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ARTICLES OF THE MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

PART 1 PRELIMINARY

1.1 INTERPRETATIONS

(1) In these rules, except in so far as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires,

MEMBER means a member of the Association which shall include:-

- Clubs affiliated in accordance with these rules
- Officials of the Association
- Life Members
- Manly Warringah Soccer Football Club Ltd
- Manly Warringah District Soccer Football Club Ltd
- Manly Warringah Football Referees Association
- And such other persons or organisations to which the Association may grant membership.

PERSON includes a natural person, body corporate, firm or body of persons.

THE ACT means the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.

THE REGULATION means the Associations Incorporation Regulation, 1985.

THE ASSOCIATION means the Manly Warringah Football Association Incorporated.

PLAYER during a Match includes a substitute and a substituted player.

TEAM OFFICIAL means any personnel involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team including the coaches, managers, medical staff (including team or match doctor), physiotherapists, gear persons and other support staff and any other person permitted in the Technical Area.

PARTICIPANT means a player or team official.

Where applicable and appropriate in these Bylaws and Playing Rules the term Player can be extended to include any Participant.

COUNCIL OF CLUBS means members of the Association meeting in general meeting.

YOUTH means any competition, or any registered player, within the age group from under 12 up to under 18, both age groups included.

JUNIOR means any competition, or any registered player, 11 years and below.

SENIOR means any competition, or any registered player, not a junior or youth.

FIXTURE means a meeting of Clubs to play a Match as scheduled in all grades applicable.

MATCH means any match played under the auspices of FFA, FNSW or the MWFA direction or control.

DATE OF CLOSURE OF ENTRIES TO THE COMPETITION is the date on which Member Clubs must have submitted their teams to the MWFA for allocation into divisions. Unless

otherwise specified by the EC, the date is taken to be the first meeting of the Grading Committee to allocate teams into divisions.

COLOURS includes alternative colours.

- (2) In these rules:
 - (a) A reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority or duty.
 - (b) A reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of a duty.
 - (c) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and the words importing the masculine include the feminine and vice versa.
 - (d) Where the following abbreviations appear throughout these Rules they shall have the same meaning set out hereunder:-

A.G.M. Annual General Meeting
A.C Appeals Committee
C of C Council of Clubs
E.C. Executive Committee
GPT General Purposes Tribunal
M.C. Management Committee

M.W.F.A. Manly Warringah Football Association Inc.

M.W.F.R.A. Manly Warringah Football Referees Association Inc

P&D Protests and Disputes Committee

FOOTBALL NSW Football NSW Limited Special General Meeting

- (e) A reference to the terms All-Age, Open and Amateur League shall have the same meaning and refer to teams and players in those teams where there is no age restriction on the competition.
- (3) The provisions of the Interpretation Act, 1987 apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act

1.2 FOOTBALL YEAR

For the purposes of these rules the Football Year shall be the period from 1st January in one year to 31st December in the same year, both dates inclusive.

1.3 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Association shall be from 1st October in one year to 30th September in the ensuing year, both dates inclusive.

1.4 LAWS OF THE GAME

The Association and pots the most recent Laws of the Game as published by FIFA on www.fifa.com and as modified by the Playing Rules accompanying these rules.

1.5 COLOURS AND EMBLEMS

- (1) The colours of the Association shall be blue, red and white.
- (2) The emblem of the Association shall be an Osprey holding a football in its claws, and may only be used with the express permission of EC, such permission having been granted may be withdrawn at any time.

1.6 SCOPE OF JURISDICTION

- (1) The Association shall affiliate with the Football NSW Ltd.
- (2) The jurisdiction of the Association shall cover all Association Officials, Clubs, Club Officials, Teams, Players, Grounds, Spectators at Matchesand matches within it's boundaries.
- (3) The jurisdiction of the Association may be extended beyond its boundaries by arrangement with other Football Associations and with the approval, if necessary, of Football NSW Ltd.
- (4) The jurisdiction of the Association shall cover players representing it, and club teams playing competitions approved by the Football NSW Ltd, although they are playing in areas beyond the Association's boundaries.
- (5) Even if the law of the State or Commonwealth allows Clubs and Club members to contest at a civil court any decisions pronounced by any football body, any person or member or affiliated Club shall, except in the case of a temporary injunction, refrain from doing so in any way until all the possibilities of jurisdiction within the code have been exhausted. Any breach of this regulation shall entail disaffiliation or expulsion from the code.
- (6) Any affiliated Club, member or person threatening to take legal action as part of any attempt to resolve any matter of discipline or protest before or likely to come before the Association, may be cited to appear before the MWFA EC to show cause why they should not be dealt with for improper conduct.

1.7 PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

The rules of procedure and debate at all meetings shall be as laid down by the N.S.W. Parliament, as varied by Part 9, Standing Orders, of the Associations By-Laws.

1.8 FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE RULES

Failure of any affiliated Club, team, official, player or spectator to observe these Rules, the Association By-Laws and/or Playing Rules in their entirety, may render such club, team, official, players or spectator liable to a fine or other such penalty as the E.C. deems fit to impose.

PART 2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 AFFILIATIONS

- (1) Annual applications for affiliation for the ensuing Football Year must be on the form provided by the Association and lodged not later than the one week prior to the A.G.M. each year, and be accompanied by the relevant fee inclusive of State or Federal Government Charges as determined by the Association. Clubs applying for Affiliation shall be invoiced for the relevant fee.
- (2) Applications for affiliation to the Association shall be subject to the approval of Council, which shall have the power to accept or reject such application at the A.G.M. each year. Clubs whose affiliation is not approved shall have the relevant fee refunded.
- (3) Each new club applying for affiliation shall, at the time of affiliation:-
 - (a) have at least ten (10) non-senior teams
 - (b) not duplicate in any way the colours of an existing club
 - (c) be at least 5 Kilometres from the headquarters and grounds of any existing club

2.2 LIFE MEMBERS

- (1) It shall be competent for the A.G.M. to elect on the recommendation of the M.C., as Life Members of the Association, any person who has rendered signal service to the advancement of the code in the area covered by the Association.
- (2) Life members shall be entitled to take part in the business of all council and AGM, , and shall be entitled to vote at all such meetings.

2.3 MEMBERSHIP NOT TRANSFERABLE

- (1) Once granted, membership may not be transferred.
- (2) Any right, privilege or obligation a member has by virtue of such membership shall not be transferred.

2.4 REGISTER OF CLUBS

- (1) The Secretary shall establish and maintain a register of all clubs affiliated with the Association and such register shall contain the following information:-
 - (a) The name of the Club.
 - (b) The name of the Secretary of the Club.
 - (c) The postal address and telephone number of the Club Secretary.
 - (d) The registered colours of the Club
- (2) The Register of Clubs shall be kept at the principal place of administration of the Association, and shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

2.5 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The liability of members to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association, and to the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of the membership of the Association.

2.6 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A member ceases to be a members of the Association if that member:-
 - (a) Resigns in writing addressed to the Secretary.
 - (b) Is expelled from the Association.
 - (c) Has it's application for affiliation rejected by the AGM.
- (2) Cessation of membership shall not be accepted until all outstanding monies and dues are paid.

2.7 DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS

- (1) Where the M.C. is of the opinion that a member of the Association:-
 - (a) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with the provision or provisions of these rules
 - (b) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association

It may, by resolution, expel the member from the Association or, suspend the members from membership for a specified period.

- (2) A resolution under clause 2.7 (1) is of no effect unless the M.C., at a meeting held no later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under clause 2.7. hereunder, confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- (3) Where the M.C. passes a resolution under clause 2.7 (1), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice to be served on the member, such notice to:-
 - (a) set out the resolution and the grounds on which it was based;
 - (b) inform the member that the member may address the M.C. at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the service of the notice:
 - (c) state the date, time and place of that meeting;
 - inform the member that the member may at any time prior to the meeting, submit written representations relating to the resolution;
- (4) At a meeting of the M.C. held as referred to in clause 2.7 (3) above, the M.C. shall:-
 - (a) give the member an opportunity to make oral submissions to the meeting;
 - (b) give due consideration to any written representation submitted by the member prior or at the meeting;
 - (c) by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution passed under clause 2.7 (1).
- (5) Where the M.C. confirms a resolution passed under clause 2.7 (1), the Secretary shall, within 7 days after that confirmation, by notice in writing inform the member of the fact, and of the members right of appeal under clause 2.8.
- (6) A resolution confirmed by the M.C. under clause 2.7 (4) (c) does not take effect:-
 - (a) until the expiration of the period in which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise his right of appeal.
 - (b) where the member exercises his right of appeal until the matter is resolved by Council.

2.8 RIGHT OF APPEAL BY DISCIPLINED MEMBER

- (1) A member may appeal to the Association at a Special General Meeting against a resolution of the M.C. which has been confirmed in accordance with clause 2.7 (4) within 7 days after the notice of the resolution is served on the member by lodging with the Secretary a written notice to that effect.
- (2) Upon receipt of such notice as prescribed in clause 2.8 (1), the Secretary shall notify the M.C., which shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- (3) At a general meeting of the Association convened under clause 2.8 (2): -
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
 - (b) the M.C. and the member shall be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing or both;
 - (c) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

PART 3 OBJECTIVES

3.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE M.W.F.A.

The objects of the Association shall be to foster the Game of football in the Manly, Warringah, Mosman & Pittwater districts, and shall co-ordinate the activities of all Football Clubs and football sections of general sporting clubs, granted in the charter of the Football NSW Ltd., as amended, in the Northern Beaches and Mosman Councils and surrounding areas.

- (1) The Association aims to provide an organised avenue to develop the mental and moral growth of its members and players.
- (2) Each Club shall, on request, use best endeavours to promote trials organised to select players for Manly United or other representative teams.
- (3) The Association shall consist of all football clubs and associations affiliated in accordance with these rules.
- (4) The Association shall be responsible for obtaining such grounds as may be required for it's purpose, and shall have complete authority, as far as it's members are concerned, over such grounds, during the time the grounds are under the control of the Association.
- (5) The income and property of the Association shall be used only for the promotion of the objects of the Association and shall not be paid or transferred to members by dividend, bonus or profit, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association or to any member of the Association in return for any services actually rendered to the Association.

PART 4 OFFICIALS OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.1 OFFICIALS

- (1) The officials of the Association shall be:-
 - (a) President
 - (b) Senior Vice President x 2 comprising:-SVP M.W.F.A & SVP Representative Football
 - (c) Vice Presidents x 4 comprising:-

Vice President - Junior Teams

Vice President - Youth Competition Teams

Vice President – Senior Competition Teams

Vice President – Women's and Girls Competition Teams

- (d) Secretary
- (e) Treasurer
- (f) Registrars X 3(g) Delegate to M.W.F.R.A.
- (2) Officials of the Association shall hold office from the time of their election at an A.G.M. until the succeeding A.G.M., and are eligible for re-election.
- (3) Not withstanding the previous sub-clause, any official absenting him/herself without reasonable cause from three (3) consecutive G.M., M.C.M., at the discretion of the EC may be deemed to have vacated his/her office.
- (4) Notwithstanding clause 4.1 (2), any official deemed guilty of conduct considered prejudicial to the Association, may be removed from office by a simple majority of the members present and voting at a C of C Meeting.
- (5) Any official wishing to resign may do so by giving written notice to the Secretary.
- (6) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the Officials of the Association, the M.C. may appoint a person to fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules until the A.G.M. next following the date of the appointment.

4.2 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- (1) At the A.G.M. a Returning Officer shall be appointed from the floor of the meeting to take the chair and conduct the election of officers.
- (2) Nominations of candidates for specific offices of the Association:-
 - (a) Shall be made in writing by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated to accept nomination. Such consent may be endorsed on the written nomination.
 - (b) Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the A.G.M. at which the election is to take place.
- (3) If only one written nomination is received for a specific office then the Returning Officer shall declare the person so nominated, elected to that office.
- (4) If more than one written nomination is received for that specific office, then the Returning Officer shall conduct a secret ballot to determine the person elected to that office. Subject to a Motion or at the discretion of the Returning Office, the ballot may be held as a secret ballot. If a secret ballot is required, the Returning Officer shall appoint

two neutral scrutineers to count the votes and shall declare the person who receives the most votes elected to that office.

(5) If no written nominations are received for a specific office, the Returning Officer may call for nominations from the floor of the meeting.

4.3 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) A Special General Meeting. may be convened in the following circumstances:-
 - (a) By resolution of the M.C. or Council.
 - (b) By a decision of the E.C.
 - (c) On lodgement with the Secretary of a requisition in writing, signed by at least five (5) members.
 - (d) On the written request, to the Secretary, from a club whose application for affiliation has been rejected by Council.
- (2) A requisition by members for a S.G.M.:-
 - (a) Shall state the purpose of the meeting.
 - (b) May consist of one or more documents, in a similar form, each signed by the members seeking the meeting.
- (3) If the E.C. fails to convene a S.G.M. to be held within one month after the date on which the requisition is lodged with the Secretary
 - (a) Any one or more of the members who signed the requisition may convene such a meeting to be held no longer than 3 months from the date of the lodgement of the requisition.
 - (b) A S.G.M. convened in this manner shall be convened, as nearly as practicable, in the same manner as if convened by the E.C. and any reasonable costs incurred by the members shall be reimbursed by the Association.
- (4) At least 21 days' notice must be given to members of a S.G.M.
- (5) No business other than that listed in the notice of meeting shall be dealt with at a S.G.M.

4.4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) The A.G.M. of the Association shall be held not later than the last week in November in each year.
- (2) The order of business at the A.G.M. shall be:-
 - (a) Apologies
 - (b) Adoption of Minutes of previous A.G.M.
 - (c) Presentation and adoption of Annual Report Including audited financial reports.
 - (d) Election of officials for the ensuing year.
 - (e) Presentation and adoption of a budget for the ensuing year.
 - (f) Notices of motion.
 - (g) Election of Committees and Delegates for the ensuing year.
 - (h) General Business
- (3) 21 days written notice of the date and venue of the A.G.M. shall be given to all members

4.5 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Association's accounts presented to the A.G.M. shall be audited by a registered public accountant.

4.6 AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES

The MWFA EC may appoint persons to act as Authorised Signatores as being person(s) with authority to sign official documents on behalf of the MWFA.

The MWFA may execute an instrument by having two Authorised Signatories approve the instrument sign.

Different persons may be appointed as Authorised Signatories for different functions. For Financial Transactions one of the Authorised Signatories for each Transaction must be either the President of Treasurer.

The MWFA must keep a list of Authorised Signatories and their authorities.

MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP BY A CLUB (Rule 2.1)

To the Manly Warringah Football Association Incorporated (Incorporated under the Associations Act 1984) Reg No. Y 09145-24
(Full name of Club)
of(Postal Address)
hereby applies to become a Club Member of the Manly Warringah Footballl Association Incorporated. In the event of the Club's admission as a member, the Club Member agrees to be bound by (a) MWFA Constitution and Bylaws; (b) MWFA Playing Rules; (c) Policies, directions of the MWFA; (d) The Laws of the Game; (e) The Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Policies of FNSW; (f) The Constitution, By-Laws and Policies of FFA; (g) Any alteration, revocation or addition to any of the above made from time to time; (h) Where there is any inconsistency between the Constitution of the Club Member and the Constitution of the MWFA, then to the extent of such inconsistency, the Constitution and By-Laws of the MWFA shall apply.
The Club Member colours are subject to the Approval of the MWFA. If the Club is re-applying for Affiliation and the Club Colours are changing the new Club Colours must be submitted for Approval.
The Club Member will provide a list of Committee Members by the commencement of the next Football Year and will notify of any changes within 30 days.
The Club Member is an Incorporated Body.
Club Incorporated Name:
Club Incorporation Number:
Any other material relevant to the Application should be provided with this Affiliation Form:- * Signature of Club Authorised Signatories:
Authorised Signatory 1
Position of Authorised Signatory 1
Authorised Signatory 2
Position of Authorised Signatory 2

MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC (Reg No. Y 09154-24 0 NOMINATION FORM OFFICE BEARER (Rule 4.2)

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BY-LAWS OF THE MANLY WARRINGAH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

PART 5 GOVERNMENT

5.1 GOVERNMENT

The Government of the Association shall be vested in Council of Clubs. Affiliated clubs shall appoint one delegate to represent it at the Council of Clubs.

5.2 COUNCIL OF CLUBS

- (1) The Council of Clubs shall meet In February, March, April ,May, June, July, August and at least one further meeting before the AGM and at such other times as deemed necessary by the E.C., or as required by these rules.
- (2) A quorum at Council of Clubs shall be ten (10) members, of whom two (2) must be members of the E.C. and one (1) other official
- (3) Only delegates of affiliated clubs, including Manly Warringah District Soccer Club Ltd., Manly Warringah Football Referees Association Inc., Manly Warringah Soccer Club Ltd., Officials and Life members may speak at Council of Clubs. In special circumstances, to be decided as they arise, permission to speak may be granted to others.
- (4) The Council shall have the power to admit or exclude strangers from its meetings.
- (5) Notification of the change of a delegate must be notified to the Secretary, in writing, prior to the commencement of the meeting next succeeding the change.
- (6) Each Member present at Council shall be entitled to vote as follows:

0 - 499 registered players 1 vote 500 - 699 registered players 2 votes 700 - 999 registered players 3 votes 1000 or more registered players 4 votes

irrespective of the number of capacities or committees they represent

- (7) Clubs who are not represented at three (3) consecutive meetings, or more, shall be required to show cause to the EC why penalties should not be applied to the Club.
- (8) Council shall have the power to appoint such sub-committees as it sees fit.
- (9) Appeals against Council decisions shall be made to the Football NSW,.

PART 6 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICIALS

- (1) The President shall be responsible for officials carrying out their duties in accordance with these rules. The President shall be Chairman of all meetings, except subcommittee meetings, and conduct such meetings in accordance with these rules. The President shall have a casting vote only at all meetings. The President shall be an exofficio member of all sub-committees.
- (2) **The Senior Vice President** shall act as chairman in the absence from the chair of the President, and shall be responsible for the liaison between all interested bodies and the Association, and for the harmony of all affiliated clubs, for the betterment of football.

- (3) **The Vice Presidents** shall assist wherever possible, but they may be allocated special duties by the M.C. and carry out the duties as allocated at the time of their election to the position.
- (4) **The Secretary** shall administer the affairs of the Association as directed and as these rules demand. The Secretary shall keep a proper record of all Association proceedings, prepare the Annual Report and execute such other duties as may come within his province.
- (5) **The Treasurer** shall be responsible for receiving all monies due to the Association from any source and to account for all expenses, to issue financial statements were deemed necessary, prepare the annual financial statements for the Association's auditors and prepare a budget for the ensuing year to present at the A.G.M.
- (6) The Registrars shall keep a record of all persons registering with the Association as players, coaches or managers, and ensure that such persons are not disqualified from so registering.
- (7) **The Delegate to the M.W.F.R.A.** shall attend the M.W.F.R.A. Inc committee meeting and report to the M.C. any relevant matters pertaining to the Association. He shall be the liaison person between both bodies.

PART 7 COMMITTEES

7.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) The E.C. shall consist of the President, Senior Vice Presidents (2), Secretary & Treasurer.
- (2) The E.C shall have the power to employ such person(s) as it deems necessary to carry out the operation of the MWFA.
 A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) may be employed to manage the day to day operations of the MWFA and any employees who are engaged. The CEO will be a member of the EC but shall have no voting rights.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained herein any person who is the subject of a decision made by the Executive Committee must adopt the following procedure to appeal this decision.
 - (a) The person must inform the MWFA in writing of the intention to appeal.
 - (b) The person must appeal to Football NSW following the procedures outlined FNSW Disciplinary Regulations.
 - (c) A copy of the appeal must be supplied to the MWFA and the Club.
- (4) The E.C. shall have the powers to bring before it anyCclub, Club Official, Coach, Manager, Player or Spectator, who in the opinion of the E.C. has brought the Game into Disrepute, or who is cited by a referee in the course of his duties as a referee. The EC shall have the power to levy fines or impose penalties on such Club, Club Official, Coach, ManagerPlayer or Spectator as is necessary. No legal representation to be allowed.
- (5) (a) The E.C. shall have the powers to act in emergency situations. What constitutes an emergency shall be at the sole discretion of the E.C.
 - (b) Any action taken under this clause must be reported in full to the next Council of Clubs meeting. Except where the EC deem that the matter should be considered confidential.

(6) A quorum of the E.C. shall be three (3)

(7) Disciplining Spectators

The EC has jurisdiction to issue Suspensions and other sanctions against Spectators.

(8) Authority to Establish Committees and Tribunals

The EC may establish such committees and tribunals as it may from time to time determine and designate to each of them their respective functions and powers.

(9) Special Considerations

The EC will have the power to consider special circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Playing Rules should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the Game

(10) Unforeseen Circumstances

Nothing in these Playing Rules will prevent the EC from determining a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Playing Rules including but not limited to promotion, regrading of teams, number of divisions and composition of Teams in each division.

7.2 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (1) The M.C. shall consist of the officials of the Association.
- (2) The M.C. shall manage the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Council. The M.C. shall report its decisions to the next Council meeting for confirmation.
- (3) A guorum of the M.C. shall be nine (9) including at least three (3) members of the E.C.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything contained herein any person who is the subject of a decision made by the Management Committee must adopt the following procedure for appeal of this decision:
 - (a) The person must inform the MWFA in writing of the intention to appeal.
 - (b) The person must appeal to Football NSW following the procedures outlined FNSW Disciplinary Regulations.
 - (c) A copy of the appeal must be supplied to the MWFA and the Club.

7.3 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

7.4 PROTESTS & DISPUTES COMMITTEE (P.& D.)

(1) MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) A Protests & Disputes (P&D) Committee consisting of three (3) members and five (5) alternate members shall be elected at the A.G.M.
- (b) The duties of the P&D Committee shall be to investigate and resolve all protests and disputes relating to the qualification of competitors, interpretations of the MWFA rules or any protest whatsoever other than matters pertaining to the E.C., M.C.. Council of Clubs or Judiciary Committee decisions.
- (c) Appeals against the decisions of the P&D Committee can only be made to M.W.F.A. Appeals Committee.
- (d) The Committee shall elect its own Chairperson and a quorum shall be three (3).

- (e) A true record and permanent register of any hearing attendances, as well as any decisions shall be documented by the Committee and supplied to the Association Secretary.
- (f) All protests or disputes should be actioned within 14 days of receipt with a view to finalisation within 14 days thereafter. However, where the result of any protest or dispute is required to facilitate the continuation of a competition (eg. before finals Matches), the Committee may be required to adjudicate in an emergency hearing.

(2) COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND POWERS

- (a) The Association Secretary shall receive and record all protests or disputes submitted to the MWFA and send a copy of the protest or dispute, including all particulars thereof, to the P&D Committee Chairperson and any member protested against.
- (b) The member protested against shall have seven (7) days to respond to the protest, after this time the matter will be dealt with on the available evidence.
- (c) The Committee shall investigate and resolve protests or disputes through consultation with the parties involved and/or through its interpretation of any MWFA rules in force from time to time. Section N of the Plaing Rules details the procedure and penalties for player eligibility disputes.
- (d) Where the correct procedures for protest of player eligibility or match result are not completed, but the EC determines there may have been a breach of the MWFA Rules, the EC may request that the P&D Committee investigate the breach and make recommendations on the course of action to be taken, including penalties.
 - Appeals against an EC decision on a breach of the MWFA Rules made on the basis of a P&D Committee recommendation may be heard by the MWFA Appeals Committee.
- (e) Should circumstances dictate and at the discretion of the Committee, a hearing may be convened to adjudicate a protest or dispute. The Committee Chairperson shall advise all members involved in the protest or dispute the venue, date and time at which a protest or dispute hearing shall be held.
- (f) The Committee shall have the power to call such persons or statements as it deems required and shall have the power to impose such penalties it considers appropriate to each case it investigates.
- (g) If required, a member shall provide any such reasonable information as requested by the Committee, either at a hearing or within 7 days if the request is made in writing.
- (h) Where appropriate, a representative of the M.W.F.R.A. may either give advice on the Laws of the Game to the Committee or attend a hearing in order to give such advice.
- (i) A full report of each investigation and/or hearing, together with the Committee findings, shall be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary, who shall record the decision and then forward copies to each of the parties and if requested to the M.W.F.R.A.
- (j) At the discretion of the Committee, a bond of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be required before the hearing of any protest or dispute. This bond may be refunded at the discretion of the Committee.
- (k) No Legal Representation is permitted in P&D Committee proceedings.

(3) PROTEST ON A MATCH RESULT

(a) To protest the result of a match, the manager is required to tick the Disputed section in EMS. A reason for this dispute will need to be entered. No protest on a

- match result will be investigated if the Match Sheet / EMS system has not been fully entered.
- (b) Where a protest on the result of a match is made on the basis of an error at Law (i.e. where an error pertaining to the Laws of the Game, as applied by a referee, is alleged to have been made) (including local variations to the rules), full particulars must be provided stating how the error at Law substantially and irrevocably altered the result of the match.
- (c) For all protests on the result of a match due to an error at Law, the Committee shall request the M.W.F.R.A. to investigate and, where appropriate, provide advice on the alleged error.
- (d) The Committee shall not require any bond if the sole basis of the protest is an error at Law.

PROTEST ON THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER

- (a)To protest the eligibility of a player, the manager is required to tick the Disputed section in EMS. A reason for this dispute will need to be entered. No protest on the eligibility of a player will be investigated if the Match Sheet / EMS system has not been fully entered.
- (b) The P&D shall adjudicate on the eligibility of any player who is the subject of a protest as per these Playing Rules.

7.5 APPEALS COMMITTEE (A.C.)

(1) MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) An Appeals Committee consisting of five (5) members and three (3) alternate members shall be elected at the A.G.M.
- (b) The duties of the Appeals Committee shall be to hear all Appeals relating decisions of the Judiciary Committee, the Protests & Disputes committee or any protest decision whatsoever, other than matters pertaining to the E.C., M.C. or Council decisions.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything contained herein any person who is the subject of a decision made by the Management Committee must adopt the following procedure for appeal of this decision:
 - i. The person must inform in the MWFA writing of the intention to appeal.
 - ii. The person must appeal to Football NSW following the procedures outlined FNSW Disciplinary Regulations.
 - iii. A copy of the appeal must be supplied to the MWFA and the Club.
- (d) The committee shall elect its own Chairperson and a quorum shall be three (3).
- (e) A true record and permanent register of attendances, Appeals and decisions shall be maintained by the committee.
- (f) The Committee Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee members.

(2) COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND POWERS

- (a) The Committee Secretary shall advise all members involved in an Appeal the venue, date and time at which the Appeal shall be held.
- (b) The Association Secretary shall send a copy of any Appeal and particulars thereof to any member likely to be affected by the Appeal.
- (c) The committee shall have the power to call such persons, statements and the committee shall have the power to uphold, overturn or to impose such additional penalties it considers appropriate to each case it hears.
- (d) The committee will require a record of previous charges against any Judiciary appellant.

- (e) Where appropriate, a representative of the M.W.F.R.A. may either attend or give advice on the Laws of the Game to the committee hearing.
- (f) A representative of the committee whose decision is being appealed against may be called to attend the committee's hearing.
- (g) A full report of each hearing shall be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary, who shall forward copies to the appellant and, where necessary to the M.W.F.R.A. Inc
- (h) Every Appeal must be accompanied by a bond of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), refundable at the discretion of the Appeals Committee.
- (i) Should an appeal hearing not be commenced before a player has served the third week of his suspension, then the player will be allowed to play until such times that the appeal hearing has commenced. The committee may, at its discretion, and after an Appeal against a Judiciary decision has commenced, schedule further hearings as it is deemed necessary to ensure it collects all available evidence before arriving at a decision. Should this circumstance occur, the committee may, at its discretion, allow the appellant to continue playing until such time as the Appeal is concluded.

7.6 LEGAL REPRESENTATION PROCEDURES

- (1) The Association must be advised in writing 48 hours prior to the Hearing that the person appearing before the A.C. requests to have legal representation in attendance when their case is heard. The A.C. shall, at the request of the Association, adjourn the Hearing for 1 week (or agreed shorter time) in the event of failure to give the required 48 hours notice in writing. The player shall remain suspended until the adjourned Hearing.
- (2) In any case where legal representation will be in attendance, the Association requires that a non-refundable fee of \$500 be lodged and be paid in advance to the Association. This Bond must be paid prior to the case commencing where the person seeks to have legal representation.
- (3) The Bond covers the additional cost to the Association in relation to increased administration costs and/or the Association's own legal costs. This Bond will be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.
- (4) In the case where legal representation has been requested and the required Bond has been paid, the Association reserves the right to obtain its own legal representation for the Hearing.
- (5) In addition to clause (1) above, if the Association is unable to obtain such equivalent legal representation for the Hearing, at the request of the Association, the hearing shall be adjourned for a maximum of 7 days. In these circumstances, for Judiciary matters the player shall remain suspended until the Hearing takes place.
- (6) If the Association is unable to obtain legal representation within 7 days, the Association has no basis to further adjourn the matter in respect of legal representation. The Association has the right to only seek 1 adjournment of the Hearing in respect of it obtaining legal representation.

7.7 GRADING COMMITTEE

- (1) The Grading Committee shall consist of the EC and the other members of the Management Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for grading all teams registered in the Youth and Senior competitions following as closely as possible the M.W.F.A. Competition Guidelines for the current football year.
- (2) The Grading Committee shall publish the gradings before the commencement of the draw.

PART 8 MEETINGS

8.1 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The order of business at C of C meetings shall be:-

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes of previous C of C meeting
- (c) Business arising from previous C of C meeting minutes
- (d) Minutes of previous Management Committee meeting
- (e) Business arising from previous Management Committee meeting minutes
- (f) Correspondence
- (g) Reports by Officials, Delegates Etc.
- (h) General Business.

PART 9 STANDING ORDERS

9.1 APPLICATION AND SCOPE

These Standing Orders shall apply to all meetings of the Association, including committees.

9.2 STANDING ORDERS

- (1) Meetings shall, subject to a quorum being present, commence at 7.30pm., or such other time stipulated in the notice of meeting, and concludes no later than 11.00pm. However, the chairman may, at his discretion, extend the meeting for an additional fifteen (15) minutes beyond 11.00pm.
- (2) If no quorum is present within thirty (30) minutes after the stated time the meeting shall lapse.
- (3) Members may speak only when called on by the chairman, who shall allow reasonable debate on all matters.
- (4) No member, except the mover, shall speak on a motion until it has been seconded.
- (5) Motions or amendments can only be withdrawn by the mover and with the consent of the seconder. No motion may be withdrawn if an amendment is under discussion, or if an amendment has been passed.
- (6) A motion may be re-worded by the mover with the consent of the seconder.

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- (7) Members may speak once only to any motion, except the mover exercising the right of reply, which closes the debate on the original motion. Members who have spoken to the original motion may speak to amendments.
- (8) The seconder of a motion may reserve the right to speak later in the debate.
- (9) Any member may raise a point of order at the time an irregularity occurs. A point of order takes precedent over any other business
- (10) As distinct from a vote of confidence, any member may move dissent from the Chairman's ruling. The Chairman must vacate the chair and the question put forthwith. The Chairman shall resume the chair immediately the vote is taken.
- (11) Notwithstanding Rule 5.2 (8), the Chairman shall have a casting vote only.
- (12) Any member who has not spoken to a question may move "that the question now be put". The mover may interrupt a speaker to move the motion, and the chairman shall put the question only if he considers there has been sufficient debate.
- (13) Any member may move to limit a speakers time, e.g. "that the speaker be no longer heard "or" the speaker be heard for another two minutes", such motion to be put immediately.
- (14) Motions to suspend Standing Orders, which motion may include changing the order of business, may be moved and subject to debate.
- (15) Rescission motions will not be accepted at the meeting at which the resolution they seek to rescind was passed. Such notices must be submitted in writing, signed by the member or club secretary submitting the motion and lodged with the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the next Council meeting. Upon receipt of a rescission motion, the Secretary shall forward a copy to all members.
- (16) Matters not covered by these Standing Orders shall be ruled upon by the chairman.
- (17) A motion to suspend standing orders for the purpose of an address by a body promoting its own commercial interests will be subject to a limit of fifteen (15) minutes suspension, with a single extension of five (5) minutes by vote.

PART 10 FINANCE

10.1 FINANCE

(1) All monies received by the Association shall be banked in an account bearing the Association's name. (2) (2) Monies may be raised from time to time by any method deemed suitable and as determined by Council of Clubs.

10.2 INVESTMENTS

Monies may from time to time be invested in an authorised trustee investment on direction of Council of Clubs.

10.3 LEVIES

Council of Clubs has the authority to impose levies where deemed necessary.

10.4 GUARANTEE FEE

Clubs may, at the time of entry to the competitions, be required to deposit a sum as fixed by the Council of Clubs as a guarantee of good faith. Such deposit shall be refunded at the end of the year, provided the club has met all its obligations to the Association.

10.5 ANNUAL FEES

- (1) The Portion of Player Registration Fees payable by Clubs shall be determined at the A.G.M. each year.
- (2) Monthly accounts of registration fees shall be payable to the Association on or before the date specified on the account, such date to be one month from the date of issue of the account. In the event of any club failing to pay the fees within the time provided, the club in default shall be fined 1% per month on any balance outstanding until the month of payment. If any accounts are outstanding for two months after the date of issue, the club shall be declared a defaulting club and suspended after being duly advised by the Treasurer that it is in default.
- (3) All affiliated clubs shall pay 50% of the previous year's fees in advance by the 31st March. An invoice will be posted to all club secretaries, one month prior to the March Council of Clubs meeting.
- (4) Based on final registration numbers on the 30th of June invoices will be generated for payment by the 31st of July or any later date as specified by the MWFA.

10.6 FINES

- (a) The EC shall impose fines, appeal fees and bonds on behalf of the Association within the scope of this Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules.
- (b) Fines for non-fulfilment of requirements explicitly stated in this Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules will be published each year by the MWFA in a Schedule of Fees. This Schedule will be ratified by the Clubs in February of each year.
- (c) All fines levied under the Schedule of Fees must clearly reference the item in the Schedule which has been breached for which the fine was imposed. Any other fines imposed by the EC must state the reason for the fine.
- (d) All fines levied shall be served as per Section 14.9 on the alleged offending Club within fourteen (14) days of the alleged offence coming to the attention of the MWFA or of the EC imposing the fine.
- (e) A Club may appeal against the imposition of a fine from the Schedule of Fees within twenty eight (28) days after being served for the alleged offence. These appeals shall be heard by the Protest and Dispute Committee.
- (f) As part of a disciplinary matter a good behaviour bond may be placed on a Club or Team. The amount of this bond will have a maximum of \$1500.

PART 11 INJURIES TO PLAYERS

(1) The Association accepts no responsibility for injuries sustained by players, officials, spectators or referees, unless such responsibility is covered by an insurance policy or policies that may from time to time be organised or taken out by the Association, or the Football NSW Ltd

(2) All players registered with the Association and competing at any level of football shall be liable to pay insurance premiums levied by the Association or the Football NSW Ltd

PART 12 FUNCTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT

- (1) It shall be competent for the Association to hold functions and/or entertainments wherever deemed desirable.
- (2) Affiliated clubs may not hold or organise conflicting functions on Association grounds without first obtaining permission from the Association.
- (3) All clubs planning functions (tournaments, gala days, dances etc.) during the season are to plan these before the season commences, wherever possible, and must advise the Association in writing of such functions. In the case of tournaments, clubs must obtain prior permission from the Association, in the case of intra-Association tournaments or from Football NSW Ltd. for all others.

PART 13 AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AND PLAYING RULES

- (1) The MWFA Articles and Bylaws shall not be amended or added to without the consent of three quarters of the voters present at an A.G.M. or S.G.M. and unless fourteen (14) days notice has been given to all members.
- (2) Playing Rules may be changed at ordinary meetings of the Council of Clubs prior to the date of the Close of Entries to the Competitions provided that fourteen (14) days notice has been given to all members.
- (3) Playing Rule changes after the Close of Entries to the Competition may be made as follows:
 - (a) If the Playing Rule change is to come into immediate effect during the current football year then the change must be made at a S.G.M., provided that fourteen (14) days notice has been given to all members.
 - (b) If the Playing Rule change is to come into effect in subsequent Football Years then the change may be made ordinary meetings of the Council of Clubs provided that fourteen (14) days notice has been given to all members.
- (4) Any notice of motion for alteration to these rules must be lodged with the Secretary no later than twenty one (21) days prior to the date set for the meeting at which they are to be decided upon.
- (5) The E.C. shall have the power to deal with any matters not provided for in these rules.
- (6) The MWFA EC will accept proposals for amendments to the Articles of Association Bylaws and Playing Rules to be submitted to the AGM for approval. Any proposed amendments from Clubs should be submitted by the end of the September before the AGM.

These proposals to be submitted to the AGM will follow the following procedure:

- (a) the proposed amendments will be submitted to the Clubs two weeks prior to the Council of Clubs meeting at which they are to be considered.
- (b) at the Council of Clubs meeting the proposed amendments will be discussed and may be further amended before step (3).
- (c) a vote will be taken at the Council of Clubs meeting as to whether a proposed amendment, including any agreed changes will be submitted to

- the AGM as a resolution. Any proposed amendment forward to the AGM as a resolution shall not be binding on members.
- (d) These resolutions shall be put to the vote at the AGM without debate.
- (7) Proposals for amendments to the Articles of Association, Bylaws and Playing Rules not submitted to the AGM in this way must follow parts 13 (1) or 13 (2) or 13 (3).

PART 14 MISCELLANEOUS

14.1 ISSUE OF THESE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, RULES AND BY-LAWS.

(1) Each club, on affiliation, shall be issued an electronic copies of these Rules and By-Laws. Such delivery shall be sufficient proof that all clubs are aware of all incurred liabilities and responsibilities. (2) Copies of these Rules and By-Laws shall be available for inspection at the office of Association on arrangement with the Secretary and will be available for download on the MWFA website.

14.2 INSURANCE

- (1) The Association shall effect and maintain the FNSW insurance pursuant to Section 44 of the Act.
- (2) In addition to the insurance required under clause (1), the Association may effect and maintain other insurances.

14.3 CUSTODY OF BOOKS

Except as otherwise provided by these rules, expressed or implied, the Public Officer shall keep in his custody or under his control, all books, records and other documents relating to the Association.

14.4 INSPECTION OF BOOKS

- (1) Members may on request inspect free of charge—
 - (a) the minutes of C of C Meetings and Special General Meetings;
 - (b) minutes of EC and MC meetings.
 - (c) subject to subrule (2), the financial records, books, securities and any other relevant document of the Association
- (2) The EC must be satisfied that the member is acting in good faith and that the inspection is to be made for a proper purpose. The EC may limit the scope of the inspection to those records that are directly relevant to the issue in question.
- (3) The EC may refuse to permit a member to inspect records of the Association that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- (4) For purposes of this rule relevant documents means the records and other documents, however compiled, recorded or stored, that relate to the incorporation and management of the Association and includes the following:
 - (a) its membership records;
 - (b) its financial statements;
 - (c) its financial records;

- (d) records and documents relating to transactions, dealings, business or property of the Association.
- (5) The applicant may appeal any decision of the EC regarding the inspection of books to a C of C Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

14.6 SURPLUS PROPERTY

- (1) At the first meeting of the Council of Clubs after Incorporation the Association shall pass a special resolution nominating an incorporated association in which is to vest it's surplus property pursuant to Section 53 (2) of the Act in the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the Association.
- (2) The incorporated association so nominated shall be one which fulfils the requirements specified in Section 53 (2) (a) (b) (c) of the Act.
- (3) The M.W.F.A. nominates Football NSW Ltd in which to vest it's surplus property pursuant to Section 53 (2) of the Act in the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the Association.

14.7 REQUIREMENTS OF CLUBS

- (1) No club shall organise or hold any function, Gala Day or Presentation Day at the same time as the Association, without written approval from the E.C.
- (2) Each affiliated club shall lodge with the Association an up to date copy of its constitution.
- (3) Each affiliated club shall lodge with the Association each year a copy of its annual report and financial statements, the latter being audited in a satisfactory manner.

14.8 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

This award shall be made from time to time as the E.C. recommends, and is awarded to persons who have, over a long period of time supported football, but may not have actually served as an officer of this Association.

14.9 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) As a general principal the MWFA will only accept and act on direct communications from members of Committees of MWFA Member Organisations including Clubs and the MWFRA. The following will apply:
 - In specific operational areas such as registrations, draw changes, coaching and Judiciary notices direct communications to the appropriate MWFA contact point can only be made by the appropriate Committee member.
 - All other general communications must be received from the Primary Contacts.
 - Communications from other members of MWFA Member Organisations should be directed through the Member Organisation for forwarding to the MWFA accompanied by a covering email.

This includes all electronic and written means of communication. All communications to the MWFA shall be in writing to be effective. These approved communications are termed official communications.

- (2) The MWFA EC has the discretion to determine if a direct communication from any member of an MWFA Member Organisation, including players and team officials or any other party is official. Only official communications are guaranteed to receive a response.
- (3) Each MWFA Member Organisations will nominate two persons to act as Primary Contact Points which the MWFA will recognise as the source of official communications. As a default these will be the Secretary and President of the MWFA Member Organisation.
- (4) The MWFA uses email as its primary means of receiving and sending official written communications. Each MWFA Member Organisations must provide contact email addresses for all the contact points as specified in the MWFA Handbook.
- (5) The MWFA will accept communication by email in all cases subject to the following criteria being adhered to:
 - Specific operational written communication is received from an appropriate email address in the MWFA Handbook.
 - All other general written correspondence is received from the email address of one of the Primary Contact Points.
 - Where an attachment to an e-mail is on Organisation letterhead and includes a scanned copy of a Primary Contact's Signature.
- (6) Hardcopy communications received from a MWFA Member Organisation by the MWFA either by post, fax or hand delivery must be on Organisation letterhead signed by one of the Primary Contact Points.
- (7) The MWFA may expressly request communication under Organisations letterhead and signature of a Primary Contact Point.
- (8) All MWFA Member Organisations must have two active email addresses for the receipt of MWFA communications.
- (9) All MWFA Member Organisations must maintain a postal address for the receipt of MWFA communications.
- (10) All official written communications by the MWFA to MWFA Member Organisations shall be deemed to have been received by the Organisation:
 - in the case of email or fax communication immediately;
 - in the case of communication sent by mail two working days after such communication was posted.
 - MWFA Member Organisations must ensure that postal mailboxes and specified email accounts are checked regularly and that any information received is forwarded to the relevant person.
- (11) The reasonable time for the MWFA or an MWFA Member Organisations to act on the receipt of a communication is defined as that amount of time which is fairly necessary, , to do what the communication requires as soon as circumstances permit. If greater priority than would normally be reasonably required is needed additional measures should be taken to ensure the transmission of the communication is brought to the notice of the EC of either party as requiring prompt action. The reasonableness or unreasonableness of time used or taken by the Organisation to act may be the subject of review by the EC.

- (12) Any legal fees incurred by the Association in advising on or responding to any written official communications received from a MWFA Member Organisation or from the legal or other representative of such a MWFA Member Organisations shall be borne by such the Organisation. The MWFA may pay any such fees in which event the MWFA Member Organisations in question shall immediately reimburse the MWFA.
 - Correspondence or other communication from any player and/or official will only be accepted by the Executive Committee if accompanied by a letter signed by an officer of the club in which the player is a member.
 - The Executive Committee shall have the sole and unfettered discretion to accept or reject any other correspondence.
 - Any legal fees incurred by the Association in advising on or responding to any
 correspondence received from an affiliated club or from the legal or other
 representative of such a club shall be borne by such affiliated club. The Association
 may pay any such fees in which event the affiliated club in question shall
 immediately reimburse the Association.

14.10 SERVICE OF NOTICES

- (1) For the purposes of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association on any member or other person either:
 - a. by sending it by email the member to the members' email address shown in the register of members, or:
 - b. by delivering it to the person personally, or
 - c. by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person, or
 - d. by sending it by facsimile transmission
- (2) For the purpose of these rules, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:
 - a. in the case of a notice sent by email the date and time it was sent in the transmitting email account or:
 - b. in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee, or
 - c. in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post, or
 - d. in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission on the date it was sent.

14.11 FOOTBALL NSW LTD.

- (1) The Association shall at all times be bound by the Constitution Rules, Regulations of Football NSW Ltd:
- (2) Where there is any inconsistency between any provision of the Constitution and or Rules and Regulations of the Association and those of Football NSW Ltd., then to the extent of such inconsistency the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of Football NSW Ltd shall prevail;
- (3) The Association shall be bound by the lawful decisions of the Board of Football NSW Ltd and it shall do all things reasonably necessary to implement and enforce for such decisions.