

IPSWICH CATS



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AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB**

ESTABLISHED 1959

CONSTITUTION

PASSION | TEAMWORK | RESPECT

1.0 NAME:

The name of the Association/Club is Ipswich Cats Australian Football Club (Inc.) hereinafter referred to as the “Association” or “Club”

2.0 OBJECTS:

The core objects of the Association are to provide an opportunity for all people to play Australian Football for their enjoyment.

In addition, the Club will:

- 2.1 Promote the game of Australian Football
- 2.2 Players to enjoy the game
- 2.3 Promote the ideals of.
 - 2.3.1 Enjoyment
 - 2.3.2 Participation
 - 2.3.3 Fair Play
 - 2.3.4 Sportsmanship
 - 2.3.5 Mutual Respect
 - 2.3.6 Honesty
 - 2.3.7 Discipline
- 2.4 Provide
 - 2.4.1 Family friendly environment
 - 2.4.2 A safe environment
 - 2.4.3 Skill & development pathways for its players and staff
- 2.5 Non-Compliance by members will be referred to the Management Committee.

3.0 ATTAINING OBJECTS:

The Association shall be empowered to do all things necessary which are incidental to and necessary for the attainment of the objects of the Association.

4.0 PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The Association must apply all property and income of the Association towards the promotion of the objects or purposes of the Association and no part of that property or income to be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members of the Association, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects or purposes.

5.0 POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION: (as conferred by Section 13 of the Constitution)

- 5.1 To acquire, hold, deal with, dispose of any real or personal property.
- 5.2 To open and operate bank accounts.
- 5.3 To invest its money –
 - 5.3.1 In any security which trust moneys may be invested; or
 - 5.3.2 In any other manner authorised by the rules of the Association.
- 5.4 To borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Association thinks fit.

- 5.5 To give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the Association as the Association thinks fit.
- 5.6 To appoint agents and employees to transact any business of the Association on its behalf for reward or otherwise.
- 5.7 To build, construct, erect, maintain, alter and repair any premises building or other structure of any kind and to furnish equip and improve the same for use by the Association.
- 5.8 Accept donations and gifts in accordance with the objects of the Association.
- 5.9 Print and publish any information by any media including newsletters, newspapers, articles or leaflets for promotion of the Association.
- 5.10 Provide gifts and prizes in accordance with the objects of the Association.
- 5.11 Organise social events for Members and the promotion of the Association; and
- 5.12 To enter into any other contract the Association considers necessary or desirable.

6.0 MEMBERSHIP:

- 6.1 membership shall be open to any person who wishes to further the interests of the Association.
- 6.2 Any person seeking membership **must be in a written application** to the Management Committee, and the Management Committee shall determine whether the application is successful or not.
- 6.3 Each person admitted to membership shall be;
 - 6.3.1 Bound by the Constitution and By-laws of the Association.
 - 6.3.2 Come liable for such fees and subscriptions as may be fixed by the Association.
 - 6.3.3 Entitled to all advantages and privileges of membership.
- 6.4 Membership Categories;
 - 6.4.1 ORDINARY MEMBER
Any person who is a financial member of the Association is entitled to hold any office and enjoy the privileges of the Association.
 - 6.4.2 SOCIAL MEMBER
Persons other than ordinary members who are interested in promoting the Association, but who do not wish to participate in the playing activities of the Association, may become a social member.
 - 6.4.3 JUNIOR MEMBER
Any person under the age of 18 years may become a junior member. Junior Members shall have no voting rights nor be entitled to hold any office.
 - 6.4.4 LIFE MEMBERSHIP
The Management Committee as a Life Member may elect any member who has given outstanding service to the Association for a minimum of seven (7) years. Any member may nominate a person to the Management Committee for consideration for Life Membership. Shall be appointed the Annual General Meeting.

6.4.5 PATRON

The Association may, at its discretion, elect a patron/s or vice patron/s of the Association for such period as may be deemed necessary. Such patron/s or vice patron/s shall not be eligible to vote unless they are current members of the Association under another category of Membership.

6.4.6 AFFILIATED CLUB/S OR TEAM/S

A club or team desirous of becoming an affiliated club or team must take application in accordance with the by-laws of the Association. Such application must be lodged with the Association Secretary on or before a date as determined by the Management Committee of the Association. Each affiliated club or team shall appoint or elect a delegate as his or her representative to meetings of the Management Committee.

- 6.5 The Management Committee shall appoint a member of the Management Committee to maintain an up-to-date register of members of the Association.
- 6.6 A member may at any reasonable time inspect the records and documents of the Association.

7.0 SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- 7.1 (To be paid by different classes as and when they are due)

8.0 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

- 8.1 Any person's Membership may be terminated by the following events.
 - 8.1.1 Resignation.
 - 8.1.2 Expulsion.
 - 8.1.3 Convicted of an indictable offence.
 - 8.1.4 a Member's annual membership fee remains unpaid after six (6) months falling due.
- 8.2 The Management Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of the Association for:
 - 8.2.1 Any of the events in item 8.1
 - 8.2.2 False or inaccurate statements made in the member's application for membership of the Association.
 - 8.2.3 Breach of any rule, regulation or by-law of the Association and
 - 8.2.4 By any act of detrimental to the Association.After having undertaken due inquiry.
- 8.3 Except in Clause 8.1.4 the member concerned shall be given a full & fair opportunity of presenting the members case and if the Management Committee resolves to terminate the Membership it shall instruct the Secretary to advise this to the member in writing.

- 8.4 Any member who is expelled, suspended or has their Membership terminated, shall have the right to appeal against their suspension or expulsion may appeal the decision in writing with twenty-eight (28) days of receiving the notice from the Club. The member can present their case to a General Meeting called for such purpose within sixty (60) days of the appeal, and the decision of the General Meeting shall be final.

9.0 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

- (1) Sometimes called Executive Committee.
 - (2) Committee persons are sometimes referred to as Office Bearers.
 - (3) The main Office Bearers are often referred to as The Executive.
- 9.1 Management of the Association shall be vested in the Management Committee elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting and consisting of:
- 9.1.1 President
 - 9.1.2 Vice President – Seniors
 - 9.1.3 Vice President – Juniors
 - 9.1.4 Secretary
 - 9.1.5 Treasurer
- 9.2 No person shall hold more than one position on the Management Committee at any one time. A person shall cease to be a member of the Management Committee at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting which follows his/her election and he/she will be eligible for re-election.
- 9.3 A quorum of the Management Committee shall be half of its members plus one (1).
- 9.4 If the President or Vice President is unable to attend, then a chairperson nominated by the meeting shall chair that meeting.
- 9.5 A member of the Management Committee may lose his or her seat on the committee for either of the following;
- 9.5.1 Absence from three (3) or more meetings without leave of absence.
 - 9.5.2 Found not to be a financial member.

10.0 POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

- 10.1 the Management Committee shall carry out the day-to-day running of the Association and shall have the power to;
- 10.1.1 Administer the finances, appoint bankers and direct the opening of bank accounts for specific purposes and to transfer funds from one account to another and to close any such account.
 - 10.1.2 Fix the manner in which such banking accounts shall be operated upon, providing the Management Committee passes all payments.
 - 10.1.3 Fix fees and subscriptions payable by members and decide such levies, fines and charges as deemed necessary and advisable and to enforce payment thereof.
 - 10.1.4 Adjudicate on all matters brought before it which in anyway affect the Association.

- 10.1.5 Cause minutes to be made of all proceedings at meetings of the Committee and General Meetings of members.
- 10.1.6 Make, amend and rescind the rulings and by-laws.
- 10.1.7 Have the power to form and appoint any subcommittee/s as required for specific purposes.
- 10.1.8 May at their discretion employ a person or persons to carry out certain duties required by the Association, at salaries or remunerations for such period of time, as may be deemed necessary.
- 10.1.9 Should a vacancy occur on the Management Committee during the season, the Management Committee shall appoint a successor until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 10.1.10 Appoint an officer/s or agent of the Management Committee to have custody of the Association's records, documents and securities.

11.0 **AUDITOR:**

- 11.1 The Annual General Meeting shall elect or appoint an Auditor or Auditors.
- 11.2 The Auditor/s shall examine and audit all the books and accounts of the Association annually and have the power to call for books, papers, accounts, receipts etc., of the Association and report thereon to the Annual General Meeting.

12.0 **GENERAL MEETINGS:**

- 12.1 Annual General Meeting
 - 12.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association must be held with four (4) months of the end of the club's financial year.
 - 12.1.2 The Secretary shall give at least fourteen (14) days notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting.
 - 12.1.3 All financial members may attend the Annual General Meeting.
 - 12.1.4 The quorum at the Annual General Meeting, shall be a minimum of **FIVE (5)** members. If, at the end of thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed in the notice for the opening of the Meeting, there be no quorum the meeting shall stand and adjourn for one (1) week. If at such meeting there is no quorum those members present shall be competent to discharge the business of the meeting.
 - 12.1.5 The agenda for an Annual General Meeting shall be;
 - Opening of Meeting.
 - Apologies.
 - Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
 - Presentation of Annual Report.
 - Adoption of Annual Report.
 - Presentation of Treasurer's statement.
 - Election of new Management Committee and appointment of Auditor.
 - Vote of thanks to our going Management Committee.
 - Determination of Annual Membership Fee.
 - Notice/s of Motion.

- Urgent general business.
 - Closure.
- 12.2 General Meetings
- 12.2.1 General Meetings may be called by the Management Committee or at the request of the President and Secretary or on the written request of twenty (20) members of the Association.
- 12.2.2 The Secretary shall give at least seven (7) days notice, in writing of the date of the General Meeting to the Members. Notice of General Meeting shall set out clearly the business for which the meeting has been called. No other business shall be dealt with at the General Meeting.
- 12.2.3 The quorum at the General Meeting shall be a minimum of three (3) members.

13.0 VOTING:

- 13.1 Voting powers at the Annual General Meeting and General Meetings:
- 13.1.1 The President shall be entitled to a deliberate vote and, in the event of a tied vote, the President shall exercise a casting vote.
- 13.1.2 Each individual financial member present shall have one (1) vote.
- 13.2 Voting powers at Management Committee Meetings:
- 13.2.1 The President shall be entitled to a deliberate vote and in the event of a tied vote, the President shall exercise a casting vote.
- 13.2.2 Each individual committee member present shall have one (1) vote.

14.0 FINANCE:

- 14.1 All funds of the Association shall be deposited into the Association's accounts at such bank or recognised financial institution as the Management Committee may determine.
- 14.2 All accounts due by the Association shall be paid by cheque after having being passed for payment at the Management Committee Meeting and when immediate payment is necessary, accounts shall be paid and the action endorsed at the next Management Committee Meeting.
- 14.3 The Secretary shall not spend more than a set amount Petty Cash without consent from the Management Committee and shall keep a record of such expenditure in a Petty Cash Book.
- 14.4 A statement showing the financial position of the Association shall be tabled at each Management Committee Meeting by the Treasurer.
- 14.5 A statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. The auditor's report shall be attached to such financial report.
- 14.6 The financial year of the Association shall commence on October 1st (date) each year. The accounts, books and all financial records of the Association shall be audited each year.

- 14.7 The signatories to the Association's account/s will be the Treasurer and any one (1) from the following:
1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Assistant Treasurer
- 14.8 All property income of the Association will apply solely to the promotion of the objects of the Association and no part of that property or income shall be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly to members, except in good faith in the promotion of these objects.

15.0 COMMON SEAL:

(A rubber stamp on which is engraved the Association's name)

The common seal of the Association shall be kept in the care of the Secretary. The seal shall not be used or affixed to any deed or document pursuant to the resolution of the Management Committee and in the presence of at least the President and two members of the committee, both of whom shall subscribe their names as witnesses.

16.0 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

- 16.1 No alteration, repeal or addition shall be made to the Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting, or General Meeting called for the purpose and notice of all motions to alter, repeal or add to the Constitution shall be given to members fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, or seven (7) days prior to a General Meeting call for such purpose.
- 16.2 The Secretary shall forward such notices of motion to each Management Committee member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or seven (7) days prior to a General Meeting.
- 16.3 Alterations to the by-laws can be made only at Management Committee Meetings provided notice of proposed alteration/s has been duly notified to Committee Members.
- 16.4 Such motions, or any part thereof, shall be of no effect unless passed by a seventy five percent (75%) majority (Special Resolution) of those present and entitled to a vote at the Annual General Meeting, General Meeting or Management Committee Meeting, as the case may be.
- 16.5 Within one (1) month of the passing of the Special Resolution, the Secretary shall notify the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection for amendment.
(In the case of a licensed club, the Director of Liquor Licensing must also be notified.)

17.0 DISSOLUTION:

If, on the winding up of the Association, any property of the Association remains after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the Association and the costs, charges and expenses of that winding up, that property shall be distributed.

- (a) Another incorporated association having objects similar to those of the Association; or
- (b) For charitable or benevolent purposes, which incorporated Association or purposes, as the case requires shall be determined by resolution of the members.