

**ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1985 (SA)  
CONSTITUTION**

of

**Athletic Association of South Australia**

**1. NAME OF ASSOCIATION**

The name of the Association is Athletic Association of South Australia Incorporated ("**Association**").

**2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

**2.1 Definitions**

In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

**"AA"** means Athletics Australia.

**"Act"** means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA)*.

**"Association"** means Athletic Association of South Australia

**"Board"** means the body consisting of the Directors.

**"Club"** means a club which is involved in any aspect of athletics, and is a member of the Association.

**"Competing Club"** means a club which is permitted by the rules of the Association to enter individuals who are registered with the Association or teams of such members in any competition held by the Association.

**"Delegate"** means the person(s) appointed from time to time to act for and on behalf of a Club and to represent the Club at General Meetings.

**"Constitution"** means this Constitution of the Association.

**"Director"** means a member of the Board and includes any person acting in that capacity from time to time appointed in accordance with this Constitution but does not include the Executive Director.

**"Chief Executive Officer"** means the Chief Executive Officer of the Association for the time being appointed under this Constitution. Where the Association does not have a Chief Executive Officer, a Director will assume the role and functions of Association Secretary and Public Officer under this constitution in a temporary capacity until such time as a Chief Executive Officer is appointed.

**"Financial year"** means the year ending on the next 30 June and thereafter a period of 12 months commencing on 1 July and ending on 30 June each year.

**"General Meeting"** means the annual or any special general meeting of the Association.

**"IAAF"** means International Association of Athletics Federations.

**"Intellectual Property"** means all rights subsisting in copyright, business names, names, trade marks (or signs), logos, designs, equipment including computer software, images (including photographs, videos or films) or service marks relating to the Association or any activity of or conducted, promoted or administered by the Association in South Australia.

**“Life Member”** means an individual appointed as a Life Member of the Association under clause 5.2.

**“Member”** means a member for the time being of the Association under clause 5.

**“Objects”** means the objects of the Association in clause 3.

**“President”** means chairman of directors;

**“Registered Recreational Runner”** means a person who participates in an event or activity conducted, endorsed or sanctioned as a Running Australia project in a given year and is admitted as a registered Recreational Runner of The Association,

**“Running Australia Project”** means any activity or event conducted, endorsed or sanctioned as such by Athletics Australia from time to time, where the event is conducted in South Australia or the person participating in the activity resides in South Australia.

**“Regulations”** means any Regulations made by the Board under clause 37.

**“Special Resolution”** means a special resolution defined in the Act.

## **2.2 Interpretation**

In this Constitution:

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty;
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a power, authority or duty, a reference to the exercise of the power or authority of the performance of the duty;
- (c) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (d) words importing any gender include the other genders;
- (e) references to persons include corporations and bodies politic;
- (f) references to a person include the legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of that person;
- (g) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other statutory instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them (whether of the same or any legislative authority having jurisdiction); and
- (h) a reference to "writing" shall unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, including messages sent by electronic mail.

## **2.3 Severance**

If any provision of this Constitution or any phrase contained in it is invalid or unenforceable, the phrase or provision is to be read down if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable, and otherwise shall be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability, without affecting the remaining provisions of this Constitution.

## **2.4 The Act**

Except where the contrary intention appears, in this Constitution, an expression that deals with a matter under the Act has the same meaning as that provision of the Act. Model rules under the Act are expressly displaced by this Constitution.

## **3. OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Association is established solely for the Objects. The Objects of the Association are to:

- (a) participate as a member of AA so Athletics can be conducted, encouraged, promoted, advanced and administered in South Australia;
- (b) conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer Athletics throughout South Australia;
- (c) ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Association, AA, the Members and Athletics, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and Athletics;
- (d) at all times promote mutual trust and confidence between the Association, AA and the Members in pursuit of these Objects;
- (e) at all times act on behalf of, and in the interest of, the Members and Athletics in South Australia;
- (f) promote the economic and community service success, strength and stability of the Association, the Members and Athletics in South Australia;
- (g) affiliate and otherwise liaise with AA and adopt its rule and policy framework to further these Objects and Athletics;
- (h) use and protect the Intellectual Property;
- (i) apply the property and capacity of the Association towards the fulfilment and achievement of these Objects;
- (j) strive for Government, commercial and public recognition of the Association as the controlling body for Athletics in South Australia;
- (k) abide by, promulgate, enforce and secure uniformity in the application of, the rules of Athletics as may be determined from time to time by AA or IAAF and as may be necessary for the management and control of Athletics and related activities in South Australia;
- (l) advance the operations and activities of the Association throughout South Australia;
- (m) further develop Athletics into an organised institution and with these Objects in view, to foster, regulate, organise and manage examinations, competitions, displays and other activities and to issue badges, medallions and certificates and award trophies to successful Members;
- (n) review and/or determine any matters relating to Athletics which may arise, or be referred to it, by any Member;
- (o) recognise any penalty imposed by any Member;
- (p) act as arbiter (as required) on all matters pertaining to the conduct of Athletics in South Australia, including disciplinary matters;

- (q) pursue such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities as are appropriate to further the interests of Athletics in South Australia;
- (r) adopt and implement such policies as may be developed by AA, including (as relevant and applicable) member protection, anti-doping , health and safety, junior sport, infectious diseases and such other matters as may arise as issues to be addressed in Athletics;
- (s) represent the interests of its Members and of Athletics generally in any appropriate forum in South Australia;
- (t) have regard to the public interest in its operations;
- (u) do all that is reasonably necessary to enable these Objects to be achieved and enable Members to receive the benefits which these Objects are intended to achieve;
- (v) promote the health and safety of Members and all other participants in Athletics in South Australia;
- (w) seek and obtain improved facilities for the enjoyment of Athletics in South Australia; and
- (x) undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these Objects.

#### **4. POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Solely for furthering the Objects, the Association has, in addition to the rights, powers and privileges conferred on it under section 25 of the Act, the legal capacity and powers of a company as set out under section 124 of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

#### **5. MEMBERS**

##### **5.1 Categories of Members**

The Members of the Association shall consist of:

- (a) Clubs, which subject to this Constitution, shall be represented by a Delegate or Delegates, and who shall have the right to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present, debate and vote on behalf of the Club at General Meetings;
- (b) Life Members and Directors, who subject to this Constitution, shall have the right to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present and to debate at General Meetings, but shall have no voting rights;
- (c) such new or other categories of Members as may be established by the Board. Any new category of Member established by the Board can not be granted voting rights without the approval of the Association in General Meeting.

##### **5.2 Life Members**

- (a) The Board may recommend to the Annual General Meeting that any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to the Association or Athletics, where such service is deemed to have assisted the advancement of Athletics in South Australia, be appointed as a Life Member. Upon adoption of this constitution Merit Award holders will be recognised as Life Members.

- (b) A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer life membership [subject to clause 5.2(c)] on the recommendation of the Board must be a Special Resolution.
- (c) A person must accept or reject the Association's resolution to confer life membership in writing. Upon written acceptance, the person's details shall be entered upon the Register, and from the time of entry on the Register the person shall be a Life Member.

## **6. AFFILIATION**

### **6.1 Clubs**

- (a) To be, or remain, eligible for membership, a Club must be incorporated or in the process of incorporation. This process must be complete within one year of applying for membership under this Constitution.
- (b) For such time as the Club is not incorporated, the secretary of any such unincorporated Club shall be deemed to be the Member (on behalf of the unincorporated entity), and shall be entitled to exercise the same voting and other rights and have the same obligations and shall follow such procedures on behalf of the unincorporated Club as incorporated Members, to the extent that this is possible.
- (c) Any dispute or uncertainty as to the application of this Constitution to an unincorporated Club shall be resolved by the Board in its sole discretion.
- (d) Failure to incorporate within the period stated in clause 6.1(a) shall result in the expulsion of the secretary (acting on behalf of the unincorporated entity) from membership. The expelled unincorporated entity shall not be entitled to re-apply for membership until it becomes incorporated.

### **6.2 Application for Affiliation**

An application for affiliation must be:

- (a) in writing on the form prescribed from time to time by the Board (if any), from the applicant or its nominated representative and lodged with the Association;
- (b) accompanied by a copy of the applicant's constitution (which must be acceptable to the Association and must substantially conform to this Constitution) and the applicant's register of members; and
- (c) accompanied by the appropriate fee (if any).

### **6.3 Discretion to Accept or Reject Application**

- (a) The Association may accept or reject an application whether the applicant has complied with the requirements in clauses 6.1 and 6.2 or not. The Association shall not be required or compelled to provide any reason for such acceptance or rejection.
- (b) Where the Association accepts an application, the applicant shall, become a Member. Membership shall be deemed to commence upon acceptance of the application by the Association. The Chief Executive Officer shall amend the Register accordingly as soon as practicable.
- (c) Where the Association rejects an application the Association shall refund any fees forwarded with the application and the application shall be deemed rejected by the Association.

#### **6.4 Re-Affiliation**

- (a) Clubs must re-affiliate annually with the Association in accordance with the procedures set down by the Association in Regulations from time to time.
- (b) Upon re-affiliation a Club must lodge with the Association an updated copy of its constitution (including all amendments) and must provide details of any change in its Delegate and any other information reasonably required by the Association. Each Club must ensure that its constitution is amended to conform to any amendments made to this Constitution and/or to the AA constitution.

#### **6.5 Deemed Membership**

- (a) All members which or who are, prior to the approval of this Constitution under the Act, members of the Association, shall be deemed Members from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act.
- (b) Clubs shall provide the Association with such details as are reasonably required by the Association under this Constitution within one (1) month of the approval of this Constitution under the Act.

### **7. REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

#### **7.1 Association to keep register**

The Association shall keep and maintain a register in which shall be entered (as a minimum):

- (a) the full name, address, category of membership and date of entry to membership of each member of each Club; and
- (b) the full name, address and date of entry to membership of each Director and Life Member; and
- (c) where applicable, the date of termination of membership of any Club.

Clubs, Directors and Life Members shall provide notice of any change and required details to the Association within one month of such change.

#### **7.2 Inspection of register**

Having regard to the Act, confidentiality considerations and privacy laws, an extract of the register, excluding the address or other direct contact details of any Life Member or Director, shall be available for inspection (but not copying) by Members, upon reasonable request.

#### **7.3 Use of register**

Subject to the Act, confidentiality considerations and privacy laws, the register may be used to further the Objects, in such manner as the Board considers appropriate.

### **8. EFFECT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) this Constitution constitutes a contract between each of them and the Association and that they are bound by this Constitution and the Regulations and the AA constitution and regulations;
- (b) they shall comply with and observe this Constitution and the Regulations and any determination, resolution or policy which may be made or passed by the Board or other entity with delegated authority;

- (c) by submitting to this Constitution and Regulations they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Association and AA;
- (d) the Constitution and Regulations are necessary and reasonable for promoting the Objects and particularly the advancement and protection of Athletics in South Australia; and
- (e) they are entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges and services of Association membership.

## **9. DISCONTINUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **9.1 Notice of Resignation**

- (a) A Member having paid all arrears of fees payable to the Association may resign or withdraw from membership of the Association by giving one months notice in writing to the Association of such resignation or withdrawal.
- (b) A Club may not resign, disaffiliate or otherwise seek to withdraw from the Association without approval by Special Resolution of the Club. A copy of the relevant minutes of the Club meeting showing that the Special Resolution has been passed by the Club must be provided to the Association.
- (c) If a Club ceases to be a Member under this Constitution, the Association membership of all individuals affiliated or registered with or through the Club shall not automatically cease at that time, but shall be dealt with in accordance with the Regulations.
- (d) Upon the Association receiving notice of resignation of membership given under clauses 9.1(a) and (b), an entry in the register shall be made recording the date on which the Member who or which gave notice ceased to be a Member.

### **9.2 Discontinuance for breach**

- (a) Membership of the Association may be discontinued by the Board upon breach of any clause of this Constitution or the Regulations, including but not limited to the failure to pay any monies owed to the Association, failure to comply with the Regulations or any resolutions or determinations made or passed by the Board or any duly authorised committee.
- (b) Membership shall not be discontinued by the Board under clause 9.2(a) without the Board first giving the accused Member the opportunity to explain the breach and/or remedy the breach.
- (c) Where a Member fails, in the Board's view to adequately explain the breach, that Member's membership shall be discontinued under clause 9.2(a) by the Association giving written notice of the discontinuance to the Member. The register shall be amended to reflect any discontinuance of membership under this clause 9.3 as soon as practicable.

### **9.3 Discontinuance for failure to re-affiliate**

Membership of the Association may be discontinued by the Board if a Club has not re-affiliated with the Association within one month of re-affiliation falling due. The register shall be amended to reflect any discontinuance of membership under this clause 9.3 as soon as practicable.

### **9.4 Member to Re-Apply**

A Member whose membership has been discontinued under clauses 9.2 or 9.3:

- (a) must seek renewal or re-apply for membership in accordance with this Constitution; and
- (b) may be re-admitted at the discretion of the Board.

#### **9.5 Forfeiture of Rights**

A Member who or which ceases to be a Member, for whatever reason, shall forfeit all rights in and claims upon the Association and its property and shall not use any property of the Association including Intellectual Property. Any Association documents, records or other property in the possession, custody or control of that Member shall be returned to the Association immediately. Where a Club ceases to be a Member it shall also forfeit all representation rights on the Board and at General Meetings.

#### **9.6 Delegate Position Lapses**

The position of Delegate shall lapse immediately on cessation of membership of a Club.

#### **9.7 Membership may be Reinstated**

Membership which has been discontinued under this clause 9 may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board, with such conditions as it deems appropriate.

#### **9.8 Refund of Membership Fees**

Membership fees or subscriptions paid by the discontinued Member may be refunded on a pro-rata basis to the Member upon discontinuance.

### **10. DISCIPLINE**

- (a) Where the Board is advised or considers that a Member has allegedly:
  - (i) breached, failed, refused or neglected to comply with a provision of this Constitution, the Regulations, the AA constitution or regulations or any resolution or determination of the Board or any duly authorised committee; or
  - (ii) acted in a manner unbecoming of a Member, or prejudicial to the purposes and interests of the Association, AA and/or Athletics or
  - (iii) brought the Association, AA any other Member or Athletics into disrepute;the Board may commence or cause to be commenced, disciplinary proceedings against that Member, and that Member, will be subject to, and submits unreservedly to the jurisdiction, procedures, penalties and the appeal mechanisms of the Association set out in the Regulations.
- (b) The Board may appoint a Judiciary Committee to deal with any disciplinary matter referred to it. Such a Judiciary Committee shall operate in accordance with the procedures expressed in the Regulations but subject always to the Act.

### **11. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES**

The annual membership subscription (if any) and any fees or other levies payable by Members to the Association, the time for and manner of payment, shall be as determined by the Board.



## **12. EXISTING DIRECTORS**

- (a) The members of the Board of the Association in office immediately prior to approval of this Constitution under the Act shall continue in those positions until the next Annual General Meeting following such adoption of this Constitution. After this General Meeting the positions of Directors shall be filled, vacated and otherwise dealt with in accordance with this Constitution.
- (b) The person known and appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer immediately prior to approval of this Constitution under the Act shall continue in that position following such approval, subject to any contractual arrangements.

## **13. POWERS OF THE BOARD**

Subject to the Act and this Constitution, the business of the Association shall be managed, and the powers of the Association shall be exercised, by the Board. In particular, the Board as the governing body for Athletics in South Australia shall be responsible for acting on State and local issues in accordance with the Objects and shall operate for the benefit of the Members and the community throughout South Australia and shall govern Athletics in South Australia in accordance with this Constitution and in particular the Objects.

## **14. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD**

### **14.1 Composition of the Board**

- (a) The Board shall comprise:
- (b) Six (6) elected Directors;  
  
who must all be registered with the Association and who shall be elected under clause 14.2;  
and
- (c) up to two (2) appointed Directors;
- (d) who need not be registered with the Association and who may be appointed by the Directors elected under clause 15.

A Director can not be a Delegate.

### **14.2 Election and Appointment of Directors**

- (a) The elected Directors shall be elected under clause 15.
- (b) The appointed Directors may be appointed under clause 16.

### **14.3 Portfolios**

The Board may allocate portfolios to Directors.

## **15. ELECTED DIRECTORS**

### **15.1 Nominations**

- (c) Nominations for elected Director positions shall be called for forty-eight (48) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. When calling for nominations details of the necessary qualifications and job descriptions for the positions shall also be provided. Qualifications and job descriptions shall be as determined by the Board from time to time.
- (d) Nominees for elected Director positions must declare any position they hold in a Club including as an officer (howsoever described including as a Delegate) or as a full time employee.

### **15.2 Form of Nomination**

Nominations must be:

- (a) in writing;
- (b) on the prescribed form (if any) provided for that purpose;
- (c) signed by an authorised representative from two (2) Clubs;
- (d) certified by the nominee (who must be registered with the Association) expressing his willingness to accept the position for which she is nominated; and
- (e) delivered to the Association not less than thirty-five (35) days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.

### **15.3 Elections**

- (a) If the number of nominations received for the Board is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled or if there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Board, then those nominated shall be declared elected only if approved by the majority of Members entitled to vote.
- (b) If there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Board, or if a person is not approved by the majority of Members under clause 15.3(a), the positions will be deemed casual vacancies under clause 17.1.
- (c) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, voting papers shall be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order, for each vacancy on the Board.
- (d) Voting shall be conducted in such manner and by such method as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

### **15.4 Term of Appointment for Elected Directors**

- (a) Directors elected under this clause 15 shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Subject to provisions in this Constitution relating to earlier retirement or removal of Directors, elected Directors shall remain in office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which the election occurred until the conclusion of the second Annual General Meeting following.
- (b) Three (3) elected Directors shall retire in each odd year and Three (3) elected Directors shall retire in each even year until, after two (2) years the six (6) original elected Directors have retired after which those elected Directors (or their replacements) who first retired, shall retire and so on.

- (c) The sequence of retirements under clause 15.4(b) to ensure rotational terms shall be determined by the Board. If the Board can not agree it will be determined by lot.
- (d) No person who has served as an elected Director for a period of four (4) consecutive full terms is eligible for election as an elected Director until the next Annual General Meeting following the date of conclusion of their last term as an elected Director.

## **16. APPOINTED DIRECTORS**

### **16.1 Appointment of Directors**

The elected Directors may appoint up to Two (2) appointed Directors.

### **16.2 Qualifications for appointed Directors**

The appointed Directors may have specific skills in commerce, finance, marketing, law or business generally or such other skills which complement the Board composition. They do not need to be registered with the Association but must be natural persons. Appointed Directors can not also be a Delegate.

### **16.3 Term of Appointment**

- (a) Appointed Directors may be appointed by the elected Directors under this Constitution for a term of two (2) years, which shall commence from the first Board meeting after the Annual General Meeting until after the conclusion of the second Annual General Meeting following.
- (b) Appointed Directors may be appointed to ensure rotational terms that coincide with the elected Directors' rotational terms.
- (c) Any adjustment to the term of appointed Directors appointed under this Constitution necessary to ensure rotational terms under this Constitution, shall be determined by the Board.
- (d) An appointed Director whose term of office ends is eligible for re-appointment but shall not be eligible for re-appointment more than twice.

## **17. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD**

### **17.1 Casual Vacancies**

Any casual vacancy occurring in the position of Director may be filled by the remaining Directors from among appropriately qualified persons. Any casual vacancy may only be filled for the remainder of the Director's term under this Constitution.

### **17.2 Grounds for Termination of Director**

In addition to the circumstances in which the office of a Director becomes vacant by virtue of the Act, the office of a Director becomes vacant if the Director:

- (a) dies;
- (b) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with her creditors generally;
- (c) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in anyway under the law relating to mental health;
- (d) resigns her office in writing to the Association;

- (e) is absent without the consent of the Board from meetings of the Board held during a period of six (6) months;
- (f) holds any office of employment with the Association;
- (g) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Association and fails to declare the nature of her interest;
- (h) in the opinion of the Board (but subject always to this Constitution):
  - (i) has acted in a manner unbecoming or prejudicial to the Objects and interests of the Association; or
  - (i) has brought the Association into disrepute;
- (i) is removed by Special Resolution; or
- (j) would otherwise be prohibited from being a director of a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

### **17.3 Board May Act**

In the event of a casual vacancy or vacancies in the office of a Director or Directors, the remaining Directors may act but, if the number of remaining Directors is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board, they may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Director to a number sufficient to constitute such a quorum.

## **18. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

### **18.1 Board to Meet**

The Board shall meet as often as is deemed necessary in every calendar year for the dispatch of business (and shall be at least as often as is required under the Act) and subject to this Constitution may adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. A Director may at any time convene a meeting of the Board within a reasonable time.

### **18.2 Decisions of Board**

Subject to this Constitution, questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes and a determination of a majority of Directors shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Board. All Directors shall have one (1) vote on any question. Where voting is equal, the chairperson may exercise a casting vote. If the chairperson does not exercise a casting vote, the motion will be lost.

### **18.3 Resolutions not in Meeting**

- (a) A resolution in writing, signed or assented to by email, facsimile or other form of visible or other electronic communication by all the Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of Directors duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one (1) or more of the Directors.
- (b) Without limiting the power of the Board to regulate its meetings as it thinks fit, a meeting of the Board may be held where one (1) or more of the Directors is not physically present at the meeting, provided that:
  - (i) all persons participating in the meeting are able to communicate with each other effectively simultaneously and instantaneously whether by means of telephone or other form of communication;

- (ii) notice of the meeting is given to all the Directors entitled to notice in accordance with the usual procedures agreed upon or laid down from time to time by the Board or this Constitution and such notice specifies that Directors are not required to be present in person;
- (iii) if a failure in communications prevents clause 18.3(b)(i) from being satisfied by that number of Directors which constitutes a quorum, and none of such Directors are present at the place where the meeting is deemed by virtue of the further provisions of this Rule to be held then the meeting shall be suspended until clause 18.3(b)(i) is satisfied again. If such condition is not satisfied within fifteen (15) minutes from the interruption the meeting shall be deemed to have terminated or adjourned; and
- (iv) any meeting held where one (1) or more of the Directors is not physically present shall be deemed to be held at the place specified in the notice of meeting provided a Director is there present and if no Director is there present the meeting shall be deemed to be held at the place where the chairperson of the meeting is located.

#### **18.4 Quorum**

At meetings of the Board the number of Directors whose presence is required to constitute a quorum is Four (4) or if the Board includes two Board Appointed Directors, a quorum shall constitute Five (5).

#### **18.5 Notice of Board Meetings**

Unless all Directors agree to hold a meeting at shorter notice (which agreement shall be sufficiently evidenced by their apology or presence) not less than fourteen (14) days written notice of the meeting of the Board shall be given to each Director. The agenda shall be forwarded to each Director not less than four (4) days prior to such meeting.

#### **18.6 Chairperson**

The Board shall appoint a chairperson from amongst its number. The chairperson shall be the nominal head of the Association and will act as chair of any Board meeting or General Meeting at which he is present. If the chairperson is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside at a board meeting, the remaining Directors shall appoint another Director to preside as chair for that meeting only.

#### **18.7 Directors' Interests**

A Director is disqualified by holding any place of profit or position of employment in the Association or in any company or incorporated association in which the Association is a shareholder or otherwise interested or from contracting with the Association either as vendor, purchaser or otherwise except with express resolution of approval of the Board. Any such contract or any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Association in which any Director is in any way interested will be void unless approved by the Board.

#### **18.8 Conflict of Interest**

A Director shall declare his interest in any:

- (a) contractual matter;
- (b) selection matter;
- (c) disciplinary matter; or
- (d) financial matter;

in which a conflict of interest arises or may arise, and shall, unless otherwise determined by the Board, absent himself from discussions of such matter and shall not be entitled to vote in respect of such matter. If the Director votes the vote shall not be counted. In the event of any uncertainty as to whether it is necessary for a Director to absent himself from discussions and refrain from voting, the issue should be immediately determined by vote of the Board, or if this is not possible, the matter shall be adjourned or deferred.

#### **18.9 Disclosure of Interests**

- (a) The nature of the interest of such Director must be declared by the Director at the meeting of the Board at which the relevant matter is first taken into consideration if the interest then exists or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after the acquisition of the interest. If a Director becomes interested in a matter after it is made or entered into the declaration of the interest must be made at the first meeting of the Board held after the Director becomes so interested.
- (b) All disclosed interests must also be disclosed to each Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Act.

#### **18.10 General Disclosure**

A general notice that a Director is a member of any specified firm or company and is to be regarded as interested in all transactions with that firm or company is sufficient declaration under clause 18.9 as regards such Director and the said transactions. After such general notice it is not necessary for such Director to give a special notice relating to any particular transaction with that firm or company.

#### **18.11 Recording Disclosures**

Any declaration made, any disclosure or any general notice given by a Director in accordance with clauses 18.8, 18.9 and/or 18.10 must be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

### **19. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### **19.1 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer**

A Chief Executive Officer may be appointed by the Board for such term and on such conditions as the Board thinks fit.

#### **19.2 Chief Executive Officer to act as Secretary and Public Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer shall act as and carry out the duties of Secretary and Public Officer of the Association and shall administer and manage the Association in accordance with the Act and this Constitution.

#### **19.3 Specific Duties**

The Chief Executive Officer shall:

- (a) as far as practicable attend all Board meetings and all General Meetings;
- (b) prepare the agenda for all Board and General Meetings;
- (c) record and prepare minutes of the proceedings of all Board meetings and General meetings, and shall use his best endeavours to distribute those minutes promptly from the date of the meeting; and
- (d) regularly report on the activities of, and issues relating to, the Association.

#### **19.4 Board Power to Manage**

Subject to the Act, this Constitution, the Regulations and any policy directive of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer has power to perform all such things as appear necessary or desirable for the proper management and administration of the Association. No resolution passed by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Chief Executive Officer or the Board which would have been valid if that resolution had not been passed.

#### **19.5 Chief Executive Officer may employ**

The Chief Executive Officer may in consultation with the Board, as appropriate, employ such personnel as are deemed necessary or appropriate from time to time and such appointments shall be for such period and on such conditions as the Chief Executive Officer determines.

#### **19.6 Former Chief Executive Officer**

A former Chief Executive Officer of the Association is not eligible to be a Director of the Association until after the expiration of three (3) years from the date on which they ceased to be Chief Executive Officer of the Association.

### **20. DELEGATIONS**

#### **20.1 Board may Delegate Functions**

The Board may by instrument in writing create or establish or appoint special committees, individual officers and consultants to carry out such duties and functions, and with such powers, as the Board determines from time to time. In exercising its power under this clause the Board must take into account broad stakeholder involvement.

#### **20.2 Delegation by Instrument**

The Board may in the establishing instrument delegate such functions as are specified in the instrument, other than:

- (a) this power of delegation; and
- (b) a function imposed on the Board or the Chief Executive Officer by the Act or any other law, or this Constitution or by resolution of the Association in General Meeting.

#### **20.3 Delegated Function Exercised in Accordance With Terms**

A function, the exercise of which has been delegated under this clause, may whilst the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

#### **20.4 Procedure of Delegated Entity**

The procedures for any entity exercising delegated power shall, subject to this Constitution and with any necessary or incidental amendment, be the same as that applicable to meetings of the Board under clause 18 above. The entity exercising delegated powers shall make decisions in accordance with the Objects, and shall promptly provide the Board with details of all material decisions and shall provide any other reports, minutes and information as the Board may require from time to time.

#### **20.5 Delegation may be Conditional**

A delegation under this clause may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function or at the time or circumstances as may be specified in the delegation.

## **20.6 Revocation of Delegation**

The Board may by instrument in writing, at any time revoke wholly or in part any delegation made under this clause, and may amend or repeal any decision made by such body or person under this clause.

## **21. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- (a) An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in accordance with the Act and this Constitution and on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Board.
- (b) All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting shall be Special General Meetings and shall be held in accordance with this Constitution.

## **22. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **22.1 Special General Meetings May be Held**

The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Association and, where, but for this clause more than fifteen (15) months would elapse between Annual General Meetings, shall convene a Special General Meeting before the expiration of that period.

### **22.2 Requisition of Special General Meetings**

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer shall on the requisition in writing of not less than twenty percent (20%) of voting Members convene a Special General Meeting.
- (b) The requisition for a Special General Meeting shall state the object(s) of the meeting, shall be signed by the Members making the requisition and be sent to the Association and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the Members making the requisitions.
- (c) If the Chief Executive Officer does not cause a Special General Meeting to be held within one (1) month after the date on which the requisition is sent to the Association, the Members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than three (3) months after that date.
- (d) A Special General Meeting convened by Members under this Constitution shall be convened in the same manner, or as nearly as possible as that, in which meetings are convened by the Board.

## **23. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

- (a) Notice of every General Meeting shall be given to every Member and Life Member or other Member entitled to receive notice at the address appearing in the Register kept by the Association. The auditor, Chief Executive Officer and Directors shall also be entitled to notice of every General Meeting, which shall be sent to their last notified address. No other person shall be entitled as of right to receive notices of General Meetings.
- (b) A notice of a General Meeting shall specify the place and day and hour of meeting and shall state the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (c) At least twenty-one (21) days' notice of a General Meeting shall be given to those Members entitled to receive notice, together with:
  - (i) the agenda for the meeting;



- (ii) any notice of motion received from Members entitled to vote; and
  - (iii) forms of authority in blank for proxy votes.
- (d) Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in the manner authorised in clause 41.

## **24. BUSINESS**

- (a) The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting includes the consideration of accounts and the reports of the Board and auditors, the election of Directors under this Constitution and the appointment of the auditors.
- (b) All business that is transacted at a General Meeting and all business that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting, with the exception of those matters set down in clause 24(a) shall be special business.
- (c) No business other than that stated on the notice for a General Meeting shall be transacted at that meeting.

## **25. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Members entitled to vote may submit notices of motion for inclusion as special business at a General Meeting. All notices of motion must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer not less than thirty-five (35) days (excluding receiving date and meeting date) prior to the General Meeting.

## **26. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **26.1 Quorum**

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum for General Meetings shall be sixty percent (60%) of Delegates of Competing Clubs.

### **26.2 Chairperson to preside**

The chairperson of the Board shall, subject to this Constitution, preside as chair at every General Meeting except:

- (a) in relation to any election for which the chairperson is a nominee; or
- (b) where a conflict of interest exists.

If the chairperson is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside the Delegates present shall appoint another Director to preside as chairperson for that meeting only.

### **26.3 Adjournment of Meeting**

- (a) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present the meeting shall be adjourned until the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the chairperson may determine and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting will lapse.
- (b) The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

- (c) When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting.
- (d) Except as provided in clause 26.3(c) it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.

#### **26.4 Voting Procedure**

At any meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by:

- (a) the chairperson; or
- (b) a simple majority of Delegates on behalf of their Members.

#### **26.5 Recording of Determinations**

Unless a poll is demanded under clause 26.4, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

#### **26.6 Where Poll Demanded**

If a poll is duly demanded under clause 26.4 it shall be taken in such manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairperson directs and the result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

### **27. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

#### **27.1 Members Entitled to Vote**

- (a) Each Competing Club shall be entitled to two (2) votes at General Meetings which, subject to this clause shall be exercised by the Club's Delegates.
- (b) Each other Club shall be entitled to One (1) vote at General Meetings which, subject to this clause shall be exercised by the Club's Delegate.
- (c) No other Member shall be entitled to vote but shall subject to this Constitution have, and be entitled to exercise, those rights set out in clause 5.1. The Directors and Executive Director shall have no right to vote at General Meetings.

#### **27.2 Chairperson May Exercise Casting Vote**

Where voting at General Meetings is equal the chairperson may exercise a casting vote. If the chairperson does not exercise a casting vote the motion will be lost.

### **28. PROXY VOTING**

- (a) Proxy voting shall be permitted at all General Meetings provided a proxy form in the form approved by the Board from time to time, has been duly completed and executed and is lodged with the Chief Executive Officer at or before the commencement of the meeting. Proxies shall only be exercised by Members entitled to vote. No Member entitled to vote shall exercise more than one (1) proxy vote at any one (1) time.
- (b) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll. A Delegate shall be entitled to instruct his proxy to vote in

favour of or against any proposed resolutions. Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may exercise the proxy vote as he thinks fit.

## **29. STRATEGIC FORUM OF ASSOCIATION**

### **29.1 Strategic Forums**

The Association shall hold a strategic forum at least once per year. The object of the strategic forum is to:

- (a) inform the Board of significant membership issues;
- (b) assist the Board to design or review the Association's strategic plan and direction;
- (c) discuss statewide issues;
- (d) provide feedback to the Board on the results of its governance decisions in practice at Member level.

### **29.2 Attendees at Strategic Forums**

The following persons may attend strategic forums of the Association:

- (a) up to two (2) representatives from each Competing Club; and
- (b) one (1) representative from each other Club;
- (c) the Directors; and
- (d) such other persons the Board considers should be invited

## **30. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- (a) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules between a Member and:
  - (i) another Member; or
  - (ii) the Association.
- (b) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days after the dispute comes to the attention of all parties.
- (c) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within ten (10) days, refer the dispute to the State Sport Dispute Centre for resolution.
- (d) The Board may prescribe additional grievance procedures in Regulations consistent with this Rule 30.

## **31. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS**

### **31.1 Records**

The Association shall establish and maintain proper records and minutes concerning all transactions, business, meetings and dealings of the Association and the Board and shall produce these as appropriate at each Board or General Meeting.

### **31.2 Records Kept in Accordance with Act**

Proper accounting and other records shall be kept in accordance with the Act. The books of account shall be kept in the care and control of the Chief Executive Officer.

### **31.3 Association to Retain Records**

The Association shall retain such records for seven (7) years after the completion of the transactions or operations to which they relate.

### **31.4 Board to Submit Accounts**

The Board shall submit to the Members at the Annual General Meeting the statements of account of the Association in accordance with this Constitution and the Act.

### **31.5 Accounts Conclusive**

The statements of account when approved or adopted by an Annual General Meeting shall be conclusive except as regards any error discovered in them within three months (3) after such approval or adoption.

### **31.6 Accounts to be Sent to Members**

The Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be sent to all persons entitled to receive notice of Annual General Meetings in accordance with this Constitution, a copy of the statements of account, the Board's report, the auditor's report and every other document required under the Act (if any).

### **31.7 Negotiable Instruments**

All cheques, promissory notes, bankers, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for money paid to the Association, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, by any two (2) duly authorised Directors or in such other manner as the Board determines.

## **32. AUDITOR**

- (a) A properly qualified auditor or auditors shall be appointed by the Association in General Meeting. The auditor's duties shall be regulated in accordance with the Act, or if no relevant provisions exist under the Act, in accordance with the *Corporations Act* and generally accepted principles, and/or any applicable code of conduct. The auditor may be removed by the Association in General Meeting.
- (b) The accounts of the Association shall be examined and the correctness of the profit and loss accounts and balance sheets ascertained by an auditor or auditors at the conclusion of each Financial Year.

## **33. APPLICATION OF INCOME**

33.1 The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.

33.2 Except as prescribed in this Constitution or the Act:

- (a) no portion of the income or property of the Association shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to any Member; and
- (b) no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be paid or given by the Association to any Member who holds any office of the Association.

33.3 Nothing in clauses 33.1 or 33.2 shall prevent payment in good faith of or to any Member for:

- (a) any services actually rendered to the Association whether as an employee, Director or otherwise;
- (b) goods supplied to the Association in the ordinary and usual course of operation;
- (c) interest on money borrowed from any Member;
- (d) rent for premises demised or let by any Member to the Association;
- (e) any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Member on behalf of the Association;

provided that any such payment shall not exceed the amount ordinarily payable between ordinary commercial parties dealing at arm's length in a similar transaction.

#### **34. WINDING UP**

- (a) Subject to this Constitution the Association may be wound up in accordance with the Act.
- (b) The liability of the Members of the Association is limited.
- (c) Every Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association if it is wound up while a Member, or within one year after ceasing to be a Member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before the time at which it ceases to be a Member and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the Association, such an amount not exceeding one dollar (\$1.00).

#### **35. DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY ON WINDING UP**

If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any assets or property, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members but shall be given or transferred to another organisation or organisations having objects similar to the Objects and which prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association by this Constitution. Such organisation organisations to be determined by the Members in General Meeting at or before the time of dissolution, and in default thereof by such judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia or other Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

#### **36. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION**

- (a) This Constitution shall not be altered except by Special Resolution.

#### **37. REGULATIONS**

##### **37.1 Board to Formulate Regulations**

The Board may formulate, issue, adopt, interpret and amend such Regulations for the proper advancement, management and administration of the Association, the advancement of the purposes of the Association and Athletics in South Australia as it thinks necessary or desirable. Such Regulations must be consistent with the Constitution, the AA constitution, any regulations made by AA and any policy directives of the Board.

##### **37.2 Regulations Binding**

All Regulations are binding on the Association and all Members.

### **37.3 Regulations Deemed Applicable**

All clauses, rules, by-laws and regulations of the Association in force at the date of the approval of this Constitution insofar as such clauses, rules by-laws and regulations are not inconsistent with, or have been replaced by this Constitution, shall be deemed to be Regulations and shall continue to apply.

### **37.4 Bulletins Binding on Members**

Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to Regulations shall be advised to Members by means of Bulletins approved by the Board and prepared and issued by the Chief Executive Officer. Clubs shall take reasonable steps to distribute information in the Bulletins to individuals registered with the Association. The matters in the Bulletins are binding on all Members.

## **38. STATUS AND COMPLIANCE OF ASSOCIATION**

### **38.1 Recognition of Association**

The Association is a member of AA and is recognised by AA as the controlling authority for Athletics in South Australia and subject to compliance with this Constitution and the AA constitution shall continue to be so recognised and shall administer Athletics in South Australia in accordance with the Objects.

### **38.2 Compliance of Association**

The Members acknowledge and agree the Association shall:

- (a) be or remain incorporated in South Australia;
- (b) apply its property and capacity solely in pursuit of the Objects and Athletics;
- (c) do all that is reasonably necessary to enable the Objects to be achieved;
- (d) act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of Athletics, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and Athletics;
- (e) at all times act in the interests of the Members and Athletics;
- (f) not resign, disaffiliate or otherwise seek to withdraw from AA without approval by Special Resolution; and
- (g) abide by the AA constitution and the rules of Athletics.

### **38.3 Operation of Constitution**

The Association and the Members acknowledge and agree:

- (a) that they are bound by this Constitution and that this Constitution operates to create uniformity in the way in which the Objects and Athletics are to be conducted, promoted, encouraged, advanced and administered throughout South Australia and;
- (b) to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of Athletics, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and Athletics;
- (c) not to do or permit to be done any act or thing which might adversely affect or derogate from the standards, quality and reputation of Athletics and its maintenance and enhancement;

- (d) to promote the economic and community service success, strength and stability of each other and to act interdependently with each other in pursuit of their respective objects;
- (e) to act in the interests of Athletics and the Members;
- (f) that should a Member have administrative, operational or financial difficulties the Association may act to assist the Member in whatever manner the Association considers appropriate.

## **39. ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION**

### **39.1 Constitution of the Association**

This Constitution will clearly reflect the objects of AA and will conform to the AA constitution, subject always to the Act.

### **39.2 Operation of the AA constitution**

- (a) The Association will take all reasonable steps to ensure this Constitution conforms to the AA constitution subject always to the Act.
- (b) The Association shall provide to AA a copy of this Constitution and all amendments to this document. The Association acknowledges and agrees that AA has power to veto any provision in its Constitution which, in AA's opinion, is contrary to the objects of AA.

### **39.3 Register**

The Association shall maintain, in a form acceptable to AA but otherwise in accordance with the Act, a register of all Clubs and if appropriate all individuals registered with the Association.

## **40. STATUS AND COMPLIANCE OF CLUBS**

### **40.1 Compliance**

Clubs acknowledge and agree that they shall:

- (a) be or remain incorporated in South Australia;
- (b) nominate a Delegate(s) annually to attend General Meetings, and shall inform the Association of the details of that person(s) accordingly;
- (c) provide the Association with copies of their audited accounts, annual financial reports and other associated documents as soon as practicable, following the Club's annual general meeting;
- (d) recognise the Association as the authority for Athletics in South Australia and AA as the national authority for Athletics;
- (e) adopt and implement such communications and Intellectual Property policies as may be developed by the Association from time to time; and
- (f) have regard to the Objects in any matter of the Club pertaining to Athletics.

## **40.2 Club Constitutions**

- (a) The constituent documents of Clubs will clearly reflect the Objects and will conform to this Constitution.
- (b) Clubs will take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure their constituent documents conform to this Constitution.
- (c) Clubs shall provide to the Association a copy of their constituent documents and all amendments to these documents. Clubs acknowledge and agree that the Association has power to veto any provision in a Club constitution which, in the Association's opinion, is contrary to the Objects.
- (d) The constituent documents of each Club shall, at the earliest available opportunity, but within one year of the commencement of this Constitution, recognise the Association as the authority for Athletics in South Australia and AA as the national authority for Athletics in Australia.

## **41. NOTICE**

- (a) Notices may be given by the Association to any person entitled under this Constitution to receive any notice by sending the notice by pre-paid post or facsimile transmission or where available, by electronic mail, to the Member's registered address or facsimile number or electronic mail address, or in the case of a Delegate, to the last notified address, facsimile number or electronic mail address.
- (b) Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting the notice. Service of the notice is deemed to have been effected three (3) days after posting.
- (c) Where a notice is sent by facsimile transmission, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon receipt of a confirmation report confirming the facsimile was sent to/or received at the facsimile number to which it was sent.
- (d) Where a notice is sent by electronic mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected the next business day after it was sent.

## **42. PATRONS AND VICE PATRONS**

The Association at its Annual General Meeting may appoint annually on the recommendation of the Board a chief Patron and such number of Patrons as it considers necessary, subject to approval of that person or persons.

## **43. INDEMNITY**

- (a) Every Director and employee of the Association shall be indemnified out of the property and assets of the Association against any liability incurred by them in their capacity as Director or employee in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in their favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application in relation to any such proceedings in which relief is granted by the Court.
- (b) The Association shall indemnify its Directors and employees against all damages and losses (including legal costs) for which any such Director or employee may be or become liable to any third party in consequence of any act or omission except wilful misconduct:
  - (i) in the case of a Director, performed or made whilst acting on behalf of and with the authority, express or implied of the Association; and



- (ii) in the case of an employee, performed or made in the course of, and within the scope of their employment by the Association.

**44. AUTHORITY TO TRADE**

The Association is authorised to trade in accordance with the Act.