

OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION OF GOLDEAGLES NETBALL CLUB

1. NAME

The name of the club shall be "The Goldeagles Netball Club Incorporated" hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

2. COLOURS

The colours of the Club shall be gold and green.

3. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) to foster the game of netball in the Cranbourne area as defined by the Cranbourne Southwest Netball Association.
- (b) to purchase, lease, hire or by any other (legal) means acquire any real or personal estate necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Club;
- (c) to buy, sell, supply and deal in all kinds of apparatus and all kinds of provisions, liquid and solid, required or used by the member of the Club;
- (d) to hire and employ all classes of persons whose services may be deemed necessary for the purposes of the Club;
- (e) to invest the monies of the Club not immediately required for any of its objects in such a manner as from time to time may be determined;
- (f) to take part in interclub and all other netball matches, including matches played with the City of Cranbourne and elsewhere, subject to the authority in every case where such exists of the Associate;
- (g) to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects aforesaid or any of them.
- (h) to provide such trophies, awards and other forms of

encouragement and recognition as the Committee may determine as necessary from time to time.

4. TEAM MANAGEMENT

- (a) The Committee may have the power to appoint a panel of coaches of which there shall be a minimum number of 3.
- (b) Upon consultation between all coaches, the Panel Coaches will select all club teams.
- (c) Prior to the commencement of the new season the club teams selected by the Panel Coaches will be selected according to age and ability.

5. MEMBERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

- (a) The register of members of the Club shall consist of
 - (i) President;
 - (ii) Vice President;
 - (iii) Secretary
 - (iv) Treasurer
 - (v) 5 Committee members
- (b) Membership shall be open to all persons subscribing to the objects of the Club and paying the prescribed subscription. No restrictions shall be imposed on any person by virtue of religious or political beliefs, sex, race or age, but the Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person without assigning any reason therefore.
- (c) Each member must be a financial member of the Victorian Netball Association to be entitled to any financial assistance for all injuries.
- (d) At any Annual General Meeting of the Club, a Life Member or Members on the nomination of the Committee, be elected, such election to be on account of some special

service or services rendered to the Club. A Life Member shall be entitled to attend and vote at all general meetings of the Club and shall have other such privileges as may be decided upon from time to time by the Committee.

- (e) At the Annual General Meeting of the Club a committee comprising the following shall be elected: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and at least five (5) Committee members.
- (f) The Committee shall hold office until the end of the Annual General Meeting to that at which it was elected. Each member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
- (g) The position of any Committee member absent for three consecutive meetings without leave of absence shall automatically become vacant. Acceptance of an apology shall be deemed grant of such leave.
- (h) The Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies.
- (i) The Committee shall be responsible to the Club.
- (j) The Committee may appoint sub-committees consisting of at least one Committee member.

6. MEETINGS

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the last Sunday in August each year. At least fourteen (14) days notice of each meeting shall be given to each member via a newsletter, but accidental omission to give notice shall not invalidate the meeting.
- (b) The notice must state the time, date and place of the meeting;

- (c) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
- (i) to receive the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts;
 - (ii) to elect a Committee for the ensuing year;
 - (iii) to consider motions of which due notice has been given or which any member, with the permission of the meeting, may introduce;
 - (iv) to dispose of any other matter which may be, consistent with the constitution, introduced at such a meeting.
- (d) At the Annual General Meeting the President, if present, shall chair the meeting. If the President is absent at the time the meeting is due to start, the members shall elect a person to chair the meeting from those members present.
- (e) Nominations for office-bearers may be made at the Annual General Meeting.

Any elections required shall be by secret ballot. Any question in voting shall be resolved in favour of the retiring candidate (if any) or otherwise by lot. In the event of a ballot, scrutineers shall be elected by the members present, the voting papers shall be destroyed after the results of the ballot have been announced.

- (f) Each member personally present at any meeting shall have one vote and, in the event of a equality of voting on any matter, the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a second or casting vote, as well as the first or deliberative vote. All voting may be by show of hands but if any member present should require the voting to be by way of ballot, thereupon such vote shall be taken by ballot, in the ordinary way.

- (g) The quorum for Committee meetings shall be one half of the Committee and for General Meetings the quorum shall be one sixth of the financial members of the Club.
- (h) The business of the Committee at General Meetings shall be:
 - (i) to call for apologies;
 - (ii) read the Minutes and Secretary's report;
 - (iii) read the Treasurer's report
 - (iv) attend to all correspondence inward and outward;
 - (v) attend to all general business
- (i) A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time, and shall be called upon receipt by the Secretary of a requisition stating therein the object of such a meeting and signed on behalf of not less than one sixth of the financial Club members. Such meetings shall be called within fourteen days of receipt of such requisition and not less than seven days notice shall be sent to all Club members.
- (j) General Meetings shall not be in camera.
- (k) All Special General and Committee meetings are open to all financial members and all issues to be dealt with at the meeting are to be provided in writing.
- (l) General Meetings are to be held once per month and are to be advertised in the Newsletter 14 days prior to any meeting. The Newsletter will also advise of all motions made during the Committee Meeting.

7. Subscriptions

- (a) The funds of the Club shall be derived from:
 - (i) membership fees;
 - (ii) Court fees;
 - (iii) donations.

- (b) The subscriptions shall be set by the Committee as soon as possible after the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Subscriptions shall be due on the date set by the Committee provided that the aforesaid date is advertised to all members.
- (d) Differential subscriptions may be levied at the discretion of the Committee.
- (e) A member shall not be deemed to be unfinancial until the set subscription is 30 days in arrears.
- (f) All funds of the Club are to be held in a Bank account in the name of Goldeagles Netball Club.
- (g) The signatories of such Bank account shall consist of at least 3 Committee members.
- (h) All cheques are to be co-signed by 2 Committee members.

8. Finance

- (a) True accounts shall be kept of all monies received and expended by the Club. At least once a year, the accounts of the Club shall be examined by an Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet prepared and the correctness of the accounts and balance sheets ascertained by one auditor.
- (b) The financial year of the Club shall end on the thirtieth day of July (30 July) each year, and the accounts shall be audited and certified by the Club's auditor(s) and shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Committee shall be empowered to invest the funds and property of the Club upon such securities as the Committee shall from time to time think fit.

9. Dissolution

(a) The Club shall be dissolved if:

(i) a resolution of this effect by a General Meeting, 21 days of notice of the proposed resolution having been given.

(ii) financial membership drops to six or less members.

(b) If upon the dissolution of the Club there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property or funds whatsoever, the same shall not be distributed or paid amongst the members of the Club but shall be transferred or given to some other Club or institution having objects similar to those of the Club, to be determined by members of the Club at or before the time of dissolution, and in default thereof as may be directed upon application to the Supreme Court of Australia in that behalf.

10. Amendments

(a) The constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority at a General Meeting provided seven days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members.

(b) Any alteration to the Statement of Purposes of the Club shall be made in the same manner as any amendment to the Constitution.

11. Interpretation

(a) Any doubt arising as to the application or meaning of any clause shall be decided by the Committee whose decision will remain until altered by a vote of a General Meeting, whose decision shall then be final and conclusive.

- (b) If any case occurs which, in the opinion of the Committee, is not provided for in this constitution, it shall be determined by the Committee in such manner as deemed expedient.

12. Suspension and Expulsion

Any member may be expelled or suspended from membership at the discretion of the Committee, provided that such a member shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting. Voting on this issue shall be by secret ballot both in the Committee and in the General Meeting.

13. Copies of Constitution

The Secretary shall supply a copy of this constitution, without charge, upon reasonable request, to any new member or existing member.

14. Custody and Use of Common Seal

The Club shall have a Common Seal, which shall consist of the words "Goldeagles Netball Club Incorporated". The seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary and shall only be affixed by the Secretary to documents at a meeting of the Committee and in pursuance of a resolution of the Committee; the affixing of the same shall be attested by at least two members of the Committee.

15. Custody of Books and Documentation.

- (a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the custody of all accounting slips, pay-in slips, accounting books, cheques books, cheque butts, bank statements, receipts and the like documentation of the Club.

- (b) The Secretary shall be responsible for custody of all Minutes, copies of Constitution, correspondence received and sent, and the like documentation of the Club.

16. Inspection

The books, documentation, Constitution, Minutes, Statements of Account and any other documentation may be inspected by any member at the next General Meeting upon 14 days notice in writing prior to the next General Meeting.

17. Registered Office

The registered office of the Club shall be in Cranbourne, or any such other place as the Committee shall from time to time appoint.