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1. Name:

The name of the Club shall be Adelaide Cougars Netball Club Inc.

2. Objects

The objects are to provide and maintain facilities incidental to the practice and competition of netball and the provision of social activities and advancement of netball.

3. Affiliation:

The Club shall be a member of a Division of the South Australian Netball Association.

4. Powers:

- 4.1. To make such rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper conduct of the Club, or for the control and use of the Club property and equipment, to regulate the conditions on which they can be used and for fixing the charges, if any, to be paid by any person desiring to avail themselves of any of the projects of the Club.
- 4.2. To raise money and create funds for any purpose of the Club, by subscription or otherwise, and to use such funds for carrying out the said objects of the Club.
- 4.3. To acquire any property whether real or personal.

5. By Laws:

The Committee shall have the power to frame By-Laws for the control of the affairs of the Club, providing they are not inconsistent with the Constitution.

6. Membership:

The Club shall consist of members of four classifications:-

- 6.1. Playing Members - being those persons making up the complement of the Club's teams.
- 6.2. Life Members – being those persons upon whom the Club has seen fit to honour as such for outstanding service.
- 6.3. Club Officers – being those persons elected to office by members at the Annual General Meeting and those persons who are registered umpires, appointed coaches and team officials for the Club.

6.4. Social Members – being those persons who follow closely the Club's playing activities, and meet the necessary requirements of the Management Committee.

7. Administration

7.1. The management and control of the Club shall be vested in a committee consisting of a maximum of 10 members and shall include the following:-

President, Vice President Secretary and Treasurer.

7.2. The Committee may do on behalf of the Club, all such things as are by these rules expressly required to be done.

7.3. The Committee may appoint any member to fill any extraordinary vacancy occurring on any committee during the current term.

7.4.

7.4.1. The Committee shall meet at such times as they deem necessary.

7.4.2. The President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer shall if requested by four or more members of the Committee, call a special Committee meeting at the earliest convenient time that a quorum can be formed.

7.5. At any meeting of the Committee 5 committee members must be present and must include the President or Vice President and Secretary or Treasurer.

7.6. Any member of the Committee who is absent from 3 consecutive meetings shall be replaced unless a reasonable apology is in hand.

7.7.

7.7.1. The Committee shall have the power to deal with all matters arising from actions of any member being contrary to the best interests of the Club.

7.7.2. Any person desiring to lodge a complaint must do so in writing.

8. Expulsions and Reprimands

The Committee shall have the power to expel or reprimand any member should it deem that member's conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Any member called to answer charges under this rule shall receive 7 days written notice to appear before the Committee.

Expulsions may only be applied to a member upon full agreement of the Committee.



9. Subscriptions

The annual membership subscriptions for all classes of membership shall be determined by the Committee and all members be advised at least four weeks prior to the first match of the season.

10. Voting Powers

Only financial members, or classes of members where no subscription is due, and present at a meeting are eligible to vote and each member shall have 1 vote which shall, unless the President otherwise decides, be by show of hands. Where a member is under the age of 16, a parent may vote for the member, but only one vote shall be cast by either the member or parent.

11. Officers

The Officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the Vice President. All officers shall be elected for a term of one year except for the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Marketing Manager, who shall be elected for a term of two years, with the positions of President and Treasurer being vacant on alternate years to that of the Secretary and Marketing Manager.

Where an abnormal vacancy occurs, the replacement officer will be considered the elected officer for the completion of the term.

- 11.1. President - The president shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall have a deliberate vote.
- 11.2. Vice President - The Vice President shall be elected by the members of the Committee at the first committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Club at which the President is unable to be present.
- 11.3. Secretary - The Secretary shall conduct all of the business of the Club and receive correspondence, shall prepare the agenda and be the Executive Officer of the Club, shall be responsible for keeping a register of the names and addresses of members of the Club and notify all members of all business concerning them.
- 11.4. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys received from any source into an account of the Club with the nominated bank. The said account shall not be drawn upon except by cheque signed by any 2 authorised signatories of the Club. The Committee may authorise the Secretary and Treasurer to retain a specific amount to be used as petty cash. The Treasurer shall keep Club books of accounts and prepare a brief financial statement for submission at each Committee meeting.

The Treasurer shall submit for audit, all books of account to the Auditor prior to the Annual General Meeting.

12. Auditor

At each Annual General Meeting of the Club an Auditor shall be appointed and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. The Auditor shall audit and report on any such accounts and books of the Club.

13. Coaches

Coaches shall be appointed at the discretion of the Committee.

14. Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held prior to 31st October in each year, when the Secretary's and Treasurer's report shall be presented and an audited financial report presented.

A Special General Meeting may be called on the receipt of a requisition signed by not less than 15 financial members of the Club. Seven (7) days written notice of any such meeting shall be given to members and only the business named on the notice shall be discussed at such meeting.

Any business to be determined at a Special General Meeting must be passed by a minimum two thirds majority of the members that were present at such meeting.

15. Constitution and By-Laws Binding

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Club shall be binding on every member, and no member shall be absolved from the effect of the same.

16. Alteration of the Rules

The Constitution may be amended or repealed at a Special General Meeting.

17. Club Costume

The Club costume shall be a combination of green and blue as determined by the Committee from time to time.

18. Clearances

Any playing member desirous of a clearance to another club will only be eligible if all financial commitments to the Club have been met.



19. Life Membership

Life membership may be attained by rendering meritorious service to the Club. Nomination for Life Membership must be endorsed by the Committee and must be carried by at least two thirds majority of members attending the Annual General Meeting.

Not more than 2 members shall be elected in any one calendar year. Life Members can only be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

20. Honoraria

The President, Secretary and Treasurer for the previous season may receive an honorarium determined at the first Committee meeting.

21. Common Seal

21.1. The Club shall have a Common Seal, which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary, which shall be affixed to any written instrument to which the Club is a party, upon authorisation of the Committee, and in the presence of two members of the Committee.

21.2. The Secretary shall keep a record of every instrument to which the Common Seal is affixed.

22. Financial Year

The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st day of August in each year.

23. Funds and Property

In the event of the Club disbanding, all funds and property shall be transferred to a charitable organisation.

24. Winding Up of the Club

The Club may be wound up voluntarily at a Special General Meeting.