining member club. In the event that the liabilities exceed assets, each member club will be limited in its liability to the amount of outstanding subscriptions.

. **OFFICE-BEARERS**

.. The office bearers of the Association shall be the President, at least one (1) Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

5.2. Each office bearer of the Association shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting next after the date of his election, but is eligible for re-election.

5.3. A President, or Vice President(s), must stand down after three years in that position. This does not preclude that person seeking election in other 'office bearer' positions after standing down.

5.4. Any office-bearer may be removed by the Association at a Special Meeting.

5.5. Any vacancy occurring between two Annual General Meetings among the office-bearers may be filled by the Association at an ordinary meeting.

5.6. The President, Vice-President(s), Secretary and Treasurer shall comprise the Executive whose duties shall be:

5.6.1 To carry out any duties assigned to it by the Association.

5.6.2 To deal with any urgent matters but subject to review at the next meeting of the Association.

5.6.3 The members of the Executive have the authority to bind the Association as far as contractual agreements are concerned.

. **MEETINGS**

.. All meetings of the Association shall be Annual General Meetings, Ordinary Meetings, or Special Meetings, at which seven (7) persons, of whom four (4) shall be Club delegates, shall form a quorum.

.. Except as hereby otherwise provided all business of the Association may be transacted as Ordinary Meetings.

. **DELEGATES**

- .. Each member club shall appoint a delegate, whose name shall be forwarded to the Association before its Annual General Meeting. Any member club may, by written notice to the Association, appoint a substitute delegate to represent it at any specified meeting or meetings. Any member club may be represented at any meeting of the Association by its delegate or substitute delegate.

. **ORGANISATION**

- .. The only persons entitled to vote at meetings of the Association shall be the members of the executive and one delegate from each of the member clubs.
- 8.2. The President shall act as Chairman at all meetings of the Association at which he is present, and in his absence a nominated Vice-President shall act. If neither is present, a Chairman shall be elected from among meeting attendees.
- .. At all meetings of the Association the Chairman shall have a deliberative, but not a casting, vote.
- .. At all meetings of the Association voting shall be by show of hands, unless two persons entitled to vote demand a ballot.
- .. The notice of any Ordinary or Special Meeting shall be sent to the nominated e-mail address and of any Annual General Meeting to the nominated e-mail address or to the Secretary of each club through the registered address.

. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- .. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held before the first day of March in each year.
- .. The Annual General Meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- .. The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:-
 - 9.3.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
 - 9.3.2 Receive from the Committee, Auditor and servants of the Association reports regarding transactions of the Association during the last financial year.
 - 9.3.3 Elect the office bearers of the Association.

9.3.4 Appoint other officials of the Association as required, including Competition Manager, and to determine the remuneration of paid officials of the Association

9.3.5 Appoint the Auditor.

9.3.6 Any other business the President may deem to be in order.

9.4. Notice of each Annual General Meeting shall be posted, e-mailed or delivered to reach each member club of the Association at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting

.. Any person involved with the Association during the previous season either as an official of the Association or as a player, official or supporter of a member club may attend the Annual General Meeting and be heard there at, but may not vote, unless otherwise entitled.

.. A majority of those present entitled to vote will carry all motions and resolutions.

. **ORDINARY MEETINGS**

.. Ordinary meetings may be convened at any time by the President or Secretary.

10.2. Notice of each Ordinary Meeting shall be posted, e-mailed or delivered to reach each member club of the Association at least seven (7) days prior to the time of the meeting.

10.3. A majority of those present entitled to vote will carry all motions and resolutions.

. **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

.. Any two member clubs of the Association, by notice in writing, or the Association at any meeting, or the executive may instruct the Secretary to convene a Special Meeting thereof, and the Secretary shall convene such meeting not more than twenty one (21) days thereafter.

11.2. Notice of each Special Meeting shall be posted, e-mailed or delivered to reach each member club of the Association at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting, and no business other than that specified in such notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

11.3. All motions and resolutions at a Special Meeting require a three-fifths majority of those present, and entitled to vote, to carry.

. **FINANCIAL**

.. The financial year of the Association shall end on the 31st day of December in each year.

- .. The Treasurer of the Association shall receive all moneys and pay the same into a Bank appointed by the Association to an account to be styled "Old Scholars Football Association Inc.". All cheques shall be signed by two members of the Executive, or by such persons as the Association may appoint.
- .. The accounts of the Association shall be audited each financial year by the Auditor.
- 12.4. Each member club shall pay to the Association an affiliation fee of such amount as the Association may decide
- 12.5. Each member club shall pay to the Association a participation fee as the Association may decide
- 12.6. If the Association shall require additional funds at any time, it may make such a call as it shall think fit on each member club.
- 12.7. Any member club which shall be in arrears with any payment or call for one calendar month shall be liable to dismissal from the Association, fine or other such penalty as the Association may think fit.
- 12.8. All accounts shall be passed for payment by the Association in an Ordinary Meeting.
- 12.9. Each member club shall forward to the Association an audited copy of its Financial Statements for the preceding season prior to the commencement of the next season.
- 12.10. All clubs shall forward contracts of all paid contracted personnel to the Association prior to commencement of the season or at time of engagement.

13. SPONSORSHIP

- 13.1. The Association, or member clubs, may accept commercial sponsorship, provided that such sponsorship is for the Association or member club and NOT for individual players and does not conflict with any sponsorship obtained by the Association.
- 13.2. The Association reserves the right to vet all sponsorship arrangements made with member clubs and may rule upon their suitability as regards the objectives of the Association. Any sponsorship arrangement ruled as being unsuitable shall be immediately cancelled by the relevant member club.
- 13.3. Advertising logos may be incorporated into member club uniforms provided that such logos are first submitted to the Association for approval as to appearance and location on the uniform.

14. INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL

14.1. The Association shall use the TSL southern Independent Tribunal to hear any charges brought against players, officials or clubs of the Association.

15. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

.. A player who plays 250 or more games at any level with a member club(s) in the Association shall be granted Life Membership of the Association.

15.2. The Association may confer Life Membership on any person who serves on the Association Executive or as an Official of the Association for a period of not less than 10 years.

15.3. The Association may confer Life Membership on any person who has given 'long and distinguished service to the Association and a member club' and who has been nominated by that club.

15.4. The granting of Life Membership can only be done at an Annual General Meeting and requires a three fifths majority of eligible voting members present.

15.5. All Life Members shall be entitled to free entry to all future games played in the Association. An Association key ring will be awarded to Life Members which will be proof of identity for Association games.

15.6 Life Membership will not entitle the recipient to vote at any meeting of the Association.

16. INTERPRETATION

16.1. The Association shall have full power to interpret this constitution.

17. POWER TO MAKE BY-LAWS

17.1. The Association reserves the right to make by-laws governing and regulating matches and players under its jurisdiction. Such by-laws shall be consistent with the constitution.

18. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

18.1. No alteration or addition to, or rescission of, this constitution shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting (where a three-fifths majority shall be required) or a Special Meeting of the Association.