



GEELONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION Inc.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Incorporated Association is Geelong Hockey Association Incorporated (in these rules called "the Association"). **Trading as Hockey Geelong, (HG)**

2. INTERPRETATION.

In these rules unless the contrary intention occurs:

"Affiliated club" means an Association, club or organisation whether incorporated or not which has teams entered in the competitions conducted by the Association.

2.1 Definitions

In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

- "Annual General Meeting" means the annual general meeting of the Association pursuant to Rule 10;
- "Associate Member" has the meaning of a member who has paid the nominated Associated membership amount per financial year
- "By-Laws" are those by- laws made by the Geelong Hockey Association Committee
- "Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Association;
- "Committee Members" means the officer bearers of the Association, the Co-Ordinators, chairperson and the Elected Committee Members from time to time
- "Co-Ordinator" or "Chair person" means a Member holding the position of a co-ordinator of one of the Association's functional divisions appointed by the Executive Committee
- "Financial Year" means the year ending 30 September.
- "General Meeting" means an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting convened in accordance with Rules 10 and 11 respectively;
- "Member" means a Full Member, Group Member, Corporate Member, Associate Member or Life Member of clubs or the Association.
- "Special General Meeting" means the special general meetings of the Association as per Rule 11

3. In these rules, 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.

4. Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the interpretation of the Interpretation of Legislation Act and the Act as in force from time to time.



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5. MEMBERSHIP.

(1) The membership of the Association shall consist of natural persons registered with affiliated clubs, Associate members, Life Members and Honorary Members.

(2) Each affiliated club shall nominate for registration one delegate for each of the competitions conducted by the Association during the winter hockey season in which the Club has teams entered, to be ordinary members of the Committee.

(3) Social Membership

Members of visiting hockey clubs and their entourage are granted Social membership. A social member shall have no liability as regards fees or subscriptions, and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting.

(4) Life Members

a. The Association shall have the power to elect Honorary Life Members.

b. Such membership shall be awarded to members who have rendered exceptional service to the Association or to the game of Hockey.

c. The recommendation must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association and be signed by the proposer and seconder who must be members of the Association.

d. Such recommendations shall first be approved by the Executive Committee.

e. The election of Life Members shall take place only at the Annual General Meeting upon a resolution carried by at least two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

(5) **Honorary Members** Persons whom the Executive Committee deems fit may be elected as honorary members for an appropriate period. An Honorary Member shall have no liability as regards fees or subscriptions, and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting.

(6) Associate Members

a. The Association may grant associate membership to any person who is not a registered member of any affiliated club.

b. An application for associate membership shall be made in writing and be signed by a proposer and seconder each of whom must be a member of the Association.

c. The application must be approved by at least two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

6. SUBSCRIPTION The annual team subscription/entry shall be such sum as shall be fixed by the Association in general meeting and is payable as decided by the Executive Committee.

7. Hockey Geelong shall maintain an electronic Register of Members.

The register will have details of all affiliated clubs and delegates.

It will contain details of;

the full name, address, club and date of entry of the name of each member

Date of birth (if under 18)

Occupation

Accreditation (coach, first aid or umpire)

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8. RESIGNATION OR REPLACEMENT OF MEMBERS.

(1) A member of the Association may resign at any time by providing notice in writing to the Secretary of his/ her intention to resign. Upon such notice being received, 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.

(2) A delegate to the Association may resign at any time by providing notice in writing to the Secretary of his/ her intention to resign. Upon such notice being received, the Secretary shall make in the Register of Members an entry recording the date on which the delegate by whom the notice was given ceased to be a delegate. The affiliated Club which had nominated the delegate who had resigned, shall within one month of being advised by the Secretary of the resignation of their delegate appoint a replacement delegate to the Association. If the affiliated Club fails to nominate a replacement delegate, the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the affiliated Club to be a delegate to the Association to replace the delegate who resigned. Each affiliated Club may replace its delegate/s at any time or may fill a vacancy by appointing another delegate instead of the one previously appointed and such affiliated Club shall inform the Secretary of the Association of such appointment..

9. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

(1) Subject to these rules, if the Executive Committee is of the opinion that the member-

(a) has refused or neglected-to comply with these rules;

or (b) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or *prejudicial to* the interests of the Association the Executive Committee may by resolution:

- (i) expel a member from the Association;
- (ii) suspend a member from membership of the Association for a specified period;
- (iii) or fine a member in accordance with the regulations.

(2) A resolution of the Executive Committee under sub-clause

(1):a. does not take effect unless the Executive Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-clause

(3) confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause;

and b. where the member exercises a right of appeal to the Association under this clause, does not take effect unless the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause. (3)

Where the Executive Committee passes a resolution under sub-clause (1), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing:

a. setting out the resolution of the Executive Committee and the grounds on which it is based;

b. stating that the member may address the Executive Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;

c. stating the date, place and time of that meeting;

d. informing the member that he or she may do one or more of the following:

(i) attend that meeting;

(ii) give to the Executive Committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;

(iii) not later than 24 hours before the date of the meeting, lodge with the Secretary a notice to the effect that he wishes to appeal to the Association in General Meeting against the resolution.

(4) At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in accordance with sub-clause (2), the Executive Committee:

a. shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;

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- 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;
- (5) Where the Secretary receives a notice under sub-clause (3), he shall notify the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee shall convene a General Meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- (6) At a General Meeting of the Association convened under sub-clause (5):
 - a. no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
 - b. the Executive Committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution;
 - c. the member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
 - d. the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (7) If at the General Meeting :
 - a. two-thirds of the members present vote, in person or by proxy, in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed, and
 - b. in any other case, the resolution is revoked.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) The Annual General meeting shall be held within 4 months after the end of the Hockey Geelong financial year (30th September) as per the Incorporated bodies Act
- (2) The Annual General Meeting shall be held on such day as the Executive 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 Executive 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 elect an auditor for the forthcoming 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 may be held in the same year.

11. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting shall be called Special General Meetings.
- (2) The Executive 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 elapse between Annual General Meetings, shall convene a Special General Meeting before the expiration of that period.
- (3) The Executive Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of members representing not less than 25% of the total number of members or on the request of notice in writing of not less than six affiliated clubs, convene a Special General Meeting of the Association.
- (4) The requisition for a Special General Meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the members or Secretary of the affiliated club making the requisition and be sent to

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the address of the Secretary and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the members or affiliated Club making the requisition.

(5) If the Executive 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 or affiliated Club making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.

(6) A Special General Meeting convened by members or affiliated Clubs 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 Executive Committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring the expenses.

12. NOTICE OF MEETING

(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 affiliated club, delegate, Life Member and Associate member of the Association at its or his or her 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, delegate or affiliated Club 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.

13.(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) A quorum for the purposes of the transaction of the business of a General Meeting shall be sufficient members to **equal or exceed the number of affiliated Clubs plus one**, provided that **fifty per cent** of affiliated clubs are represented.

(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 or affiliated clubs 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 same 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 8) shall be a quorum.

14.(1) The President, or in his/ her absence, the Senior Vice-President, or in the absence of both, the Junior Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each General Meeting of the Association.

(2) If the President and the Vice-Presidents are absent from a General Meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairman at the meeting.

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- 15.**(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.
- 16.** 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.
- 17.** (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.
- 18.**(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.
- 19.** A member is not entitled to vote at any General Meeting unless all moneys due and payable by the Affiliated Club which he represents, or by him /her to the Association have been paid.
- 20.**(1) Each member (defined in 2.1) shall be entitled to appoint another member as his/ her 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 by the Executive Committee.
- 21. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Executive Committee constituted as provided in Rule 23.
- (2) The Executive Committee
- shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
 - 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 the General Committee and General Meetings of the members of the Association; and
 - subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Executive Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.



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22.(1) Subject to Section 23 of the Act, the Executive Committee shall consist of

- a. the officers of the Association;
- b. Chairpersons of competition sub-committees as constituted by Clause 38 hereof
- c. three other members , and
- d. the Executive committee can add to their number if the majority agree

(2) Each member of the Executive Committee shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting next after the date of his/ her election but is eligible for re-election.

(3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of a member of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may appoint a member 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/ her appointment.

23.(1) The officers of the Association shall be:

- a. a President;
- b. a Senior Vice-President;
- c. a Junior Vice-President;
- d. a Treasurer and
- e. a Secretary.

(2) The provisions of Rule 23 (Section 23 of the Act) 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).

24. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY

(1) Nominations of candidates for election as Officers of the Association and as Chairperson of competition sub-committees constituted in accordance with Clause 38 hereof and the three other positions of the Executive 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, 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 of the Association and Chairperson of the Competition Committee constituted in accordance with Clause 38 hereof and the three other members of the Executive Committee shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Executive Committee may direct.

(6) A candidate can nominate for more than one vacant position.

(7) A nomination of a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been elected to another office at the same election.

(8) Nomination/s for vacant positions shall be requested by the Chairperson in the order of ; President, senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Committee chairpersons, other subcommittees and other vacancy.

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25. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of Chairperson of a competition sub-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/ her office by notice in writing given to the Secretary.

26. PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(1) The Executive Committee shall meet at least 3 times in each year at such place and such times as the Executive Committee may determine

(2) Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 of the members of the Executive Committee

(3) Notice shall be given to members of the Executive 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 6 members of the Executive Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Executive 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 Executive Committee:-

a. the President or in his /her absence the Senior Vice-President or in the absence of both the Junior Vice-President, shall preside; or

b. if the President and the Vice-Presidents are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Executive Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.

(7) Questions arising at a meeting of the Executive Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee or the Association 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 Executive Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee or the Association (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 Executive Committee meeting shall be served on each member of the Executive Committee by delivering it to him/ her at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by pre-paid post addressed to him/ her at his /her 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 Executive Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Executive Committee.

27. GENERAL COMMITTEE.

27 Hockey Geelong General Committee (Executive)

(1) The General Committee shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, Chairpersons/convenors of appointed sub-committees and delegates.

(2) There shall be at least two General Committee meetings in each calendar year, one of which must be held prior to the commencement of the Winter season and the other which must be held prior to the commencement of the finals of the Winter season



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- (3) Special meetings of the General Committee may be convened by the Committee or by any 4 of the members of the General Committee.
- (4) Notice shall be given to members of the General 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.
- (5) Two thirds of the members of the General Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the General Committee.
- (6) 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.
- (7) At meetings of the General Committee:
- a. the President or in his /her absence the Senior Vice-President or in the absence of both the Junior Vice-President, shall preside; or
 - b. if the President and the Vice-Presidents are absent, such one of the remaining members of the General Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.
- (8) Questions arising at a meeting of the General 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.
- (9) Each member present at a meeting of the General 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.
- (10) Written notice of each General Committee meeting shall be served on each member of the General Committee by delivering it to him/ her at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by pre-paid post addressed to him/ her at his /her usual or last known place of abode at least two business days before the date of the meeting.
- (11) Subject to sub-clause (5) the General Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the General Committee.

27b) Hockey Geelong Commission

- 1) The Geelong Hockey Commission shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, Chairpersons/conveners of appointed sub-committees and at least one representative of each affiliated club, preferably club presidents and / or secretary.
- (2) The Hockey Commission shall meet as called by the Association secretary; the meeting shall precede the Association Executive meeting, which is generally held once monthly.
- (3) The Hockey Commission's purpose is to keep member clubs informed and to provide opportunity to raise and address issues on a regular basis throughout the year without calling a Special General Meeting.
- (4) At meetings of the Hockey Commission:
- a. the President or in his /her absence the Senior Vice-President or in the absence of both the Junior Vice-President, shall preside; or
 - b. if the President and the Vice-Presidents are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall preside.
- (5) Questions arising at a meeting of the Hockey Commission shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a representative, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.



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(6) Each representative present at a meeting of the Hockey commission (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.

(7) Written notice (email) of each Hockey Commission meeting shall be served on each member of the Hockey Commission by delivering it to him/ her at a-reasonable time before the meeting or By sending it by pre-paid post addressed to him/ her at his /her usual or last known place of abode at least two business days before the date of the meeting.

28. SECRETARY

The Secretary of the Association or the Administrative officer, shall ensure the minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each General Meeting, Executive committee or Special general meeting and Annual General meeting are filed and accessible.

29. TREASURER

(1) The Treasurer of the Association:

- a. shall collect and receive all monies 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.
- c. shall make the accounts and books of the Association available to the appointed auditor at the conclusion of the financial year.

(2) The accounts and books referred to in sub-clause (1) shall be available for inspection by members.

30. REMOVAL OF MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) The Association in General Meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Executive Committee before the expiration of his /her term of office and appoint another member in his /her 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, delegates and Affiliated Clubs or, if they are not so sent, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

31. CHEQUES

All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by two registered signatories as approved by the Executive Committee

32. SEAL (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 Executive Committee and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Executive Committee or of one member of the Executive Committee and of the Public Officer of the Association.

33. ALTERATION OF RULES AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSES. These rules and the statement of purposes of the Association shall not be altered except in accordance with the Act.



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34. NOTICES

(1) A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any delegate, member or affiliated Club either personally or by sending it by post to the 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 the post.

35. WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION 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 in accordance with a special resolution of the members or in the absence of such a resolution by dividing the assets amongst the affiliated clubs in equal shares.

36. CUSTODY OF RECORDS Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Secretary shall keep in his /her custody or under his /her control all his /her books, documents and securities of the Association.

37. FUNDS The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, affiliation fees, donations and such other sources as the Committee determines. (1) The entrance fee and annual subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. (2) The affiliation fee shall be determined at the first General Committee meeting of the calendar year,

38. SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEES

- a. There shall be a Competition Committee of the Association.
- b. The role of this Committee shall be to administer and control the running of the Men's, Women's and Junior competitions of the Association.
- c. The Competition Committee is empowered to make, amend or rescind bylaws to administer and control the competitions under its' control.
- d. The Competition Committee shall be composed of at least one member per affiliated club, equal to the number of teams entered by the club in each competition, but with a maximum of four members per club per competition.
- e. All decisions made by the Competition Committee shall only become effective following ratification by the Executive Committee of the Association.

(2) OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES

- a. The Executive Committee and the Association may convene such other sub-committees as may be thought appropriate for the conduct of particular items of business by the Association and such sub-committees shall report to the Executive Committee.
- b. The Chairperson of any such sub-committee shall be a member of the General Committee.

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39. COMPLAINTS, CHARGES AND DISPUTES. The Association shall at its Annual General Meeting elect a Chairman of the Disputes Panel. Each Competition Sub-committee shall at the first meeting of the season appoint two members who will serve as members of the Disputes Panel in any dispute concerning the competition committee of which they are members. (1) No person, body or Club shall commit or permit any act of misconduct during the course -of any match involving an admitted Club(s), and no person, body or Club shall commit or permit any infringement of a. the objects for which the Association is established or b. any of the provisions of its Rules and By-Laws. (2) Every charge of a breach of the provisions of 39(l) shall be heard and determined by a Disputes Committee which shall be convened as detailed in the By-Laws of the Association.

40. LIQUOR LICENCE RULES.

(1). No amount shall be paid to an officer or servant of the club by way of commission or allowance from receipts of the club for the sale or disposal of liquor.

(2). A new visitor to the club must not be supplied with liquor in the club's premises unless the visitor is a guest in the company of a member of a club present at an occasion or function in the club premises in respect of which a limited license pursuant to section 52 of the Liquor Control Act 1987 has issued authorising the sale and disposal of liquor to that visitor.

(3). A person shall not:

(i) be admitted as an honorary or temporary member of the club, or

(ii) be exempted from the obligation to the ordinary subscription for membership of the club, unless the person is of a class specified in the rules and the admission is in accordance with the rules.

41. RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

41 (1) No member of Hockey Geelong shall act toward, nor speak to, any other member in a manner, or engage in any other conduct, which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person ("the person vilified") on the basis of that persons, race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

41 (2) In an event that it is alleged that a member has contravened 41 (1), an umpire, club, member or player may lodge a complaint in writing with the President of Hockey Geelong. The complaint must outline the circumstances of the allegation made against the member.

41 (3) The President shall:



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- a) within 3 days of receiving a complaint, inform the person alleged to have contravened 41 (1) of the complaint and provide the person with an opportunity, to respond in writing,
- b) identify and obtain written statements from any available witness,
- c) within 10 days of receiving a complaint, refer the complaint to the disputes panel, to be dealt with as a report of misconduct.

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