

PIRATES SOFTBALL CLUB WA INC

CONSTITUTION

**PIRATES SOFTBALL CLUB WA INC
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RULES OF PIRATES SOFTBALL CLUB WA INC.

1. Name of Club

The name of the Club is "Pirates Softball Club WA Inc" hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

2. Definitions

In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears-

"annual general meeting" is the meeting convened under paragraph (b) of rule 16 (1);

"by-laws" is the document prepared and decided by the committee members, governing the operations of the club

"Committee meeting" means a meeting referred to in rule 15;

"Committee member" means person referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of rule 10 (1);

"convene" means to call together for a formal meeting;

"department" means the government department with responsibility for administering the *Associations Incorporation Act (1987)*;

"financial year" means a period not exceeding 15 months fixed by the Committee, as set out in the By-laws;

"financial member" means a member of the club as defined in these definitions, having fully paid the required membership subscription fees as set out in the By-laws for the financial year

"general meeting" means a meeting to which all members are invited;

"member" means a member of the Club;

"ordinary resolution" means resolution other than a special resolution;

"poll" means voting conducted in written form (as opposed to a show of hands);

"special general meeting" means a general meeting other than the annual general meeting;

"special resolution" has the meaning given by section 24 of the Act, that is-

A resolution is a special resolution if it is passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members of the club who are entitled under the rules of the Club to vote and vote in person or, where proxies or postal votes are allowed by the rules of the Club by proxy or postal vote, at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution was given in accordance with those rules.

At a meeting at which a resolution proposed as a special resolution is submitted, a declaration by the person presiding that the resolution has

been passed as a special resolution shall be evidence of the fact unless, during the meeting at which the resolution is submitted, a poll is demanded in accordance with the rules of the Club or, if the rules do not make provision as to the manner in which a poll may be demanded, by at least 3 members of the Club present in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy.

If a poll is held, a declaration by the person presiding as to the result of a poll is evidence of the matter so declared.

"the Act" means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987*;

"the Club" means the Club referred to in rule 1;

"the Chairperson" means-

- (a) in relation to the proceedings at a Committee meeting or general meeting, the person presiding at the Committee meeting or general meeting in accordance with rule 11; or
- (b) otherwise than in relation to the proceedings referred to in paragraph (a), the person referred to in paragraph (a) of rule 10 (1) or, if that person is unable to perform his or her functions, the Vice Chairperson;

"the Commissioner" means the Commissioner for Consumer Protection exercising powers under the Act;

"the Committee" means the Committee of Management of the Club referred to in rule 10 (1);

"the Secretary" means the Secretary referred to in paragraph (c) of rule 10 (1);

"the Treasurer" means the Treasurer referred to in paragraph (d) of rule 10 (1);

"the Vice-Chairperson" means the Vice-Chairperson referred to in paragraph (b) of rule 10 (1).

"voting member" is a member that meets the requirements of a financial member

3. Objectives of Club

1. The objectives of the Club are-
 - a. To initiate, foster, promote, develop, support and encourage the sport of softball within the region.
 - b. To promote the benefits of membership of the Club.
 - c. To provide opportunities for participation in community softball.
 - d. To comply with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of those bodies whom the club affiliates with from time to time.
2. The property and income of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Club and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members, except in good faith in the promotion of those objectives.

4. Powers of Club

The powers conferred on the Club are the same as those conferred by section 13 of the Act, so that subject to the Act and any additions, exclusions or modifications inserted below, the Club may do all things necessary or convenient for carrying out its objectives and purposes, and in particular, may –

- a. acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property;
- b. open and operate bank accounts;
- c. invest its money -
 - i. in any security in which trust monies may lawfully be invested; or
 - ii. in any other manner authorised by the rules of the Club;
- d. borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Club thinks fit;
- e. give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the Club as the Club thinks fit;
- f. appoint agents to transact any business of the Club on its behalf;
- g. enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable; and
- h. may act as trustee and accept and hold real and personal property upon trust, but does not have power to do any act or thing as a trustee that, if done otherwise than as a trustee, would contravene this Act or the rules of the Club.

5. Qualifications for membership of Club

1. Membership of the Club is open to all persons wishing to enjoy the benefits of the club as a playing, social or official member as set out in the regulations/by laws.
2. A person who wishes to become a member must-
 - a. Apply for membership to the Club by completing an online Club Registration Form.
 - i. To be submitted electronically by that person if over 18 yrs,
 - ii. To be submitted electronically by a parent/guardian if under 18 yrs
3. The Committee members must consider each application made under sub-rule (2) at a Committee meeting and must, at the Committee meeting or the next Committee meeting accept or reject that application.
4. An applicant whose application for membership of the Club is rejected under sub-rule (2) must, if he or she wishes to appeal against that decision, give notice to the Secretary of his or her intention to do so within a period of 14 days from the date he or she is advised of the rejection.

5. When notice is given under sub-rule (4), the Club in a general meeting no later than the next annual general meeting, must either confirm or set aside the decision of the Committee to reject the application, after having afforded the applicant who gave that notice a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Club in the general meeting.
6. On completion of a member's registration a link shall be sent to the member for the Rules of Pirates Softball Club WA Inc (referred to as the "Constitution") and the Club By-laws.

6. Register of members of Club

1. The Secretary, on behalf of the Club, must comply with section 27 of the Act by keeping and maintaining-
 - a. in an up to date condition a register of the members of the Club and their postal or residential addresses and upon the request of a committee member of the Club, shall make the register available for the inspection of the Committee member and the Committee member may make a copy of or take an extract from the register but shall have no right to remove the register for that purpose.
2. The register must be so kept and maintained at the Secretary's place of residence, or at such other place as the Committee members at a general meeting decide.
3. The Secretary must cause the name of a person who dies or who ceases to be a member under rule 8 to be deleted from the register of members referred to in sub-rule (1).

7. Subscriptions of members of Club

1. The Committee may from time to time determine the amount of the subscription to be paid by each member or category of member as set out in the By-laws.
2. Each member must pay to the Treasurer, within 1 (one) month of registering or such other date as the Committee from time to time determines, the amount of the subscription determined under sub-rule (1).
3. Subject to sub-rule (4), a member whose subscription is not paid within 3 months after the relevant date fixed by or under sub-rule (2) ceases on the expiry of that period to be a member, unless the Committee decides otherwise.
4. A person exercises all the rights and obligations of a member for the purposes of these rules if his or her subscription is paid on or before the relevant date fixed by or under sub-rule (2) or within 3 months thereafter, or such other time as the Committee allows.

8. Termination of membership of the Club

1. Membership of the Club may be terminated upon-
 - a. receipt by the Secretary or another Committee member of a notice in writing from a member of his or her resignation from the Club. Such person remains liable to pay to the Club the amount of any subscription due and payable by that person to the Club but unpaid at the date of termination; or
 - b. non-payment by a member of his or her subscription within three months of the date fixed by the Committee for subscriptions to be paid, unless the Committee decides otherwise in accordance with rule 7 (3);
or
 - c. expulsion of a member in accordance with rule 9.

9. Suspension or expulsion of members of Club

1. If the Committee considers that a member should be suspended or expelled from membership of the Club because his or her conduct is detrimental to the interests of the Club, the Committee must communicate, either orally or in writing, to the member-
 - a. notice of the proposed suspension or expulsion and of the time, date and place of the Committee meeting at which the question of that suspension or expulsion will be decided; and
 - b. particulars of that conduct
 - c. not less than 30 days before the date of the Committee meeting referred to in paragraph (a).
2. At the Committee meeting referred to in a notice communicated under sub-rule (1), the Committee may, having afforded the member concerned a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Committee, suspend or expel or decline to suspend or expel that member from membership of the Club and must, forthwith after deciding whether or not to suspend or expel that member, communicate that decision in writing to that member.
3. Subject to sub-rule (5), a member who has his or her membership suspended ceases to be a member 14 days after the day on which the decision to suspend or expel a member is communicated to him or her under sub-rule (2).
4. A member who is suspended or expelled under sub-rule (2) must, if he or she wishes to appeal against that suspension or expulsion, give notice to the Secretary of his or her intention to do so within the period of 14 days referred to in sub-rule (3).

5. When notice is given under sub-rule (4)-
 - a. the Club in a general meeting, must either confirm or set aside the decision of the Committee to suspend or expel the member, after having afforded the member who gave that notice a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Committee at the general meeting; and
 - b. the member who gave that notice is not suspended or does not cease to be a member unless and until the decision of the Committee to suspend or expel him or her is confirmed under this sub-rule.

10. Committee of Management

1. Subject to sub-rule (9), the affairs of the Club will be managed exclusively by a Committee of Management consisting of-
 - a. President;
 - b. Vice-President;
 - c. Secretary;
 - d. Treasurer; and
 - e. Registrarand any other position of management required as voted in by the committee from time to time (refer By-laws), all of whom must be financial members of the Club.
2. A Committee member shall serve as President or Vice-President for a period not exceeding two consecutive years.
3. Committee members must be elected to membership of the Committee at an annual general meeting or appointed under sub-rule (8).
4. Subject to sub-rule (8), a Committee member's term will be from his or her election at an annual general meeting referred to in sub-rule (3) at the next annual general meeting after his or her election, but he or she is eligible for re-election to membership of the Committee.
5. Except for nominees under sub-rule (7), a person is not eligible for election to membership of the Committee unless a member has nominated him or her for election by delivering notice in writing of that nomination, signed by-
 - a. the nominator; and
 - b. the nominee to signify his or her willingness to stand for election, to the Committee not less than 7 days before the day on which the annual general meeting concerned is to be held.
 - c. All nominees will be published to all members no less than 48 hours prior to the AGM in a format defined in the by-laws

6. A person who is eligible for election or re-election under this rule may –
 - a. propose or second himself or herself for election or re-election; and
 - b. vote for himself or herself.
7. If the number of persons nominated in accordance with sub-rule (5) for election to membership of the Committee does not exceed the number of vacancies in that membership to be filled –
8.
 - a. the Secretary must report accordingly to; and
 - b. the Chairperson must declare those persons to be duly elected as members of the Committee at the annual general meeting concerned.
9. If vacancies remain on the Committee after the declaration under sub-rule (7), additional nominations of Committee members may be accepted from the floor of the annual general meeting. If such nominations from the floor do not exceed the number of vacancies the Chairperson must declare those persons to be duly elected as members of Committee. Where the number of nominations from the floor exceeds the remaining number of vacancies on the Committee, elections for those positions must be conducted.
10. If a vacancy remains on the Committee after the application of sub-rule (8), or when a casual vacancy within the meaning of rule 14 occurs in the membership of the Committee-
 - a. the Committee may appoint a member to fill that vacancy; and
 - b. a member appointed under this sub-rule will –
 - i. hold office until the election referred to in sub-rule (3); and
 - ii. be eligible for election to membership of the Committee, at the next following annual general meeting.
11. The Committee may delegate, in writing, to one to more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of the Club as the Committee sees fit) the exercise of such functions of the Committee as are specified in the delegation other than-
 - a. the power of delegation; and
 - b. a function which is a duty imposed on the Committee by the Act or any other law.
12. Any delegation under sub-rule (10) may be subject to such conditions and limitations as to the exercise of that function or as to time and circumstances as are specified in the written delegation and the Committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
13. The Committee may, in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under sub-rule (10).

11. President and Vice-President

1. Subject to this rule, the President must preside at all general meetings and Committee meetings.
2. In the event of the absence from a General meeting of -
 - a. The President, the Vice-President; or
 - b. Both the President and the Vice-President, a member elected by the other members present at the general meeting, must preside at the general meeting.
3. In the event of the absence from a Committee meeting of –
 - a. the President, the Vice-President; or
 - b. both the President and the Vice- President, a Committee member elected by the other Committee members present at the Committee meeting, must preside at the Committee meeting.

12. Secretary

The Secretary must -

1. Co-ordinate the correspondence of the Club;
2. Keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings of the Committee and of the Club;
3. Comply on behalf of the Club with-
 - a. section 27 of the Act with respect to the register of members of the Club, as referred to in rule 6;
 - b. section 28 of the Act by keeping and maintaining in an up to date condition the Rules of the Club (referred to as the “Constitution”) and, upon the request of a member of the Club, must make available those rules for the inspection of the member and the member may make a copy of or take an extract from the rules but will have no right to remove the rules for that purpose; and
 - c. section 29 of the Act by maintaining a record of -
 - i. the names and residential or postal addresses of the persons who hold the offices of the Club provided for by these rules, including all offices held by the persons who constitute the Committee and persons who are authorised to use the common seal of the Club under rule 22; and
 - ii. the names and residential or postal addresses of any persons who are appointed or act as trustees on behalf of the Club,
 - iii. and the Secretary must, upon the request of a Committee member of the Club, make available the record for the inspection of the Committee member and the Committee member may make a copy of or take an extract from the

record but will have no right to remove the record for that purpose;

4. Unless the members resolve otherwise at a general meeting, have custody of all books, documents, records and registers of the Club, including those referred to in paragraph (c) but other than those required by rule 13 to be kept and maintained by, or in the custody of, the Treasurer; and
5. Perform such other duties as are imposed by these rules on the Secretary.

13. Treasurer

The Treasurer must:

1. Be responsible for the receipt of all monies paid to or received by, or by him or her on behalf of, the Club and must issue receipts for those monies in the name of the Club;
2. Pay all moneys referred to in paragraph (a) into such account or accounts of the Club as the Committee may from time to time direct;
3. Make payments from the funds of the Club with the authority of a general meeting or of the Committee and in so doing ensure that all cheques are signed by himself or herself and at least one other authorised Committee member, or by any two others as are authorised by the Committee;
4. Comply on behalf of the Club with sections 25 and 26 of the Act with respect to the accounting records of the Club by-
 - a. keeping such accounting records as correctly recorded and explain the financial transactions and financial position of the Club;
 - b. keeping its accounting records in such manner as will enable true and fair accounts of the Club to be prepared from time to time;
 - c. keeping its accounting records in such manner as will enable true and fair accounts of the Club to be conveniently and properly audited; and
 - d. submitting to members at each annual general meeting of the Club accounts of the Club showing the financial position of the Club at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.
5. Submit to the Committee a monthly report, balance sheet or financial statement detailing the Club's precise financial position – or as directed to do so by the President.
6. Unless the members resolve otherwise at a general meeting, have custody of all securities, books and documents of a financial nature and accounting records of the Club, including those referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d); and

7. Perform such other duties as are imposed by these rules on the Treasurer.

14 Casual vacancies in membership of Committee

A casual vacancy occurs in the Committee if a Committee member -

1. Dies;
2. Resigns by notice in writing delivered to the President or, if the Committee member is the President, to the Vice-President and that resignation is accepted by resolution of the Committee;
3. Is convicted of an offence under the Act;
4. Is permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill-health;
5. Is absent from more than-
 - a. Two consecutive Committee meetings (with or without an apology); or
 - b. Four Committee meetings in the same financial year without tendering an apology to the person presiding at each of those Committee meetings; of which meetings the member received notice, and the Committee has resolved to declare the office vacant;
6. Ceases to be a member of the Club; or
7. Is the subject of a resolution passed by a general meeting of members, terminating his or her appointment as a Committee member.

15. Proceedings of Committee

1. The Committee must meet together for the dispatch of business at least monthly and the President, or at least half the members of the Committee, may at any time convene a meeting of the Committee.
2. Each Committee member has a deliberative vote.
 - a. A question arising at a Committee meeting must be decided by a majority of votes, but, if there is no majority, the person presiding at the Committee meeting will have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.
3. At a Committee meeting, 50% or more Committee members constitute a quorum.
4. Subject to these rules, the procedure and order of business to be followed at a Committee meeting is as set out in the By-laws.

5. As required under Sections 21 and 22 of the Act, a Committee member having any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract, or proposed contract, made by, or in the contemplation of, the Committee (except if that pecuniary interest exists only by virtue of the fact that the member of the Committee is a member of a class of persons for whose benefit the Club is established), must-
 - a. as soon as he or she becomes aware of that interest, disclose the nature and extent of his or her interest to the Committee; and
 - b. not take part in any deliberations or decision of the Committee with respect to that contract.
6. Sub-rule (5) (a) does not apply with respect to a pecuniary interest that exists only by virtue of the fact that the member of the Committee is an employee of the Club.
7. The Secretary must cause every disclosure made under sub-rule (5) (a) by a member of the Committee to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee at which it is made.

16. General meetings

1. The Committee-
 - a. may at any time convene a special general meeting;
 - b. must convene annual general meetings within the time limits provided for the holding of such meetings by Section 23 of the Act, that is, in every calendar year within 4 months after the end of the Club's financial year or such longer period as may in a particular case be allowed by the Commissioner, except for the first annual general meeting which may be held at any time within 18 months after incorporation; and
 - c. must, within 30 days of-
 - i. receiving a request in writing to do so from not less than 25% of financial members, convene a special general meeting for the purpose specified in that request; or
 - ii. the Secretary receiving a notice under rule 9 (4), convene a general meeting to deal with the appeal to which that notice relates.
 - d. must, after receiving a notice under rule 5 (4), convene a general meeting, no later than the next annual general meeting, at which the appeal referred to in the notice will be dealt with. Failing that, the applicant is entitled to address the Club at that next annual general meeting in relation to the Committee's rejection of his or her application and the Club at that meeting must confirm or set aside the decision of the Committee.
2. The members making a request referred to in sub-rule (1) (c) (i) must-
 - a. state in that request the purpose for which the special general meeting concerned is required; and
 - b. sign that request.

3. If a special general meeting is not convened within the relevant period of 30 days referred to in sub-rule (1) (c) (i), all of the members who made the request concerned may themselves convene a special general meeting as if they were the Committee; or
4. When a special general meeting is convened under sub-rule (3) (a) the Club must pay the reasonable expenses of convening and holding the special general meeting.
5. Subject to sub-rule (7), the Secretary must give to all members not less than 14 days notice of a special general meeting and that notice must specify-
 - a. when and where the general meeting concerned is to be held; and
 - b. particulars of the business to be transacted at the general meeting concerned and of the order in which that business is to be transacted.
6. Subject to sub-rule (7), the Secretary must give to all members not less than 21 days notice of an Annual General Meeting and that notice must specify-
 - a. when and where the annual general meeting is to be held;
 - b. the particulars and order in which business is to be transacted, as follows-
 - i. first, the consideration of the accounts and reports of the Committee;
 - ii. second, the election of Committee members to replace outgoing Committee members; and
 - iii. third, any other business requiring consideration by the Club at the general meeting as set out in the By-laws.
7. A special resolution may be moved either at a special general meeting or at an annual general meeting, however the Secretary must give to all members not less than 21 days notice of the meeting at which a special resolution is to be proposed. In addition to those matters specified in sub-rule (5) or (6), as relevant, the notice must also include the resolution to be proposed and the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
8. The Secretary must give a notice under sub-rule (5), (6) or (7) by-
 - a. sending it by email to members and advertising it on the Clubs website; or
 - b. sending it by post to a member at the address of the member appearing in the register of members kept and maintained under rule 6; or
9. When a notice is sent by post under sub-rule (8) (b), sending of the notice will be deemed to be properly effected if the notice is sufficiently addressed and posted to the member concerned by ordinary prepaid mail.

17. Quorum and proceedings at general meetings

1. At a general meeting, a quorum is achieved when the number of voting members present, in person or by signed proxy (in the format provided by in the Rules of the Club) is equal to or greater than twice the number of Committee members plus one.
2. If within 30 minutes after the time specified for the holding of a general meeting in a notice given under rule 16 (5) or (6)-
 - a. as a result of a request or notice referred to in rule 16 (1) (c) or as a result of action taken under rule 16 (3) a quorum is not present, the special general meeting lapses; or
 - b. otherwise than as a result of a request, notice or action referred to in paragraph (a), the general meeting stands adjourned to the same time on the same day in the following week and to the same venue.
3. If within 30 minutes of the time appointed by sub-rule (2) (b) for the resumption of an adjourned general meeting a quorum is not present, the members who are present in person or by signed proxy may nevertheless proceed with the business of that general meeting as if a quorum were present.
4. The President may, with the consent of a general meeting at which a quorum is present, and must, if so directed by such a general meeting, adjourn that general meeting from time to time and from place to place.
5. There must not be transacted at an adjourned general meeting any business other than business left unfinished or on the agenda at the time when the general meeting was adjourned.
6. When a general meeting is adjourned for a period of 30 days or more, the Secretary must give notice under rule 16 of the adjourned general meeting as if that general meeting were a fresh general meeting.
7. At a general meeting-
 - a. an ordinary resolution put to the vote will be decided by a majority of votes cast on a show of hands, subject to sub-rule (9); and
 - b. a special resolution put to the vote will be decided in accordance with Section 24 of the Act as defined in rule 2, and, if a poll is demanded, in accordance with sub-rules (9) and (11).
8. A declaration by the President of a general meeting that a resolution has been passed as an ordinary resolution at the meeting will be evidence of that fact unless, during the general meeting at which the resolution is submitted, a poll is demanded in accordance with sub-rule (9).
9. At a general meeting, a poll may be demanded by the President or by three or more members present in person or by proxy and, if so demanded, must be taken in such manner as the President directs.

10. If a poll is demanded and taken under sub-rule (9) in respect of an ordinary resolution, a declaration by the President of the result of the poll is evidence of the matter so declared.
11. A poll demanded under sub-rule (9) must be taken immediately on that demand being made.

18. Minutes of meetings of Club

1. The Secretary must cause proper minutes of all proceedings of all general meetings and Committee meetings to be taken and then to be entered within 14 days after the holding of each general meeting or Committee meeting, as the case requires, in a format defined in the By-laws of the Club.
2. The Chairperson must ensure that the minutes taken at a general meeting or Committee meeting under sub-rule (1) are checked and ratified as correct at the next general or Committee meeting, respectively, by the Chairperson of the general meeting or Committee meeting to which those minutes relate or by the Chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting or Committee meeting, as the case requires.
3. When minutes have been entered and ratified as correct under this rule, they are, until the contrary is proved, evidence that-
 - a. the general meeting or Committee meeting to which they relate (in this sub-rule called "the meeting") was duly convened and held;
 - b. all proceedings recorded as having taken place at the meeting did in fact take place at the meeting; and
 - c. all appointments or elections purporting to have been made at the meeting have been validly made.

19. Voting rights of members of Club

1. Subject to these rules, each financial member present in person, or by signed proxy at a general meeting is entitled to a deliberative vote.
2. As determined in Rule 15 (3), where there is no majority vote, a casting vote is available to the President or the person presiding over that meeting.

20. Proxies of members of Club

A voting member (in this rule called "the appointing member") may appoint in writing, by completion and submission to the Chairperson, of the proxy form (as provided for in the By-Laws) another voting member, who is a natural person to be the proxy of the appointing member (limited to one proxy per appointed voting member) and to attend, and vote on behalf of the appointing member at any general meeting.

21. Rules of Club (Constitution)

1. The Club may alter or rescind these rules, or make rules additional to these rules, in accordance with the procedure set out in Sections 17, 18 and 19 of the Act, which is as follows-
 - a. Subject to sub-rule (1) (d) and (1) (e), the Club may alter its rules by special resolution but not otherwise;
 - b. Within one month of the passing of a special resolution altering its rules, or such further time as the Commissioner may in a particular case allow (on written application by the Club), the Club must lodge with the Commissioner notice of the special resolution setting out particulars of the alteration together with a certificate given by a member of the Committee certifying that the resolution was duly passed as a special resolution and that the rules of the Club as so altered conform to the requirements of this Act;
 - c. An alteration of the rules of the Club does not take effect until sub-rule (1) (b) is complied with;
 - d. An alteration of the rules of the Club having effect to change the name of the Club does not take effect until sub-rules (1) (a) to (1) (c) are complied with and the approval of the Commissioner is given to the change of name;
 - e. An alteration of the rules of the Club having effect to alter the objects or purposes of the Club does not take effect until sub-rules (1) (a) to (1) (c) are complied with and the approval of the Commissioner is given to the alteration of the objects or purposes.
2. These rules bind every member and the Club to the same extent as if every member and the Club had signed and sealed these rules and agreed to be bound by all their provisions.
3. The Committee may, in addition to these Rules, establish a set of By-Laws to serve as policies, to assist with the proper running of the Club. The By-Laws can be added to, amended or revoked at any committee meeting and are immediately binding on the members of the Club.

22. Common seal of Club

The Club must have a common seal on which its corporate name appears in legible characters.

1. The common seal of the Club must not be used without the express authority of the Committee and every use of that common seal must be recorded in the format referred to in Rule 18 (1).
2. The affixing of the common seal of the Club must be witnessed by any two of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
3. The common seal of the Club must be kept in the custody of the Secretary or such other person as the Committee from time to time decides.

23. Inspection of records, etc. of Club

A financial member may request, in writing to the Committee, to inspect, without charge, the books, documents, records and securities of the Club.

24. Disputes and mediation

1. The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules between-
 - a. a member and another member; or
 - b. a member and the Club; or
 - c. if the Club provides services to non-members, those non-members who receive services from the Club, and the Club.
2. The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
3. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
4. The mediator must be-
 - a. a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - b. in the absence of agreement-
 - i. in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the Committee of the Club;
 - ii. in the case of a dispute between a member or relevant non-member (as defined by sub-rule (1) (c)) and the Club, a person who is a mediator appointed to, or employed with, a not for profit organisation.
5. A member of the Club can be a mediator.
6. The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
7. The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
8. The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must-
 - a. give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard;
 - b. allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - c. ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.

9. The mediator must not determine the dispute.
10. The mediation must be confidential and without prejudice.
11. If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

25. Distribution of surplus property on winding up of Club

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same must not be paid to or distributed among the members, or former members. The surplus property must be given or transferred to another association incorporated under the Act which has similar objectives and which is not carried out for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual members, and which association shall be determined by resolution of the members.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF AN INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION – model rule 5

Pirates Softball Club WA Inc.

I,
(Insert APPLICANT'S name)

.....
(insert APPLICANT'S residential or postal address -
required under section 27 of the Associations Incorporation Act (1987))

apply to become a member of the above Association.

If my application is accepted, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association.

Signature:.....
Date:.....

Rule 5(2) "A person who wishes to become a member must be ... proposed by one **member** and seconded by another **member**."

PROPOSED:

SECONDED:

Name:.....
Name:.....

Signature:.....
Signature:.....

Date:.....
Date:.....

----- *Applicants to detach and keep* -----

INFORMATION for APPLICANTS

- If your application is accepted, your name and address, as provided above, **must** be recorded in a register of members and be made available to other members, upon request, under section 27 of the *Associations Incorporation Act*.
- If the obligations under the *Associations Incorporation Act* are not complied with the Association can be wound up.
- You can contact the Association at.....
- You can access or correct personal information (your name and address) by contacting the Association as indicated above.

OTHER INFORMATION

- If your application is accepted you are entitled to inspect and make a copy of the register of members under section 27 of the *Associations Incorporation Act*.
- If your application is accepted you are entitled to inspect and make a copy of the rules (constitution) of the association under section 28 of the *Associations Incorporation Act*.

If your application for membership is rejected by the Committee: You may give notice of your intention to appeal within 14 days of being advised of the rejection (rule 5(4)). The Association in a general meeting, no later than the next annual general meeting, must confirm or set aside the decision of the Committee rejecting your application, after giving you a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to make written representations to the general meeting (rule 5(5)).

APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE – model rule 19

.....
(Insert name of CORPORATE MEMBER of incorporated association)

advises that, on, it **RESOLVED** that
(Insert date of meeting)

.....
(Insert name of REPRESENTATIVE of the above corporate member)
represent it at:

(Tick only **ONE** of the following)

the general meeting/s on
(Insert relevant date/s)

OR

all general meetings

of
(Insert name of INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION)

WITNESSED/AUTHORISED BY:
(if required under the CORPORATE MEMBER'S rules)

SIGNATURE:

NAME:

POSITION:

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

NAME:

POSITION:

DATE:
seal)



(Insert CORPORATE MEMBER'S common

The corporate member acknowledges that according to rule 19(4) of the Association a person appointed to represent a member which is a body corporate is deemed for all purposes to be a member until that appointment is revoked by the body corporate or, in the case of an appointment in respect of a particular general meeting, which appointment is not so revoked, the conclusion of that general meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

Model Rule 20

I,

.....
(Insert MEMBER'S name)

of.....
(Insert MEMBER'S address)

being a member
of.....
(Pirates Softball Club WA Inc)

APPOINT

.....
(Insert PROXY'S name)

who also is a member of Pirates Softball Club WA Inc, as my proxy.

My proxy is authorised to vote on my behalf: (Tick only **ONE** of the following)

at the general meeting/s (and any adjournments of the meeting/s) on

.....
(Insert relevant date/s)

OR

in relation to the following resolutions and/or nominations

In favour:

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.....

(Insert resolution Nos, brief description or nominees' name/s)

Against:

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.....

(Insert resolution Nos, brief description or nominees' name/s)

Signature:.....
(of Member appointing Proxy)

Date:.....

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING TO ALTER THE RULES (CONSTITUTION) – model Rule 21

Pirates Softball Club Inc

is convening a general meeting at which the following resolution/s will be proposed as special resolutions to alter the rules of the association.

The meeting will be held at _____ a.m./p.m. on _____
the _____ 200 ____.

The meeting will take place at _____

SPECIAL RESOLUTION/S:

Currently rule.....states:

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It is proposed to alter this rule so that it states as follows:

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Currently rule.....states:

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It is proposed to alter this rule so that it states as follows:

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OR

A list of alterations to the rules which will be proposed as special resolutions at the meeting is attached.

INFORMATION for MEMBERS

- Rule 20 allows for proxy votes. A proxy form is enclosed for you to nominate another member to vote on your behalf if you cannot attend the meeting.
- Alterations to the rules can only be made if supported by 75% of members voting at the meeting or by proxy.
- Alterations to the rules only take effect when lodged with the Department of Consumer & Employment Protection.