

NOBLE COMMUNITY TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION

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MODEL RULES FOR AN INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

NAME

1. The name of the incorporated association is
THE NOBLE COMMUNITY TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED¹
(in these rules called "the Association")

INTERPRETATION

- 2.(1) In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

Association. "Financial year" means "Committee" means the Committee of Management of the year ending on 30 June.
"General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule 11.
"Member" means a member of the Association.
"Ordinary Member of the Committee" means a member of the Committee who is not an officer of the Association under Rule 21.
"The Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.
"The Regulations" means regulations under the Act.
- (2) In the Rules, a reference to the secretary of an Association is a reference:-
 - (a) where a person holds office under these Rules as secretary of the Association - to that person; and
 - (b) in any other case, to the public officer of the Association.
- (3) Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1958 and the Act as in force from time to time.

¹An incorporated association must have the word "incorporated" as the last word in the name

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 3.(1) A natural person who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable under these rules.
- (2) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the incorporation of the Association (or who was such a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) shall not be admitted to membership:
 - (a) unless he is nominated as provided in sub-clause (3); and
 - (b) his admission as a member is approved by the Committee.
- (3) A nomination of a person for membership of the Association:
 - (a) shall be made in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1; and
 - (b) shall be lodged with the secretary of the Association.
- (4) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of a nomination, the secretary shall refer the nomination to the Committee.
- (5) Upon a nomination being referred to the Committee, the Committee shall determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (6) Upon a nomination being approved by the Committee, the Secretary shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee in writing that he is approved for membership of the association, and request payment within the period of 28 days after receipt of the notification of the sum payable under these rules as the entrance fee and the first year's annual subscription.
- (7) The secretary shall, upon payment of the amounts referred to in sub-clause (6) within the period referred to in that sub-clause, enter the nominee's name in the register of members kept by him and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the association.
- (8) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of his membership of the association:
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person;
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of his membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.

ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 4.(1) Entrance Fee and Joining Fee requirements shall be as determined by the Management Committee holding office in the immediately preceding financial year.
- (2) The Annual Subscription for the next ensuing year shall be as determined by the Management Committee holding office in the immediately preceding financial year.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- (5) The secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by members at the address of the Public Officer.

RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 6.(1) A member of the Association who has paid all monies due and payable by him to the Association may resign from the Association by giving notice in writing prior to the ensuing financial year or be deemed liable for the following year's subscription.
- (2) Upon the expiration of a notice given under sub-clause (1), the secretary shall make in the register of members an entry recording the date on which the member by whom the notice was given, ceased to be a member.
- 7.(1) Subject to these rules, the Committee may by resolution:
- (a) expel a member from the Association;
 - (b) suspend a member from membership of the Association for a specified period; or
 - (c) fine a member in accordance with The Regulations², if the Committee is of the opinion that the member:
 - (i) has refused or neglected to comply with these rules; or
 - (ii) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- (2) Continuation of membership shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- (3) Where membership has been terminated by the Management Committee written confirmation of this decision shall be served upon the member at the last known address of that member's residence. Such service of notice shall be deemed adequate notice for the purpose of these rules.
- (4) At a meeting of the Committee held in accordance with sub-clause (2), the Committee:
- (a) shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;
 - (b) shall give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
 - (c) shall by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.

² The Regulations provide that the Committee of an incorporated association may impose a fine not exceeding \$20.00 on a member who commits a breach of the rules of the incorporated association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 8.(1) The Association shall in each calendar year convene an annual general meeting of its members³ save in that year of incorporation no annual general meeting shall be necessary.
- (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day as the Committee determines.
- (3) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- (4) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be:
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
 - (b) to receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
 - (c) to elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee; and
 - (d) to receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.
 - (e) To appoint an auditor for the accounts of the ensuing year.
- (5) The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.
- (6) The annual general meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that maybe held in the same year.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

9. All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings.
- 10.(1) The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association and, where, but for this sub-clause, more than 15 months would lapse between annual general meetings, shall convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.
- (2) The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of members representing not less than 5% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (3) The requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the members making the requisition and be sent to the address of the Secretary and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.

³ Section 30 of the Act provides that an incorporated association shall, at least once in each calendar year, convene a general meeting, to be called an annual general meeting.

Special General Meeting cont...

- (4) If the Committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the requisition is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by members in pursuance of these rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring the expenses.

NOTICE OF MEETING

- 11.(1) The Secretary of the Association shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, cause to be sent to each member of the Association at his address appearing in the register of members, a notice by pre-paid post stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
 - (2) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.
 - (3) A member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting after the receipt of the notice.

PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

- 12.(1) All business that is transacted at a special general meeting and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business.
 - (2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
 - (3) 5 members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
 - (4) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.

Proceedings at Meetings cont.

- 13.(1) The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each general meeting of the Association.
 - (2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairman at the meeting.
- 14.(1) The Chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
 - (2) Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the general meeting.
 - (3) Except as provided in sub-clauses (1) and (2), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
15. A question arising at a general meeting of the Association shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Association is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.
- 16.(1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member has one vote only.
 - (2) All votes shall be given personally or by proxy.
 - (3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- 17.(1) If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than three members, it shall be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairman may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.
 - (2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairman may direct.
18. A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all moneys due and payable by him to the Association have been paid.
- 19.(1) Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as his proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
 - (2) The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 2.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- 20.(1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee of Management constituted as provided in Rule 21.
- (2) The Committee;
- (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
 - (b) may, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association; and
 - (c) subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.
- 21.(1) The officers of the Association shall be:
- a President;
- (a) a Vice-President;
 - (b) a Treasurer; and
 - (c) a Secretary
- (2) The provisions of Rule 23 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in sub-clause (1).
- (3) Each officer of the Association shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.
- (4) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-clause (1), the Committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.
- 22.(1) Subject to section 23 of the Act, the committee shall consist of:
- (a) the officers of the Association; and
 - (b) not less than two ordinary members or more than ten ordinary members each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.
- (2) Each ordinary member of the Committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.
- (3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY

- 23.(1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the Committee:
- (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (b) shall be delivered to the secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.
- (6) A nomination of a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been nominated for another office for election at the same election.
- (7) No person shall be eligible for the position of Officer of the Association unless that person has either:
- (a) Served on the Committee for a period of one year or more, or
 - (b) Been a financial member for three consecutive years.
24. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of an ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the officer or member:
- (a) ceases to be a member of the Association;
 - (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code; or
 - (c) resigns his office by notice in writing given to the secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE

- 25.(1) The Committee shall meet at least 3 times in each year at such place and such times as the Committee may determine.
- (2) Special meetings of the committee maybe convened by the President or by any 4 of the members of the Committee.
- (3) Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.
- (4) Any 4 members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
- (5) 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 unless the meeting was a special meeting in which case it lapses.
- (6) At meetings of the Committee:
 - (a) the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall preside; or
 - (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.
- (7) Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
- (8) Each member present at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote, and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (9) Written notice of each committee meeting shall he served on each member of the committee by delivering it to him at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by pre-paid post addressed to him at his usual or last known place of abode at least two business days before the date of the meeting.
- (10) Subject to sub-clause (4) the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.

SECRETARY

26. The secretary of the Association shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each committee meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings.

TREASURER

- 27.(1) The Treasurer of the Association:
- (a) shall collect and receive all moneys due to the Association and make all payments authorised by the Association; and
 - (b) shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.
- (2) The accounts and books referred to in sub-clause (1) shall be available for inspection by members

REMOVAL OF MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

- 28.(1) The Association in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the committee before the expiration of his term of office and appoint another member in his stead to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member.
- (2) Where the member to whom a proposed resolution referred to in sub-clause (1) makes representations in writing to the secretary or President of the Association (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that they be notified to the members of the Association, the Secretary or the President may send a copy of the representations to each member of the Association or, if they are not so sent, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

CHEQUES

29. All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by two members of the Committee.

SEAL

- 30.(1) The Common Seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
- (2) The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common Seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Committee or of one member of the Committee and of the Public Officer of the Association.

ALTERATION OF RULES AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

31. These rules and the statement of purposes of the Association shall not be altered except in accordance with the Act⁴

NOTICES

- 32.(1) A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at his address shown in the Register of Members.
- (2) Where a document is properly addressed pre-paid and posted to a person as a letter, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION

33. In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be disposed of subject to any trust any of the assets, in accordance with a special resolution of the members, or in the absence of such resolution, by dividing the assets amongst the members of the Association in equal shares⁵.

CUSTODY OF RECORDS

34. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control all books, documents and securities of the Association.

FUNDS

35. The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Committee determines.

CLUB COLOURS

36. The Club colours shall be red, white and blue.

⁴ Section 22 of the Act provides that an incorporated association may, by special resolution, alter its statement of purposes or its rules. Section 29 of the Act defines a special resolution.

⁵ See Part VIII of the Act for Winding Up and Cancellation.

RULES OF THE GAME

37. The rules of the game under which members shall play shall be those adopted by the Victorian Tennis Association whose requirements shall at all times be complied with.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 38.(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 Association
- (2) All disputes are to be firstly referred to any one of the four members of the Officers of the Association (the Noble Community Tennis Club) except when the dispute is in relation to Selection.
- (3) If the dispute is purely in relation to Selection, then the Chairperson of the Selection Committee must decide within seven (7) days whether or not to refer the matter to the Officers of the Association (the Noble Community Tennis Club)
- (4) The Officers of the Association (the Noble Community Tennis Club) or Selection Committee must meet and discuss the matter in dispute to try and resolve within fourteen (14) days of first notification.
- (5) The Chairperson of any such meeting in point four (4) above must give the parties or Party of the dispute the option of attending the meeting.
- (6) (a) The Selection Committee must advise the complainant the outcome within seven (7) days of their meeting.
 - (b) The complainant must also be given the option to have the Officers of the Association review their decision if grievance is not resolved.
 - (c) The Chairperson shall immediately inform the President if the complainant has indicated he/she wishes to appeal against the Selection Committee.
 - (d) The Officers of the Association shall meet within seven (7) days of being informed of unresolved grievance by the Selection Committee.
- (7) The Officers of the Association must advise the complainant the outcome of their meeting within seven (7) days.