

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Goulburn Valley Football Umpires Association Inc. shall: -

1. Train and supply umpires to football leagues requiring the services of the Association subject to the number of members available.
2. Encourage the improvement of the game.
3. Meet and discuss all rules of the game and become unanimous in the interpretation thereof.
4. Lay before affiliated bodies any grievances of umpires.
5. Promote good fellowship amongst its members.
6. Carry on the day-to-day activities necessary for the well being of the Association.

RULES

(Altered 9 August, 2018)

1.

The name of the incorporated association is GOULBURN VALLEY FOOTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED. (In these rules called “the Association”).

2.

(1) In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:-

“Committee” means the Committee of management of the Association.

“Financial Year” means the year ending on 31st October.

“General Meeting” means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule 11.

“Member” means a member of the Association.

“Ordinary Member of the Committee” means a member of the Committee who is not an officer of the Association under Rule 21.

“The Act” means the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

“The Regulations” means regulations under the act.

- (2) In these Rules, a reference to the secretary of an Association is a reference –
- (a) Where a person holds office under these Rules as secretary of the Association – to that person: and
 - (b) In any other case, to the public officer of the Association.
- (3) Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1958 and the Act as in force from time to time.

Qualifications of Membership

3.

- (1) A natural person who is approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable under these rules. Life Members are exempt from these payments.
- (2) All Central, Goal and Boundary Umpires, Coaches, Selectors, Observers, Trainers, Advisors, Social Club Members and Life Members shall be eligible for full membership of the Association subject to the approval of the committee.
- (3)
 - (a) The names and addresses of persons proposed as ordinary members of the club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the club premises for at least a week before their election and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election at the appropriate committee meeting.
 - (b) The secretary shall, upon payment of the amounts referred to in sub-clause (1), enter the nominee's name in the register of members kept by him and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the Association.
 - (c) Spouses of all ordinary members shall be eligible to become associate members of the club with all rights and privileges of ordinary members except voting rights. They shall be subject to all rules of the club.
- (4) A right, privilege or obligation of a person by reason of his membership of the association –
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person;
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of his membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.

Entrance fee of Subscription

4.

- (1) The entrance fee is \$ 1.00.
- (2) The annual subscription is \$ 2.00 and is payable in advance on or before the 1st day of July in each year.

Register of members

5.

The secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by members at the address of the Public Officer.

Resignation of member

6.

- (1) A member of the Association who has paid all moneys due and payable by him to the Association may resign from the Association by first giving one month's notice in writing to the secretary of his intention to resign and upon the expiration of that period of notice, the member shall cease to be a member.
- (2) Upon expiration of a notice given under sub-clause (1), the secretary shall make in the register of members an entry recording the date on which the member, by whom the notice was given, ceased to be a member.

Expulsion, suspension or fining of members

7.

- (1) Subject to these rules, the Committee may by resolution –
 - (a) Expel a member from the Association;
 - (b) Suspend a member from membership of the Association for a specified period;
or
 - (c) Fine a member in accordance with the regulations – if the Committee is of the opinion that the member –
 - (d) Has refused or neglected to comply with these rules; or
 - (e) Has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- (2) A resolution of the Committee under sub-clause (1) –

- (a) Does not take effect unless the Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-clause (3) confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause; and
 - (b) Where the member exercises a right of appeal to the Association under this clause does not take effect unless the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause.
- (3) Where the Committee passes a resolution under sub-clause (1), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing –
- (a) Setting out the resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based;
 - (b) Stating that the member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after the service of the notice;
 - (c) Stating the date, place and time of that meeting;
 - (d) Informing the member that he may do one or more of the following:
 - (i) Attend that meeting;
 - (ii) Give to the Committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;
 - (iii) Not later than 24 hours before the date of the meeting, lodge with the secretary a notice to the effect that he wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.
- (4) At a meeting of the Committee held in accordance with sub-clause (2), the Committee –
- (a) Shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;
 - (b) Shall give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member;
- And
- (c) Shall by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- (5) Where the secretary receives a notice under sub-clause (3), he shall notify the Committee and the Committee shall convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.
- (6) At a general meeting of the Association convened under sub-clause (5) –
- (a) No business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;

- (b) The Committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution;
 - (c) The member shall be given opportunity to be heard; and
 - (d) The members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (7) If at the general meeting –
- (a) Two-thirds of the members vote in person or by proxy in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
 - (b) In any other case, the resolution is revoked.

Annual General Meetings

8.

- (1) The Association shall in each calendar year convene an annual general meeting of its members.
- (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day as the Committee determines.
- (3) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- (4) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be:-
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
 - (b) to receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
 - (c) to elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee; and
 - (d) to receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section 30 (3) of the Act.
- (5) The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.
- (6) The annual general meeting shall be an addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.

Special General Meetings

9.

All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings.

10.

- (1) The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association and, where but for this sub-clause, more than 15 months would lapse between general meetings, shall convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.
- (2) The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of members representing not less than 5% of the total number of members, convene special general meeting of the Association.
- (3) The requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the members making the requisition and be sent to the address of the Secretary and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (4) If the Committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the requisition is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by members in pursuance of these rules shall be convened in the same manner as early as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the Committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring the expenses.

General Meetings Notice

11.

- (1) The Secretary of the Association shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, cause to be sent to each member of the Association appearing in the register of members, a notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.

- (3) A member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the Secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting after the receipt of the notice.

Procedure

12.

- (1) All business that is transacted at a special general meeting and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules, as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business.
- (2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- (3) 40 members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (4) If within half an hour the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same date in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, present (being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.

Chairman

13.

- (1) The President, or in his absence, a Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each general meeting of the Association.
- (2) If the President and the Vice-Presidents are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their numbers to preside as Chairman at the meeting.

Adjournment

14.

- (1) The Chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but

no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

(2) Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the general meeting.

(3) Except as provided in sub-clauses (1) and (2), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

Voting

15.

A question arising at a general meeting of the Association shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Association is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour, or against, that resolution.

16.

(1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member has one vote only.

(2) All votes shall be given personally or by a proxy.

(3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

17.

(1) If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by no less than twenty members, it shall be taken at the meeting in such manner as the Chairman may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.

(2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairman may direct.

18.

A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all moneys due and payable by him to the Association have been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the current financial year.

Proxies

19.

- (1) Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as his proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 2.

Committee Powers

20.

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee of Management constituted as provided in Rule 21.
- (2) The Committee:-
 - (a) Shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
 - (b) May, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the association; and
 - (c) Subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.
- (3) The Committee of the Association shall have the power to fix fees for the year with affiliated bodies and members shall abide by their decision. This does not deprive the members of the right to make recommendations.
- (4) The amount of all honorariums shall be decided upon by the Committee.

Constitution

21.

- (1) The officers of the Association shall be:-
 - (a) a President
 - (b) a Vice-President Senior;
 - (c) a Vice-President Junior;
 - (d) a Treasurer; and
 - (e) a Secretary.

(2) the provisions of Rule 23 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the officers mentioned in sub-clause (1).

(3) Each officer of the Association shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.

(4) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-clause (1) the Committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

22.

(1) Subject to Section 23 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of:-

(a) the officers of the Association; and

(b) 5 ordinary members:- each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.

(2) Each ordinary member of the Committee shall subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.

(3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

~~(4) At least 3 of the 10 Officers and Committee Members should be from outer branches of the Association if nominated and available.~~

A general meeting was held on 9 August 2018. A vote was called whether to retain or delete section (4) of rule 22. 118 voted to delete it; nil voted to retain it.

Election of Committee Members

23.

(1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the Committee:-

(a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and

(b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.

(2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.

(3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

(4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled a ballot shall be held.

(5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.

(6) A nomination of a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been nominated for another office for election at the same election.

Grounds for Termination of Office

24. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of an ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the officer or member:-

(a) ceases to be a member of the Association;

(b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code; or

(c) resigns his office by notice in writing given to the Secretary.

Quorum and Procedure at meetings

25.

(1) The Committee shall meet at least 3 times in each year at such place and such times as the Committee may determine.

(2) Special meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 of the members of the Committee.

(3) Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.

(4) Any 6 members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.

(5) No business shall be transacted 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 shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting in which case it lapses.

(6) At the meetings of the Committee:-

(a) the President or in his absence a Vice-President shall preside, or

(b) if the President and the Vice-Presidents are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.

(7) Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.

(8) 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 and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

(9) Notice of each committee meeting shall be served on each member of the Committee by notifying him at a reasonable time before the meeting.

(10) Subject to sub-clause (4) the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.

Minutes

26.

The Secretary of the Association shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each committee meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names and persons present at committee meetings.

Treasurer

27.

(1) The Treasurer of the Association:-

(a) shall collect and receive all moneys due to the Association and make all payments authorized by the Association; and

(b) shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.

(2) The accounts and books referred to in sub-clause (1) shall be available for inspection by members.

Removal of Committee Members

28.

(1) The Association in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Committee before the expiration of his term of office and appoint another member in his stead to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member.

(2) Where the member to whom a proposed resolution referred to in sub-clause (1) makes representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the Association (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that they be notified to the members of the Association, the Secretary or the President may send a copy of the representations to each member of the Association or, if they are not so sent, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

Signing of negotiable instruments

29.

All cheques, drafts, bill of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by two members of the Committee.

Common Seal

30.

(1) The Common Seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

(2) The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the Common seal shall be attested by the signature either of two members of the Committee or of one member of the Committee and of the Public Officer of the Association.

Alterations of Statements of Purpose and Rules

31.

These rules and statement of purposes of the Association shall not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

Service of Notice

32.

(1) A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at his address shown in the Register of Members.

(2) Where a document is properly addressed pre-paid and posted to a person as a letter, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been

given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

Winding up

33.

In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, the net assets will not be distributed to members but will be distributed to:

- (i) a fund with objectives similar to those of the Association; or
- (ii) a fund which has a philanthropic or benevolent purpose, including the promotion of art, culture, science religion, education, or charity, and including the benefiting of a fund certified to be a patriotic fund under section 24 of the **Patriotic Funds Act 1958** or the fund or part of the fund of the Australian Red Cross Society; or
- (iii) a community or charitable organisation.

Custody of books and other documents

34.

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control all books, documents and securities of the Association.

Sources of Funds

35.

The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations and other such sources as the Committee determines.

Auditor

36.

An Auditor shall be appointed each year.

Selections

37.

- (1) A Selection Committee shall be appointed each year by the Committee to appoint Umpires to all matches. The Selection Committee shall comprise a Chairman and 2 Members. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.
- (2) All umpires who are not available for matches must notify the Chairman of Selectors on the Tuesday when appointments are made, and any umpire not fulfilling his appointment shall be dealt with as the Committee sees fit.

Advocates

38.

All umpires attending tribunals may be accompanied by an Advocate. A panel of members will be selected as Advocates and will be administered by a Chairman appointed by the Committee.

Life Members

39.

(1) After a minimum of 10 years outstanding service to the GVFUA a member shall be eligible for consideration for Life membership of the Association. The Executive Committee shall have the power to make one extraordinary recommendation per year to the Association in relation to life membership, and this is to be voted upon by members. A Life Membership Medallion and Certificate shall be struck, to be presented to the member or members elected, and each life member shall have the same rights as a member.

(2) A 10 year Service Award shall be awarded to any umpire with at least 10 years overall service, providing the minimum number of games as set by the Committee is umpired in each year.

Workers Compensation

40.

All umpires shall be adequately covered for workers compensation insurance whilst training and umpiring.

Umpires Pass

41.

Each umpire will be issued with an umpires pass which entitles him, his wife and his family to free admission to the match at which he is to umpire. This must be produced at the gate and must only be used under conditions authorised by the Committee.

Liquor Control

42.

Persons under the age of eighteen years shall not purchase, consume or receive liquor from any person on the premises in relation to which the permit has been granted.

43.

A visitors book shall be kept and the name of the visitor entered therein and the signature of the member at whose invitation the visitor is present in the club premises shall be signed opposite the name of the visitor in that book.

44.

Liquor shall not be supplied to a visitor except in the presence of a member introducing such visitor.

45.

A member shall not introduce more than three visitors to the club on any one day during the period within which liquor may be supplied under the permit.

46.

The club shall not advertise in the press, by handbills or by radio or television that the club has a permit authorising the sale or supply of liquor, or that entertainment is provided on the premises of the club.

47.

The club shall keep or cause to be kept a register in the prescribed form setting forth the prescribed particulars with respect to all purchases of liquor sold by the holder during the period which the permit is in force. A copy of this register shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Liquor Control Commission on or before the 1st of August in each year for the twelve months period ended on the preceding 30th June. This copy shall be verified by the applicant by a statutory declaration in the prescribed form.