## Constitution

## SOUTHERN TASMANIAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED ABN 72028122009

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# Constitution of Southern Tasmanian Netball Association Inc 

## 1. NAME

The name of the incorporated association is the Southern Tasmanian Netball Association (Association)

## 2. INCORPORATION

Associations shall incorporate under the Act and shall remain incorporated.

## 3. OBJECTS OF ASSOCIATION

The Association is established solely for these Objects. The Objects of the Association are to:
(a) encourage, promote, control and manage all matters pertaining to the game of netball in southern Tasmania;
(b) affiliate and otherwise liaise with Tasmanian Netball Association Incorporated and such other bodies as may be desirable, in the pursuit of these Objects;
(c) use and protect the Intellectual Property;
(d) pursue through itself or others, such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship, marketing opportunities and diversification of the use and activities of the Associations facilities, as are appropriate to further the Objects;
(e) further develop the Association and Netball in southern Tasmania into an organised institution and having regard to these Objects, to foster, regulate, organise, control, conduct and manage tournaments, competitions, displays and other activities;
(f) support the growth and success of Club Members and promote the health and safety of participants;
(g) act as final arbiter on all matters arising under the jurisdiction of the Association, including disciplinary matters;
(h) recognise and implement the State and National Policies and such other policies or rules as may be required from time to time;
(i) protect and advance the name and reputation of Netball in southern Tasmania;
(j) represent the interests of its Members and of Netball generally in any appropriate forum;
(k) have regard to the public interest in its operations;
(I) seek and obtain improved facilities for the enjoyment of Netball; and
(m) undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these Objects.

## 4. POWERS OF ASSOCIATION

Solely for furthering the Objects set out above, the Association has in addition to the powers and functions under the Act.

## 5. INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

### 5.1 Definitions

In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:
Act means the Associations Incorporation Incorporations Act 1964 (Tas).
Affiliate Member means a Netball club which is a not recognised by the Association as a Club Member of the Association

Annual General Meeting or AGM means a meeting of Members convened under rule 11.
Appointed Director means a member of the Board appointed under rule 17.3.
Board means the body managing the Association and consisting of the Directors under rule 16.1(a).

By-Laws mean any by-laws made by the Board under rule 23.
Club Member means any netball club recognised as a member of the Association by the Board under rule 6 from time to time.

Committee means any committee of the Board created under rule 20.4 from time to time.
Constitution means this constitution of the Association as amended from time to time.
Delegate means the person appointed from time to time to act for and on behalf of the Association and to attend, debate and vote at general meetings of Netball Tasmania.

Director means a member of the Board and includes Elected Directors and Appointed Directors.

Elected Director means a member of the Board elected under rules 17.1 and 17.2.
Financial Year means the year ending 31 December in each year.
General Meeting means the annual or any special general meeting of the Association convened in accordance with rule 13.

Intellectual Property means all rights subsisting in copyright, business names, names, trade marks (or signs), logos, designs, equipment, images (including photographs, television, videos or films) or service marks (whether registered or registrable) relating to the Association or any championship, competition, series or event or Netball activity of or conducted, promoted or administered by the Association.

Life Member means an individual appointed as a Life Member under rule 6.7.

NA means Netball Australia Limited.
Netball means the sport and game of netball as determined by the International Netball Federation Limited with such variations as may be recognised by NT from time to time.

NT means the peak body responsible for the administration of Netball in Tasmania.
NT Policies means such policies determined, implemented and amended by NT from time to time to apply across the sport of Netball in Tasmania.

Objects means the objects of the Association under rule 2.
President means the President for the time being of the Association appointed under rule 16.2(a).

Register means the register of Members kept under rule 8.1.
Registered Member means an individual recognised as a member of the Association by the Board under rule 6 from time to time.

Relevant Documents means the records and other documents, however recorded compiled or stored, that relate to the Association and management of the Association and includes membership records, financial statements, financial records, and records and documents relating to transactions, dealings, business or property of the Association.

Seal means the common seal of the Association (if any) and includes any official seal of the Association.

Special Resolution means a resolution passed in accordance with the Act.
State means and includes a State or Territory of Australia.

### 5.2 Interpretation

In this Constitution:
(a) a reference to a rule, regulation, schedule or annexure is to a rule, regulation, schedule or annexure of, or made under, this Constitution;
(b) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
(c) words importing any gender include the other genders;
(d) headings are for convenience only and shall not be used for interpretation;
(e) words or expressions shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Act as they vary from time to time;
(f) references to persons include natural persons, corporations and bodies politic, and any legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of that person;
(g) 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.
(h) 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);
(i) expressions referring to writing shall unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, including messages sent by electronic mail; and
(j) the model rules made under the Act are expressly displaced.

### 5.3 Enforceability

If any provision of this Constitution or any phrase contained in it is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the phrase or provision shall be read down for the purpose of that jurisdiction, if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable. If it cannot be so read down the provision shall be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability. The remaining provisions of this Constitution and its validity or enforceability shall not be affected by the severance in any other jurisdiction.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

### 6.1 Minimum number of Members

The Association must have at least five Members.

### 6.2 Categories of Member

The Members of the Association shall consist of:
(a) Club Members, which shall be represented by their Delegate. The Delegate shall have the right to be present, to debate and to vote at General Meetings.
(b) Life Members, who subject to this Constitution, shall have the right to notice of, and to be present and to debate at General Meetings, but shall have no voting rights at General Meetings.
(c) Registered Members, who shall have the right to notice of, and to be present, but not to debate and to vote at General Meetings.
(d) Affiliate Members, which shall have the right to notice of, and to be present, but not to debate and to vote at General Meetings.
(e) Any other categories of membership as determined by the Board from time to time.

### 6.3 Application for Membership

(a) An application for membership as a Club Member must be:
(i) In writing on the form prescribed from time to time by the Association, from the applicant and lodged with the Association;
(ii) Accompanied by the appropriate fee, if any;
(b) An applicant for Club Membership must comprise a minimum of 3 teams;
(c) To be eligible for membership as a Club Member, the Club Member must be incorporated, or in the process of incorporation, which process shall be complete within 12 months of applying for membership under this Constitution;
(d) For such time an applicant for membership as a Club Member is not incorporated, the President of any unincorporated body shall be deemed to be the Member, and shall follow such procedures as incorporated Club Members, to the extent that this is possible.

### 6.4 Discretion to Accept or Reject Application

(a) The Board may, acting in the best interests of the Association and in good faith, accept or reject an application whether the applicant has complied with the requirements in rule 6.3 or not, and shall not be required or compelled to provide any reason for such acceptance or rejection.
(b) Where the Board accepts an application, the applicant shall, become a Member.
(c) Membership of the Association shall be deemed to commence upon acceptance of the application. The Register shall be updated accordingly as soon as practicable.
(d) If the Board rejects an application the Association shall refund any fees forwarded with the application, and the application shall be deemed rejected. No reasons for rejection need be given.
(e) There is no right of appeal where the Board rejects an application for membership, whether a new application or a renewal application.

### 6.5 Renewal of membership

(a) A Club Member is not required to reapply for membership each year. Club Members shall subject to this Constitution, remain Members of the Association provided all monies due and payable to the Association have been paid, other than any amount of the Annual Subscription payable in respect of the current Financial Year. If Club Members do not pay the Annual Subscription within 30 days of the due day, their membership shall lapse and they will be required to re-apply for membership, in accordance with rule 6.3.
(b) Registered Members must apply to renew their membership annually and must provide details of any change in their personal details, and any other information reasonably required by the Board.
(c) The Board may, acting in the best interests of the Association and in good faith, accept or reject a renewal application whether the applicant has complied with the requirements in rules 6.5(a) and (b) or not, and shall not be required or compelled to provide any reason for such acceptance or rejection.
(d) If the Board rejects an application, the Association shall refund any fees forwarded with the application, and the application shall be deemed rejected by the Association. No reasons for rejection need be given.
(e) There is no right of appeal where the Board rejects an application for membership, whether a new application or a renewal application.

### 6.6 Delegate of Club Member

(a) Each Club Member must nominate a delegate whose name and details will be entered into the Association's Register of Members for that Club Member.
(b) The Board may in its discretion determine that a person nominated by a Club Member to be a delegate shall not represent a Club Member as a delegate and shall notify that Member accordingly.
(c) Any change in the delegate shall require the approval of the Board in its discretion.
(d) Any change in delegate shall be recorded in the Register.
(e) Each delegate shall comply with the directions given by a resolution of the Club Member, including in respect of voting, and if required by the Board, shall provide to the Board evidence of such compliance.

### 6.7 Life Members

(a) The Board may recommend to the AGM that, any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to the Association and Netball and where such service is deemed to have assisted the advancement of the Association and Netball, be appointed as a Life Member.
(b) A resolution of an AGM to confer life membership on the recommendation of the Board must be a Special Resolution.
(c) A person may 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.
(d) A Member's Life Membership may be terminated by resolution of the Association in General Meeting.

### 6.8 Effect of Membership

(a) Members acknowledge and agree that:
(i) this Constitution constitutes a contract between each of them and the Association and that they are bound by this Constitution and the Regulations;
(ii) they shall comply with and observe this Constitution and the By-Laws;
(iii) by submitting to this Constitution and the Regulations they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Association;
(iv) this Constitution and Regulations are necessary and reasonable for promoting the Objects of the Association;
(v) they agree to adopt and abide by the NT Constitution, Regulations and Policies as applicable to them from time to time;
(vi) neither membership of the Association nor this Constitution gives rise to:
(A) any proprietary right of Members in, to or over, the Association or its property or assets;
(B) any expectation or automatic right of a Member to renewal of their membership; or
(C) subject to the Act and the Association acting in good faith, the right of Members to natural justice unless expressly provided for in this Constitution; and
(vii) they are entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges and services of their membership as determined by the Board.
(b) Members may, by virtue of membership of the Association, and subject to this Constitution:
(i) express in writing or otherwise their views and opinions in any meeting at which they are entitled to participate under this Constitution;
(ii) make proposals or submissions to the Board;
(iii) engage and participate in any activity approved, sponsored or recognised by the Association; and
(iv) conduct any activity approved by the Association.
(c) A right, privilege or obligation of a person by reason of their membership of the Association:
(i) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
(ii) terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death, resignation or otherwise.

### 6.9 Liability of Members

The liability of the Members of the Association is limited.

## 7. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

(a) The subscription and any other fees payable by Members or categories of Members to the Association, the benefits which apply, the time for, and manner of payment, shall be determined by the Board from time to time.
(b) The Board is empowered to prevent any Member whose subscription or any other fees are in arrears from exercising the whole or any of the rights or privileges of membership of the Association, including but not limited to the right to vote at General Meetings. There is no right to natural justice or any right of appeal where the Board exercises its power under this rule 7(b).

## 8. REGISTERS

### 8.1 Association to Keep Register of Members

The Association shall keep and maintain a Register of Members in which shall be entered:
(a) the full name, address and appointed delegate (for Club Members) of the Member;
(b) the category of membership of the Member;
(c) the date on which the Member became a Member;
(d) whether the Member has been granted voting rights;
(e) any other information determined by the Board; and
(f) for each former Member, the date of ceasing to be a Member.

### 8.2 Changes to Member details

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

### 8.3 Inspection of Register

Inspection of the Register will only be available as required by the Act and under rule 35(b).

### 8.4 Use of Register

Subject to confidentiality considerations and privacy laws, the Register may be used by the Association to further the Objects, as the Board considers appropriate.

## 9. DISCONTINUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

### 9.1 Discontinuance by Notice of Resignation

A Member having paid all arrears of fees payable to the Association may resign or withdraw from membership of the Association by giving notice in writing to the Association of resignation or withdrawal.

### 9.2 Discontinuance by Breach

(a) Membership of the Association may be discontinued by the Board upon breach of any clause of this Constitution, including but not limited to the failure to pay any monies owed to the Association, failure to comply with the By Laws or any resolution or determination made or passed by the Board or any duly authorised Committee.
(b) Membership shall not be discontinued by the Board under rule 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 or remedy the breach, that Member's membership shall be discontinued under rule 9.2(a) by the Board giving written notice of the discontinuance.

### 9.3 Discontinuance by Failure to Pay Subscription

(a) A Member is taken to have resigned if:
(i) the Member's subscription is outstanding for more than one month after the date on which the subscription is due and payable; or
(ii) where no subscription is payable:
(A) the secretary has made a written request to the Member to confirm that he or she wishes to remain a Member; and
(B) the Member has not, within one month after receiving that request, confirmed in writing that he or she wishes to remain a Member.
(b) Any failure by the Association to enforce a resignation under rule 9.3(a) does not amount to a waiver by the Association of its rights nor does it mean the resignation is not of effect.
(c) Should a sufficient explanation be made to the Board for the failure to pay a subscription or reason for not responding to a request, the Board may (but is not obliged to) restore membership upon payment of the amount due (if any).

### 9.4 Resignation by failure to re-apply

If a Member has not re-applied for membership with the Association within one month of reapplication falling due, that Member's membership will be deemed to have lapsed from that time.

### 9.5 Amendment to the Register

Where a Member resigns under this rule 9, an entry, recording the date on which the Member ceased to be a Member, shall be recorded in the Register as soon as practicable in accordance with rule 8.1(f).

### 9.6 Forfeiture of Rights

A Member who 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 equipment or other 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.

### 9.7 Membership may be Reinstated

Membership which has been discontinued under this rule 9 may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board, upon such conditions as it deems appropriate. The Board is not obliged to reinstate any former Member's membership. The Board is not obliged to give reasons where it declines to reinstate any former Member's membership and there is no right of appeal where the Board so declines.

### 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. GRIEVANCES

### 10.1 Grievances

Notwithstanding anything in the Act or this Constitution the grievance procedure for disputes arising solely in respect of this Constitution between a Member and:
(a) another Member; or
(b) the Association;
will be set out in By-Laws.

### 10.2 Disciplinary proceedings

Notwithstanding anything in the Act or this Constitution the Association and its Members agree to be bound by the disciplinary processes set out in the By-Laws.

## 11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

### 11.1 Annual General Meeting to be Held

(a) The Association shall convene and hold an AGM of its Members annually within five months after the end of the Financial Year and in accordance with the Act.
(b) The AGM shall, subject to the Act and to rule 11.1(a), be convened at a time, date and venue to be determined by the Board.

### 11.2 Business

In addition to any business required to be transacted at the AGM under the Act, the business of the AGM shall include the following:
(a) confirmation of minutes from the previous AGM and of any special general meeting held since then;
(b) receive and consider:
(i) reports of the Board;
(ii) reports of auditors (if any);
(iii) financial statements of the Association; and
(iv) any other reports as determined by the Board,
(c) election of office bearers (if applicable and in any relevant year);
(d) confirmation of the appointment and fixing of the remuneration of auditors (if an audit is required under the Act); and
(e) any other business of which notice is given under this Constitution.

### 11.3 Additional Meetings

The AGM shall be in addition to any other General Meetings that may be held in the same year. Any General Meeting other than an AGM is a Special General Meeting (SGM).

## 12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

### 12.1 Special General Meetings May be Held

The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a SGM of the Association and, where, but for this clause more than 15 months would elapse between AGMs, shall convene a SGM before the expiration of that period.

### 12.2 Request for Special General Meetings

(a) The Secretary shall on the requisition in writing of $50 \%$ of voting Members convene a SGM.
(b) The requisition for a SGM shall state the object(s) of the meeting, shall be signed by the Members making the requisition and be sent to the Association. The requisition may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the Members making the requisitions.
(c) If the Board does not cause a SGM to be held within one 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 SGM to be held not later than three months after that date.
(d) A SGM 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.

## 13. GENERAL MEETINGS

### 13.1 Notice to be Given for General Meetings

(a) Notice of every General Meeting shall be given to every Member entitled to receive notice under rule 6.2, at the address appearing in the Register kept by the Association. The auditor (if any) 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 be in writing and shall specify the time, date and place of the meeting and shall state the business to be transacted at the meeting. Notice may be given in any form permitted under rule 29.
(c) At least 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 nominations for candidates to be elected to the Board received in accordance with rule 17.1;
(iii) any notice of motion received from Members under rule 13.2(b); and
(iv) forms of authority in blank for proxy votes (if proxy voting is permitted).

### 13.2 Business of Meeting

(a) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the General Meeting.
(b) A Member desiring to bring any business before a meeting shall give at least 30 days' notice in writing of that business to the Association. The Association shall include that business in a notice calling the next General Meeting after the receipt of the notice.

### 13.3 Quorum

(a) 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 $50 \%$ of Club Members represented by their authorised delegates or by their proxies.
(b) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a General Meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting:
(i) if convened upon the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved; and
(ii) in any other case, shall stand adjourned to:
(A) the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless Members are notified of an alternate venue) at the same place; or
(B) any date, time and place determined by the chairperson.
(c) At an adjourned meeting under rule 13.3(b)(ii) the quorum shall be $25 \%$ of Club Members represented by their authorised delegates or by their proxies. If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of an adjourned General Meeting, a quorum of $25 \%$ of Club Members represented by their authorised delegates or by their proxies is not present, the quorum shall be reduced to $10 \%$ of Club Members represented by their authorised delegates or by their proxies. If after a further half an hour a quorum of $10 \%$ of Club Members represented by their authorised delegates or by their proxies is not present the meeting shall lapse.

### 13.4 President to Chair

The President shall, subject to this Constitution, preside as chairperson at every General Meeting except:
(a) in relation to any election for which the President is a nominee; or
(b) where a conflict of interest exists.

If the President is not present or is unwilling or unable to preside the Members shall appoint one of the Directors to preside as chairperson for that meeting only.

### 13.5 Chairperson May Adjourn Meeting

(a) 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.
(b) When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.
(c) Except as provided in rule 13.5(b) it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.

### 13.6 Use of technology

(a) A Member not physically present at a General Meeting may participate in the meeting by the use of any technology that allows that Member and the other Members present at the meeting to clearly and simultaneously communicate with each other.
(b) A Member participating in a General Meeting under rule 13.6(a) is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the Member (being entitled to vote) votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

## 14. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

### 14.1 Members entitled to Vote

Each Member entitled to vote as set out in rule 6 shall subject to rule 14.2, have one vote at General Meetings which, subject to this Constitution, shall be exercised by the Member through its authorised Delegate. The Directors shall have the right to attend and debate, but not vote, at General Meetings.

### 14.2 Eligibility to vote

For a Member to be eligible to vote at a General Meeting the Member must:
(a) have been a Member at the time notice of the meeting was given under this Constitution; and
(b) have paid any subscription, fee or other money payable to the Association by the Member; and
(c) be over 18 years of age.

### 14.3 Voting Procedure

(a) Subject to this rule 14, votes at a General Meeting shall be given in person by those present and entitled to vote.
(b) Subject to rule 14.5, all questions arising at a General Meeting shall be determined on a show of hands.

### 14.4 Recording of Determinations

Unless a poll is demanded under rule 14.5, 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.

### 14.5 Where Poll Demanded

A poll may be demanded for any resolution put to the vote of the meeting (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) by:
(a) the chairperson; or
(b) a simple majority of Members.

If a poll is duly demanded under this rule 14.5, 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.

### 14.6 Casting Vote

Where voting at General Meetings is equal the motion shall be lost. The chairperson does not have a deliberative vote.

## 15. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The Board must ensure that minutes are taken and kept of each General Meeting.
(b) The minutes must record:
(i) the business considered at the meeting;
(ii) any resolution on which a vote is taken and the result of the vote; and
(iii) the names of persons present at all meetings.
(c) In addition, the minutes of each Annual General Meeting must include:
(i) any reports or financial statements submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting; and
(ii) any audited accounts and auditor's report or report of a review accompanying the financial statements that are required under the Act.

## 16. BOARD

### 16.1 Powers of Board

(a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board constituted under rule 16.2.
(b) Subject to this Constitution and the Act, the Board:
(i) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
(ii) may exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by this Constitution to be exercised by the Members in General Meeting; and
(iii) has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Board to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.

### 16.2 Composition of Board

The Board shall comprise:
(a) President;
(b) Vice-President
(c) Treasurer;
(d) Secretary; and
(e) One Ordinary Director;
who must all be Registered Members (over the age of 18 years of age) and who shall be elected under rule 17; and
(f) up to two Appointed Directors.

### 16.3 Portfolios

If the Board considers it appropriate to further the Objects, it may allocate Directors to specific portfolios, with specific responsibilities, as determined at the discretion of the Board.

### 16.4 Right to Co-Opt

It is expressly acknowledged that the Board may co-opt any person with appropriate experience or expertise to assist the Board in respect of such matters and on such terms as the Board thinks fit. Any person so co-opted shall not be a Director, and shall not exercise the rights of a Director, but shall act in an advisory role only.

### 16.5 Appointment of Delegate

The Board shall, from amongst its members, appoint a Delegate to attend general and other meetings of NT for such term as the Board determines, and otherwise in accordance with the NT Constitution.

### 16.6 Transitional Arrangements

Notwithstanding any other rule of this Constitution, the transitional arrangements set out at rule 24(b) shall apply from the date of adoption of this Constitution.

### 16.7 Term of Office of Directors

(a) Directors shall be elected or appointed in accordance with this Constitution annually, and subject to this Constitution, shall hold office:
(i) if an Elected Director, from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected until the conclusion of the third following Annual General Meeting; or
(ii) if an Appointed Director for such term as is determined by the Board but not exceeding three years
(b) Directors may be re-elected or re-appointed but can not serve as a Director for more than nine consecutive years. This clause 16.7(b) commences effect from the 2023 AGM.
(c) Once completing the maximum term, Directors shall be ineligible to serve on the Board for 10 months before becoming eligible again for election or appointment to the Board.

## 17. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

### 17.1 Nominations of Elected Director Candidates

(a) The Association shall call for nominations for candidates to be elected as Elected Directors to the Board not less than 42 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. When calling for nominations the Association shall also provide details of the necessary qualifications and job description for the positions (if any). Qualifications and job descriptions shall be as determined by the Board from time to time.
(b) Candidates must:
(i) be aged 18 years or over; and
(ii) reside in Australia; but
(iii) not also be an employed or contracted coach of, or in, the Association; and
(iv) not be a current director on any board of a Club Member organisation.
(c) Nominations of candidates for election as Elected Directors must:
(i) be made in writing, signed by two Members and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination);
(ii) set out the position on the Board they are nominating for; and
(iii) delivered to the Association not less than 30 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

The Association shall send the nominations to the Members entitled to receive notice under rule 13.1.
(d) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all available vacancies on the Board:
(i) the candidates nominated shall, subject to rule $\mathbf{1 7 . 1}(\mathrm{g})$ and to declaration by the chairperson, be deemed to be elected; and
(ii) the remaining positions will be deemed casual vacancies under rule 18.3.
(e) If the number of nominations received for particular offices is equal to the relevant vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall, subject to rule $17.1(\mathrm{~g})$ and declaration by the chairperson, be deemed to be elected to the relevant office.
(f) If the number of nominations for particular offices 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.
(g) If the number of nominations received for particular offices is less than or equal to the relevant vacancies to be filled, the Members may still demand an election to elect nominees to office and if an election is so demanded that person must be elected under rule 17.2 by a majority of voting Members present and voting.

### 17.2 Voting procedures

Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot and otherwise by such means as is prescribed by the Board.

### 17.3 Appointed Directors

(a) The Board may appoint up to two Appointed Directors.
(b) The Appointed Directors shall have such skills which compliment the Board composition and the strategic direction of the Association, but need not have experience in or exposure to Netball. An Appointed Director does not need to be a Member.
(c) The Board shall give due consideration to gender equity when considering and determining appointments of Independent Directors.

## 18. VACANCY ON THE BOARD

### 18.1 Grounds for Termination of Director

The office of a Director becomes vacant if the Director:
(a) ceases to be a Member;
(b) dies;
(c) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with their creditors generally;
(d) 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;
(e) resigns their office in writing to the Association;
(f) is absent from meetings of the Board held during a period of three months without having previously obtained leave of absence under rule 19.5 or provided reasonable excuse for such absence;
(g) without the prior consent or later ratification of the Members in General Meeting holds any office of profit under the Association;
(h) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Association and fails to declare the nature of their interest;
(i) is removed from office in accordance with this Constitution;
(j) has been expelled or suspended from membership (without further recourse under this Constitution or the NT constitution); or
(k) would otherwise be prohibited from being a director of a corporation under the Corporations Act.

### 18.2 Removal of Director

(a) The Association in General Meeting may by Special Resolution remove any Director, before the expiration of their term of office and appoint another eligible person in their place to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first mentioned Director.
(b) Where the Director to whom a proposed resolution referred to in rule 18.2(a) makes representations in writing to the President and requests that such representations be notified to the Members, the President may send a copy of the representations to each Member or, if they are not so sent, the Director may require that they be read out at the meeting, and the representations shall be so read.

### 18.3 Casual Vacancy

In the event of a casual vacancy in the office of any Director, the Board may appoint an eligible person to the vacant office and the person so appointed may continue in office up to the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which the term of the previous appointee would have expired.

## 19. QUORUM AND PROCEDURE AT BOARD MEETINGS

### 19.1 Convening a Board Meeting

(a) The Board shall meet as often as is deemed necessary for the dispatch of business. Subject to this Constitution the Board may adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.
(b) Unless all Directors agree to hold a meeting at shorter notice either by agreement that is sufficiently evidenced in writing or by their presence, or in accordance with rule 19.2, not less than seven days' written notice of Board meeting shall be given to each Director.
(c) Written notice of each Board meeting, specifying the general nature of the time, date and place of the Board meeting and the business to be transacted, shall be served on each Director by:
(i) delivering it to that Director personally;
(ii) sending it in writing, by means of electronic communication (subject to receiving appropriate confirmation that the notice has been effectively dispatched);
in accordance with the Director's last notified contact details.
(d) Notice may be given of more than one Board meeting at the same time.
(e) Directors may attend meetings in person, via telephone or through such other technology that gives all Directors a reasonable opportunity to participate, including to hear and be heard.

### 19.2 Urgent Board Meetings

In cases of urgency, a meeting can be held without notice being given under rule 19.1 provided that as much notice as practicable is given to each Director by the quickest means practicable.

### 19.3 Quorum

(a) At meetings of the Board the number of Directors whose presence is required to constitute a quorum is a majority of the Directors (so half the Board plus one).
(b) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week, or any date, time and place determined by the President.
(c) The Board may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy. If there are casual vacancies in the office of a Director such that the number of remaining Directors is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board, those Directors may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to a number sufficient to constitute such a quorum or to call a General Meeting.

### 19.4 Procedures at Board meetings

(a) At meetings of the Board, the President shall chair the meeting. If the President is absent or unwilling to act, the Board shall appoint one of its members to chair the meeting.
(b) Questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be determined on a show of hands, or if demanded by a Director, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
(c) 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 be deemed a determination of the Board. All Directors shall have one vote on any question. The chairman may exercise a casting vote where voting is equal.
(d) Voting by proxy at Board meetings is not permitted.
(e) A resolution in writing signed or assented to by facsimile or other form of electronic communication by all the voting Directors, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors.
(f) Without limiting the power of the Board to regulate its meetings as it thinks fit, a meeting of the Directors may be held where one 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;
(iii) if a failure in communications prevents rule 19.4(f)(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 rule $19.4(\mathrm{f})(\mathrm{i})$ is satisfied again. If such condition is not satisfied within fifteen minutes from the interruption the meeting shall be deemed to have terminated; and
(iv) any meeting held where one 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.

### 19.5 Leave of absence

(a) The Board may grant a Director leave of absence from Board meetings for a period not exceeding three months.
(b) The Board must not grant leave of absence retrospectively unless it is satisfied that it was not feasible for the Director to seek the leave in advance.

### 19.6 Material Personal Interests

(a) A Director who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered at a Board meeting must disclose the nature and extent of that interest to the Board.
(b) A Director with such a material personal interest must not:
(i) be present while the matter is being considered at the meeting; and
(ii) vote on the matter.
(c) This rule 19.6 does not apply to a material personal interest that:
(i) exists only because the Director belongs to a class of persons for whose benefit the Association is established; or
(ii) that the Director has in common with all, or a substantial proportion of the Members.
(d) A general notice that a Director is to be regarded as having a material personal interest in a matter being considered is sufficient declaration for such Director and the said matter. After such general notice, it is not necessary for such Director to give a special notice relating to the said matter.
(e) It is the duty of the Secretary to record in the minutes any declaration made or any general notice as aforesaid given by a Director in accordance with this rule 19.6.
(f) If a Director is unsure whether they have a material personal interest they must raise the issue with the Board who will consider and determine whether the Director has a
material personal interest or not. If the Board so determines this rule 19.6 will apply.

### 19.7 Financial Interest

(a) A Director may not:
(i) hold 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
(ii) contract with the Association either as vendor, purchaser or otherwise;
except with express approval of the Board. Notwithstanding this rule any person who is employed or contracted by the Association is not eligible to be a Director.
(b) Any contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested which is entered into by or on behalf of the Association without the express resolution of approval of the Board, will be voided for such reason.
(c) The nature of the financial interest of such Director must be declared by the Director at the meeting of the Board at which the contract or arrangement 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.
(d) 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 rule 19.7(c) for 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.
(e) It is the duty of the Secretary to record in the minutes any declaration made or any general notice as aforesaid given by a Director in accordance with rule 19.7.

### 19.8 Conflicts

A Director, notwithstanding the interest, may be counted in the quorum present at any meeting but cannot vote in respect of any contract or arrangement in which the Director is interested. If the Director votes, the vote shall not be counted.

## 20. DELEGATED POWERS

### 20.1 Board May Delegate Functions

(a) The Board may, by instrument in writing, create, establish or appoint from amongst its own members, or otherwise, special committees, sub-committees, individual officers and consultants to carry out such duties and functions, and with such powers, as the Board determines.
(b) The Board may in the establishing instrument delegate such functions as are specified in the instrument, other than:
(i) this power of delegation; and
(ii) a function imposed on the Board by the Act or any other law, or this Constitution or by resolution of the Association in General Meeting.
(c) At anytime the Board may by instrument in writing, 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.

### 20.2 Exercise of Delegated Functions

(a) 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.
(b) 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.

### 20.3 Procedure

(a) The procedures for any entity exercising delegated power shall, subject to this Constitution and with any necessary or incidental amendment required due to the nature of the delegation, be the same as that applicable to meetings of the Board under clause 199. This includes those rules governing conflicts of interest.
(b) The entity exercising delegated powers shall make decisions in accordance with the Objects, and it shall promptly provide the Board with details of all material decisions.
(c) The entity shall also provide any other reports, minutes and information required by the Board.

### 20.4 Committees

(a) As set out in rule 20.1, the Board may establish and delegate any of its functions, powers or duties (except this power to delegate) to such committees as it thinks fit. The Board may recall or revoke any such delegation or appointment and may amend or repeal any decision made by such committee.
(b) The Board may establish an unrestricted number of Committees.
(c) The Board shall determine in writing the duties and powers afforded to any committee and the committee shall, in the exercise of such delegated powers, conform to any directions or By Laws that may be prescribed by the Board.
(d) A Director shall be an ex-officio member of any committee so appointed.

## 21. DUTIES

### 21.1 General Duties

(a) As soon as practicable after being elected or appointed to the Board, each Director must become familiar with this Constitution and the Act.
(b) The Board is collectively responsible for ensuring that the Association complies with the Act and that individual Directors comply with this Constitution.
(c) In addition to any duties imposed by this Constitution, a Director must perform any other duties imposed from time to time by resolution at a General Meeting.
(d) The Board must ensure that the Association complies with all requirements in the Act regarding financial statements.

### 21.2 Public Officer

(a) The Association must appoint a person who will act as the Association's public officer under the Act
(b) If the position of public officer becomes vacant, the Board must appoint a person to the position within 14 days after the vacancy arises.
(c) The public officer must perform any duty or function required under the Act to be performed by the public officer of an incorporated association.

### 21.3 Financial Duties

(a) The Board must:
(i) receive all moneys paid to or received by the Association and issue receipts for those moneys in the name of the Association;
(ii) ensure that all moneys received are paid into the account of the Association within 5 working days after receipt;
(iii) make any payments authorised by the Association or by a General Meeting of the Association from the Association's funds;
(iv) ensure that the financial records of the Association are kept in accordance with the Act;
(v) coordinate the preparation of the financial statements of the Association and their submission to the Annual General Meeting of the Association;
(vi) ensure that at least two Directors have access to the accounts and financial records of the Association; and
(vii) keep in their custody or under their control:
(A) the financial records for the current financial year; and
(B) any other financial records as authorised by the Board.
(b) In addition to the Treasurer elected under rule 17 the Board may allocate responsibility for the financial duties described at rule 21.3(a) to a portfolio or Director in accordance with rule 16.3.

## 22. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

(a) The Board must ensure that minutes are taken and kept of each Board meeting.
(b) As a minimum, the minutes must record:
(i) the business considered at the meeting;
(ii) any resolution on which a vote is taken and the result of the vote; and
(iii) any interest declared under rules 19.6 or 19.7.

## 23. BY LAWS

### 23.1 Board to Formulate By-Laws

The Board may formulate, issue, adopt, interpret and amend such By-Laws for the proper advancement, management and administration of the Association, the advancement of the Objects and Netball as it thinks necessary or desirable.

All By-Laws made under this clause shall be binding on the Association and Members of the Association.

### 23.2 Transitional Arrangements

Notwithstanding any other rule of this Constitution, the transitional arrangements set out at rule 24(d) shall apply from the date of adoption of this Constitution.

### 23.3 Notices Binding on Members

Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to By Laws shall be advised to Members by means of notices approved and issued by the Board.

## 24. TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Notwithstanding any other rule of this Constitution, the transitional arrangements set out in this rule $\mathbf{2 4}$ shall apply from the date of adoption of this Constitution.
(b) The members of the governing or managing body (by whatever name it is called) of the Association in place immediately prior to approval of this Constitution under the Act shall continue in those positions until the next AGM following such approval, and thereafter the positions of Directors shall be filled, vacated and otherwise dealt with in accordance with this Constitution.
(c) If there is any change to rotation of terms of Directors caused by the adoption of this Constitution, the sequence of rotations and terms shall be determined by the Board. If the Board can not agree it will be determined by lot.
(d) 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 By Laws under rule 23.
(e) All individuals who are, prior to the approval of this Constitution, Members of the Association shall be deemed Members of the Association (in the relevant category) from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act. All such Members shall provide the Association with such details as may be required by the Association under this Constitution within one month of the approval of this Constitution under the Act.

## 25. FUNDS, RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

### 25.1 Sources of Funds

Subject always to this Constitution the Board will determine the:
(a) sources from which the funds of the Association are to be, or may be, derived; and
(b) manner in which such funds are to be managed.

### 25.2 Management of funds

(a) The Association must open an account with a financial institution from which all expenditure of the Association is made and into which all of the Association's revenue is deposited.
(b) The Board may authorise one or more Directors to expend funds on behalf of the Association up to a specified limit without requiring approval from the Board for each item on which the funds are expended. This may be as a part of a designated portfolio in accordance with rule 0.
(c) All funds of the Association should be deposited into the financial account of the Association no later than five working days after the receipt.
(d) With the approval of the Board, a cash float may be maintained provided that all money paid from or paid into the float is accurately recorded at the time of the transaction. This may be as a part of a designated portfolio in accordance with rule 0.

### 25.3 Association to Keep Records

(a) The Association shall establish and maintain, in accordance with the Act and this Constitution, proper accounting and other records and minutes concerning all transactions, business, meetings and dealings of the Association and the Board. These records and minutes shall be produced as appropriate at each Board or General Meeting.
(b) All records and minutes kept in accordance with rule 25.3(a) shall be kept in the care and control of the Board.

### 25.4 Board to Submit Accounts

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

### 25.5 Accounts Conclusive

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

### 25.6 Accounts to Members

The Board shall cause to be sent or provided to all persons entitled to receive notice of the AGM under this Constitution, a copy of the statements of account, the Board's report, the auditor's report (if any) and any other document required under the Act.

## 26. APPLICATION OF INCOME

(a) The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.
(b) 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 or a Director.
(c) Nothing in this rule 26 shall preclude payment to a Member or Director in good faith for expenses incurred or services rendered, including, but not limited to:
(i) any services rendered to the Association whether as an employee or otherwise;
(ii) goods supplied to the Association in the ordinary and usual course of operation;
(iii) interest on money borrowed from any Member;
(iv) rent for premises demised or let by any Member to the Association; or
(v) 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.

## 27. NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS

Subject to this Constitution, all cheques, promissory notes, banker's drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, by any two duly authorised Directors or in such other manner as the Board determines.

## 28. AUDITOR

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.

## 29. SERVICE OF NOTICES

(a) Notices may be given to any person entitled under this Constitution to receive any notice by sending the notice by post to the Member's registered address or where available, by electronic mail to the Member's electronic mail address or by posting the notice prominently on the Association's website.
(b) Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected at the time the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.
(c) Where a notice is sent by electronic mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon sending, unless a report advising the electronic mail message was not sent is received by the sender.
(d) Where a notice is sent by posting on the Association's website service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected one day after the notice is posted on the website.

## 30. COMMON SEAL

(a) The Association may have a Seal upon which its corporate name shall appear in legible characters.
(b) The Seal shall not be used without the express authorisation of the Board. Every use of the Seal shall be recorded in the Association's minute book. Two directors must witness every use of the Seal, unless the Board determines otherwise.

## 31. REGISTERED ADDRESS

The registered address of the Association is:
(a) the address determined from time to time by resolution of the Board; or
(b) if the Board has not determined an address to be the registered address, the postal address of the secretary.

## 32. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall not be altered except by Special Resolution in accordance with the Act, and in compliance with all other procedures under the Act (if any).

## 33. INDEMNITY

(a) Every Director, officer, auditor, manager, employee or agent of the Association shall be indemnified out of the property or assets of the Association against any liability incurred by him/her in their capacity as Director, officer, auditor, manager, employee or agent in defending any proceedings, whether investigatory, 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, under the Act, granted to them by the Court.
(b) The Association shall indemnify its Directors, officers, managers and employees against all damages and costs (including legal costs) for which any such Director, officer, manager or employee may be or become liable to any third party in consequence of any act or omission except wilful misconduct in the case of:
(i) a Director of officer, performed or made whilst acting on behalf of and with the authority, express or implied of the Association; and
(ii) an employee, performed or made in the course of, and within the scope of their employment by the Association.
(c) The Association may in its discretion pay any costs in advance.

## 34. DISSOLUTION

(a) The Association may be wound up voluntarily by Special Resolution.
(b) If the Association is wound up, the liability of the Members shall be limited to any outstanding monies due and payable to the Association, including the amount of the subscription payable in respect of the current Financial Year. No other amount is payable by the Member.
(c) If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any surplus assets or property then such surplus assets or property shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members but shall be given or transferred to such organisation(s):
(i) having objects similar to the Objects; and
(ii) 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 organisations(s) will be determined by the Members at or before the time of dissolution, and in default thereof by such judge of the Supreme Court of Tasmania or other Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

## 35. CUSTODY OF BOOKS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the Board shall keep in its custody or control all books, minutes, documents and securities of the Association.
(b) If requested by a Member, the Board must permit such Member to inspect:
(i) the rules of the Association;
(ii) the minutes of each General Meeting.

Such request and inspection by a Member must be made in good faith and for a proper purpose.
(c) Upon written request and payment of a fee determined by the Board from time to time, a Member may obtain a copy of the documents listed at rule 35(b).
(d) If requested by a Member and subject to the Act and the Board determining that the Member's request is in good faith and for a proper purpose, the Board may permit such Member to inspect the register of members.
(e) Subject to the Act and rules 35(b) and 35(d), no Member is entitled to inspect the financial records, accounts, books, securities, minutes of Board meetings or other Relevant Documents of the Association, unless authorised in writing by the Board. Before granting such written authority under this rule 35(e) the Board must be satisfied that such inspection is reasonable, in good faith and for a proper purpose.

## 36. LIQUOR LICENCE OBLIGATIONS

### 36.1 No payments

No officer or servant of the Association can be paid by way of commission or allowance from the receipts of the Association from the sale and disposal of liquor.

### 36.2 Guests

A visitor to the Association's premises must not be supplied with liquor in those premises unless the visitor is:
(a) a guest in the company of an adult Member; or
(b) an authorised gaming visitor admitted in accordance with any relevant rules of the Association.

### 36.3 Records

The Association must maintain records of guests to the Association's premises.

