

# **MASTERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL – SA DIVISION INC. CONTITUTION**

## **1. TITLE:**

The body shall be called Masters Australian Football-SA Division Inc. Hereinafter referred to as the Association.

## **2. OBJECTIVES:**

- a) To promote, control, manage and encourage Australian Rules football in S.A., especially for players over 35 years of age and over.
- b) To promote, control, manage and encourage football matches and competitions in and between the States and Territories of Australia and elsewhere.
- c) To promote, stage and encourage or develop any other appropriate leisure or recreational activity pertaining to the Association.
- d) To promote the concept of fellowship amongst participants in Masters Australian Football.

## **3. AFFILIATION:**

The Association shall affiliate with “MASTERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL INCORPORATED” and abide by the constitution of that body.

## **4. POWERS:**

The Association shall have the following powers.

- a) To purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire and maintain any real or personal property and any rights and privileges in relation thereto.
- b) To appoint, employ and remunerate employees and servants and to dismiss or suspend an officer or servant.
- c) To do all such other things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its objects

## **5. INCOME AND PROPERTY:**

The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely to the promotion of its objects and not part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of individual bonus or otherwise by way of pecuniary profit to the member provided that remuneration may be paid in good faith to officers and servants of the Association or other persons in return for services actually rendered by the Association.

## **6. FINANCE:**

- a) The financial year shall commence on the first day of November and finish on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October each year.
- b) As deemed necessary each member club shall pay such fees as are determined at the Annual Meeting.
- c) All monies of the Association must be paid in to such bank, as the Committee shall direct.
- d) All cheques drawn on the Associations banking account shall be signed by any two of the President, Treasurer or Secretary.
- e) The President and Treasurers shall be responsible for the keeping of a record of:
  - i) all sums of money received and expended by the Association
  - ii) All sales and purchases by the Association
  - iii) The assets and liabilities of the Association.
- f) At least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting the Secretary/Treasurer shall supply Financial Statements that adequately summarizes the financial records of the association to the Committee and shall present those financial statements to the A.G.M.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP:**

- a) Membership shall be restricted to:
  - i) Registered clubs accepted by the Management Committee and supported by two thirds of the existing registered clubs.
  - ii) Honorary members appointed by the Committee
  - iii) Life members appointed hereinafter.
- b) Any club application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary.
- c) Any club application for membership may be approved or rejected by the Management Committee and may be rejected without assigning any reason in which case the return of the application shall be considered sufficient advice.

## **8. LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

The Association may appoint honorary life membership to an person in recognition of services rendered in promoting the objectives of the Association provided:

- a) Nominations shall be in writing lodged with the convener or Secretary 14 days before the A.G.M.
- b) Such elections shall otherwise be made by the members at the A.G.M., following recommendations by the Management Committee.
- c) The period of service has covered a minimum of 10 years as a player, or 7 years in management duties at club level, e.g. Club Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, or President or had held positions with Masters Australian Football – S.A. Division Inc.
- d) Life members may attend any meeting of the Association and may be consulted on matters affecting the Association but shall have no voting rights at meetings.

## **9. OFFICERS:**

- a) The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and two Executive Officers ( or up to a maximum of 4), which will form the Management Committee.
- b) The Management Committee shall be appointed annually by the member clubs.
- c) The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees, which shall have the power to co-opt.
- d) Any office becoming vacant can be filled by the Committee
- e) Any officer may have direct affiliation with any football club.
- f) The Management Committee can suspend or expel any officer of the Association provided that at least two thirds of the Management Committee and delegates agree to such suspension or expulsion.

## **10. PATRONS**

A patron or patrons may only be appointed at the annual meeting and shall hold office of such period, as the board shall from time to time determine.

## **11. DISQUALIFICATION:**

Any club member or club not abiding by any decision of the Management Committee maybe suspended or expelled from the Association for such period as the Management Committee and two thirds of the delegates may see fit.

## **12. MEETINGS:**

- a) The Annual Meeting shall be held in the months of November or December as may be determined by the Management Committee. At least 14 days notice shall be given to each officer and member club of the Association. The annual reports of the Association shall be submitted to members at the Annual Meeting.
- b) Quorum of Annual Meeting to be two thirds of majority of club delegates.
- c) The annual meeting may make by-laws necessary for the proper administration of the Association and such by-laws shall be recorded by way of minutes.
- d) i) A special meeting may be convened at any time by the President or Secretary or  
ii) Upon written requisition of at least 10 delegates, the Secretary shall convene a special meeting within 14 days and he/she shall give all officers and member clubs 10 days notice of such a meeting.
- e) The Management Committee shall meet as required to conduct the business of the Association, The President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary shall have the Power to call a Committee meeting. A quorum for a Committee meeting shall be a minimum of a half plus one of the Committee.
- f) The President shall act as Chairman at all meetings and in his absence the vice-President. Should neither be present then the Committee shall be empowered to elect a Chairman.
- g) Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and confirmed at each respective meeting.
- h) An agenda shall be circulated to member clubs 14 days prior to an annual meeting and 7 days prior to an extraordinary general meeting.
- i) With the exception of an amendment to the constitution, a notice of motion shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to a meeting.
- j) The Chairman may suspend, abandon or postpone any meeting but in the event of a quorum not being present within 30 minutes of the scheduled commencement time of any meeting, such meeting shall lapse.

## **13. VOTING:**

- a) At any meeting each eligible person shall have one vote only except the Chairman who may exercise a casting vote to break an otherwise even vote.
- b) A resolution shall be determined by a show of hands unless the Chairman, or not less than one third of those present, demands a ballot.
- c) If a ballot is demanded it shall be taken as the Chairman directs
- d) Delegates whose club is not fully financial after March are ineligible to vote. Any such deficiencies may be corrected on the spot.

#### **14. RESOLUTION:**

The Association may be dissolved or wound up by a resolution passed at a special meeting called for such purposes, providing that the resolution passed by a majority of at least three-fourths of the votes of all present and voting at the meeting and PROVIDED FURTHER, that at least one calendar month prior to writing of such meeting, had first been given to the members. In the event of dissolution, the meeting deciding such dissolution shall appoint three trustees in whom the assets of the Association shall then be entrusted until deposition of such assets has occurred.

#### **15. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS:**

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Association, the Assets of the Association shall be realized and converted to cash. All monies from such realization and any other monies held by the Association shall be applied to the payment of all debts and liabilities of the Association and residue shall be distributed by the Management Committee to some other Australian Football body or bodies whose objects are consistent with the objects of the Association.

#### **16. AMMEDMENTS TO THE CONSTITION:**

- a) Written notice of the intention to propose such alteration, variation, addition, amendment or repeal is given not later than 14 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting so that it can be included in the Agenda for the Annual Meeting.
- b) Any addition, repeal or amendment is met with the approval of at least a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

#### **17. AFFILIATION OF CLUBS:**

- a) Clubs wishing to affiliate with the Association shall apply to the Secretary for admission.
- b) Upon Acceptance by the Management Committee, affiliated clubs shall pay an annual registration fee as set by the Association and new clubs shall pay a one-off deposit of not less than \$1000. This deposit is held in trust for 5 years and refundable only on satisfactory full membership over the initial 5 year period.
- c) Each club accepted for affiliation by the S.A. Association shall also pay affiliation fees, as necessary to Masters Australian Football (Inc.)

**18. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS:**

- a) No player shall be permitted to play within the Association unless he is a registered member of the Association.
- b) Player's registration with the Association shall be in writing and provided to the Clubs delegate with a list of registered players being supplied to the Association Secretary.
- c) No Player may play a registered match within Masters Australian Football-SA Division Inc unless he is turning 35 within that year.
- d) Subject by agreement of two thirds majority at an A.G.M. teams may also play a limited number of under 35 year olds, providing they are not playing other competitive football, concurrently. The approved number, as of 2005, if limited to one 33 year old and one 34 year old per team.
- e) No player may represent S.A. in an interstate fixture unless he has played three official matches within the Association, and is turning 34 within that year.