



WOOLGOOLGA DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

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1. GENERAL

a) DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Constitution,

'Annual Report' means the report provided annually by the Association at the Annual General Meeting.

'Association' means the Woolgoolga District Netball Association Inc.

'Chairperson' means the elected President of the Association or as otherwise required by clause 4 a).

'Team Delegate' means a duly appointed representative of an affiliated team of the Association.

'Council' mean those members appointed in accordance with clause 5 a) of this Constitution.

'Executive Committee' is those members elected in accordance with clause 5 d) of this Constitution.

'Instrument' means any document pertaining to the governance of the Association, and includes, but is not limited to, this Constitution, and the associated policies of the Association.

'Life Member' means any member of the Association elected to such membership in accordance with this Constitution.

'Member Protection Policy' means the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy.

'Netball NSW' means the controlling body for Netball in New South Wales.

'President' means the person elected to the position under clause 4 b) of this Constitution.

'Public Officer' means the person appointed to that role by the Association in accordance with any relevant policy.

'Registered Member' means any financial member or Life Member of the Association.

'Registered Team' means any financial member of a team of the Association.

'Returning Officer' means the person appointed to the position as per clause 4 of this Constitution.

'Secretary' means the person elected to the position under clause 4 b) of this Constitution.

'Senior Member' means a Registered Member who has attained the age of 18 years.

'The Office Bearers of the Association' mean the members of the Executive Committee or other office bearers.

'Vice President' means the person elected to the position under clause 4 b) of this Constitution.

b) INTERPRETATION

- i) Where this Constitution conflicts with any other instrument of the Association, this Constitution shall prevail.
- ii) Where ambiguity exists between this Constitution and any other instrument of the Association, the natural interpretation of the Constitution shall prevail.
- iii) The Council shall hold the power to deal with and adjudicate upon all questions and disputes as to the interpretation of the Constitution, rules and associated policies.

c) TITLE

The name of the Association shall be the Woolgoolga District Netball Association Inc.

d) TYPE OF ORGANISATION

The Association is a 'not-for-profit' organisation whose income and property is applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association. No funds or property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or by way of profit to or amongst the members.

e) COLOURS

The Association's colours will be Valley Green, White and Black.

f) ASSOCIATION LOCATION

The Association office and facilities are located at 77 Scarborough Street Woolgoolga NSW 2456.

g) OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are:

- i) to further the interests of its members and promote and control the game of Netball within the greater Woolgoolga district and the northern beaches;
- ii) to promote, regulate and control all premierships and carnivals of the Association;
- iii) to select and manage the Association's representative teams;
- iv) to affiliate with and support Netball NSW;
- v) to co-operate with other affiliated organisations in New South Wales for the furtherance of Netball; and
- vi) to Adopt and adhere to all Netball NSW Policies.

h) PATRON

The Association Executive Committee may from time to time appoint one or more patrons and may also cancel any such appointment.

2. AFFILIATION WITH NETBALL NSW

The Association shall affiliate with Netball NSW annually as required under the Netball NSW Constitution and any relevant Netball NSW policies.

3. MEMBERSHIP

a) ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

- i) The Association is the controlling body for netball within its boundaries and its authority shall be recognised by all Registered Members who shall adopt and obey this Constitution and the policies of the Association.

- ii) The Association may admit to membership, Registered Members as defined by the Constitution or any other relevant policy of Netball NSW.

- iii) A person ceases to be a Registered Member of the Association if the person:
 - a) dies;
 - b) ceases to be financial under Clause 3 c) ii) below; or
 - c) is expelled from the Association in accordance with the Member Protection Policy.

- iv) The Executive Committee may reject any application for membership without assigning any reason therefor.

b) LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- i) Any person may be elected a Life Member of the Association in recognition of outstanding service to the Association for such minimum period of service as the Council deems appropriate.

- ii) Candidates for election as Life Members shall be nominated by two Senior Members of the Association and to be received at least two months before the meeting at which such nominations will be considered.

- iii) Candidates' name(s) are to be circulated to members of the Executive Committee of Woolgoolga District Netball Association and Life Members . Voting may be by post or in accordance with the Association's voting policy. Voting is restricted to members of the Executive Committee of the Woolgoolga District Netball Association, Life Members . Postal votes are to be opened in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee.

The vote must be carried by a two-third majority. Council may, by resolution from time to time, fix the maximum number of persons who may at any time hold life membership.

- iv) A Life Member shall be entitled to attend all Council, Special Council, Annual General and any other Council meetings and shall have full voting rights.

- v) A person ceases to be a Life Member of the Association if the person:
 - a) dies; or
 - b) is expelled from the Association in accordance with the Member Protection Policy.

c) MEMBERSHIP FEES AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES

- i) All Registered Members of the Association will be financial members between 1 January and 31 December of the year in relation to which membership is paid.
- ii) A Registered Member ceases to be financial if they:
 - a) fail to renew their membership; or
 - b) fail to pay to the Association money they owe to the Association within the required timeframe.

d) REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- i) The President of the Association may also hold the position of Public Officer for the Association.
- ii) The Association shall establish and maintain a register of members of the Association specifying the name and address of each person who is a Registered Member of the Association, together with the date on which the person became a Registered Member.
- iii) The register of members shall be kept at the principal place of administration of the Association and shall be open for inspection by any Registered Member of the Association at any reasonable hour; however, such inspection shall be limited to viewing the names of Registered Members only.

e) MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The liability of a Registered Member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Association.

f) TEAM DELEGATES

- i) Registered Teams shall each have the right to nominate two Team Delegates to the Council.
- ii) A Team Delegate must be a Senior Member.

4. MEETINGS

a) MEETINGS – GENERAL PROCEDURE

- i) The President shall take the chair at all meetings of the Council and/or Executive Committee. In the President's absence the chair shall be taken by the Vice President.

- ii) If neither the President nor Vice President is present within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present shall elect a Chairperson.
- iii) A quorum for ordinary Council meetings shall consist of half the total number of the Association's Executive Committee members plus one, A quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall consist of half of the total number of the Executive Committee plus one.
- iv) If no quorum is present thirty minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of a meeting it shall be adjourned to such time and place as the Chairperson shall decide. The Secretary shall give written notice thereof to each Office Bearer, Life Member
- v) The accidental omission to give any member the required notice shall not invalidate a meeting or any of the business of the meeting.
- vi) Questions arising at an ordinary meeting of the Council, Executive Committee or any sub-committee are to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by eligible members. Each eligible member shall have one vote to be taken in such a manner as the Chairperson shall direct, except that a secret ballot shall be taken if any member requests it.
- vii) In the case of an equality of votes, the President (or the person otherwise presiding) shall, in addition, have a casting vote.
- viii) There shall be no voting by proxy at any meeting of the Association.
- ix) Use of Technology for Meetings
 - a) A Members' Meeting may be held at two or more venues using any technology permitted by the Corporations Act, including by holding Hybrid Meetings or Virtual Meetings, provided that it is consistent with the Act and it gives the Members as a whole a reasonable opportunity to participate.
 - b) The Members may hold board meetings as they think fit, using any procedure and technology which is permitted by the Act or authorised by the Members including by holding Hybrid Meetings or Virtual Meetings.
- x) Conduct of Hybrid Meetings and Virtual Meetings The following provisions apply to Hybrid Meetings and Virtual Meetings:
 - a) All persons participating in a Virtual Meeting and those participating remotely in a Hybrid Meeting must be linked by Virtual Technology for the purpose of the Hybrid Meeting or Virtual Meeting and notice must be provided to the participants advising of the Virtual Technology that will be used to participate in the meeting;

b) Each of the persons taking part in the Hybrid Meeting or Virtual Meeting must be able to hear and be heard by each of the other persons taking part at the commencement of the meeting and each person so taking part is deemed for the purpose of this Constitution to be present and in attendance at the meeting;

c) At the commencement of the Hybrid Meeting or Virtual Meeting each person must announce his or her presence to all other persons taking part in the meeting;

d) A person must not leave a Hybrid Meeting or Virtual Meeting by disconnecting his or her Virtual Technology unless that person has previously notified the Chairperson;

e) A person may be presumed conclusively to have been present and to have formed part of a quorum at all times during a Hybrid Meeting or Virtual Meeting unless that person has previously notified the Chairperson of leaving the meeting;

f) A minute of proceedings of a Hybrid Meeting or Virtual Meeting is sufficient evidence of the proceedings and of the observance of all necessary formalities if the minutes are certified by the Chairperson as correct.

b) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

i) An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in November of each year.

ii) All Registered Members may attend but voting shall be restricted to Senior Members who are Office Bearers, Life Members and Team Delegates.

iii) Not less than twenty-one days' written notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be given to each Office Bearer, Life Member.

iv) A copy of the Association's Annual Report and the examined balance sheet shall accompany such notice.

v) A quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall consist of half the total number of the Association's Executive Committee members plus one.

vi) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

a) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;

b) Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report and examined balance sheet;

c) Appointment of an auditor for the following year;

- d) Appointment of a Returning Officer (where appropriate);
 - e) Such other business as the meeting thinks fit;
 - f) Election of Office Bearers.
- vii) The following Office Bearers shall be elected and shall form the Executive Committee:
- President;
 - Vice President;
 - Secretary;
 - Treasurer;
 - Umpires Convenor;
 - Coaching Convenor;
 - Registrar;
 - Representative Convenor;
- viii) Nominations for election signed by two Senior Members and with the written consent of the nominee shall be lodged with the Returning Officer or Association President at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the elections are to be held.
- ix) Qualifications should accompany each nomination.
- x) To be eligible for nomination as an Office Bearer a nominee must be a Registered Member of both Netball NSW and the Association. New members must complete a member registration form.
- xi) Current Office Bearers shall be eligible for re-election.
- xii) No person shall be elected to more than two positions as an Office Bearer.
- xiv) Office Bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall assume office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the ensuing year, unless they are removed or resign in the interim.
- xvi) An Office Bearer may resign their position by providing written notice of their intention to do so to the Association Secretary. The Council shall, at its next meeting, by resolution appoint a replacement to hold the position for the remainder of the resigned person's term of office.

c) SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- i) Special Council Meetings shall be called by the Secretary:
 - a) at the direction of the President;
 - b) upon receipt of a requisition signed by not less than one-third of the members of Council.
- ii) All Registered Members may attend but voting shall be restricted to Senior Members who are Office Bearers, Life Members and Team Delegates.
- iii) Not less than twenty-one days' written notice shall be given to members of Council specifying the time and location of a Special Council meeting and the nature of the business to be considered.
- iv) A quorum for a Special Council meeting shall consist of half the total number of the Association's Executive Committee members, Team Delegates plus one.

5. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

a) COUNCIL

- i) The Council shall consist of:
 - a) the Office Bearers of the Association;
 - b) Life Members;
 - c) two Team Delegates who are Senior Members.
- ii) The Council shall meet at least 7 times each year on dates to be fixed by the Council.
- iii) Not less than seven days' written notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the meeting of Council, and any special business to be dealt with.
- iv) Order of business at Council meetings shall be:
 - a) Apologies;
 - b) Confirmation of Minutes;
 - c) Business Arising from Minutes;
 - d) Notices of Motion;
 - e) Elections;
 - f) Correspondence and business arising;
 - g) Reports:
Executive Committee;

Treasurer;
Umpires Convenor;
Coaching Convenor;
Representative Convenor;
Other Officer Bearers Reports;
Sub-Committees;
Delegates to other organisations;
Any other reports;
General business.

- v) Association delegates to other organisations are to submit a report to the Secretary of all meetings/functions attended on behalf of the Association within twenty-eight days of such meeting/function.

b) POWERS OF COUNCIL

- i) The Council shall be responsible for the execution of the objects of the Association and without in any way limiting this responsibility shall have power:
- a) to control and manage the affairs of the Association;
 - b) to fix fees payable by members and to enforce payment thereof;
 - c) to control the funds of the Association and for that purpose to open and operate banking accounts; to invest funds in any manner authorised by law for the investment of trust funds; to acquire real and personal property of all descriptions and to sell or otherwise dispose of it; to borrow money on behalf of the Association and to give security therefore; and, generally, to carry out and attend to all such matters as shall be necessary for the proper management and control of the property of the Association;
 - d) to empower the Executive Committee to take action in accordance with the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy and/or relevant Association policies against any Registered Member;
 - e) to appoint two delegates and two proxy delegates to represent the Association on the Council of Netball NSW;
 - f) to appoint any delegate or delegates to represent the Association for any purpose with such powers as may be thought fit;
 - g) to ensure that the Secretary of the Association forwards to Netball NSW, on or before April 1 in each year, the names and addresses of existing members of Netball NSW together with the names and addresses of new applicants for Netball NSW membership, who have paid their annual membership fee specifying the class of those members;
 - h) to submit supplementary names and addresses of new members of Netball NSW., be forwarded monthly to Netball NSW specifying the class of those members;

- i) upon receipt by Netball NSW of those names, grant to those persons listed in clause g) and h) membership for the relevant calendar year.

c) INCOME AND PROPERTY

- i) **Application**

The Association's income and property must be applied solely towards promoting the Association's Objects and the Association's income and property must not be applied for the profit or gain of its individual members.

- ii) **No distribution**

No part of the Association's income or property may be paid, transferred or distributed, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, fee or otherwise, to any of the Members of the Association.

- iii) **Exception**

This clause does not prohibit making a payment approved by the Council of the Association:

- f) for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by an Office Bearer in performing a duty as an Office Bearer of the Association.

d) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- i) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following voting members:

President;

Vice-President;

Secretary;

Treasurer;

Umpires Convenor;

Coaching Convenor;

Registrar;

Representative Convenor;

- ii) Regular Executive Committee meetings shall be held on dates determined by the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

- iii) Should it be necessary to call additional meetings, all Executive Committee members shall be notified at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting being held.

- iv) Should a quorum of the Executive Committee be present, an emergency meeting may be convened at any time.

- v) Any member of the Executive Committee who, without leave of the Executive Committee, has failed to attend three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned and shall be replaced in accordance with this Constitution.
- e) DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- i) The Executive Committee shall exercise the functions and powers of the Council between meetings of the Council and its decisions shall be subject to ratification by the Council at the next meeting.
- ii) Ensure the presentation of a financial report to all Council meetings and make recommendations to Council on matters of finance and policy.
- iii) The Executive Committee is empowered by Council to take appropriate action under the Member Protection Policy pursuant to this Constitution against any Registered Member of the Association. Any decision taken under any relevant Netball NSW Policies.

6. ADMINISTRATION

- a) FINANCE
- i) The funds of the Association shall be derived from annual Membership fees, other fees and donations, levies and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in a Council, Special Council or Annual General Meeting, such other sources as the Executive Committee determines.
- ii) The main banking accounts of the Association shall be kept at a financial institution approved by the Council and all cheques operating on the accounts shall be signed by any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- iii) The banking accounts of the Representative Teams shall be kept at a bank or building society approved by the Council and all cheques operating on the accounts shall be signed by any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- iv) The Financial Year of the Association shall commence on 1 October to 30 September.

- v) The current bank statements shall be tabled at each meeting of Council, together with a written financial report.
- vi) The books of the Association shall be examined each year by a qualified person who is not a member of the Association.
- vii) An Annual Summary of Financial Affairs shall be presented to each Annual General Meeting.
- ix) All Netball NSW fees shall be paid by the due date.

b) CUSTODY OF BOOKS

Except as otherwise provided by these rules, all records, books and other documents relating to the Association shall be kept under the custody or control of the Secretary.

c) INSPECTION OF RECORDS

Any Registered Member may inspect the books of account and minute book of the Association to the extent permitted by law at any reasonable time.

d) EFFECT OF, AND ALTERING, THIS CONSTITUTION

i) Effect of Constitution

This Constitution will have effect as a contract:

- (a) between the Association and each Member;
- (b) between a Member and each other Member, pursuant to which each Member agrees to accept the provisions of this Constitution, and comply with those provisions, so far as they apply to that Member.

ii) Altering the Constitution

This Constitution may be altered by special resolution passed by at least 75% of the votes cast at an Annual General Meeting or Special Council Meeting of the Association of which not less than twenty-one days' written notice specifying the resolution/s to be proposed has been given.

Any alteration made to the Constitution of the Association shall be forwarded to Netball NSW within twenty-eight days of the meeting at which such alteration was made.

e) DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall not be dissolved except by special resolution passed by a majority of at least 75% of the votes cast at a Special Council meeting of the Association of which not less than twenty-one days' written notice specifying the resolution to be proposed had been given.

On dissolution of the Association, any property whatsoever remaining after the determination and settlement of all debts and liabilities shall be paid or transferred to Netball NSW to be used for the promotion of Netball.

8. POLICIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association may implement appropriate policies in relation to such matters as arise for the administration of netball in the Association.