

Grafton Touch Association Incorporated



CONSTITUTION

Under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name

The name of the Association is the Grafton Touch Association Incorporated.

2 Objects

The Association is established to:

- (1) Promote, control, govern and manage the game of Touch Football within the Grafton and surrounding areas;
- (2) Promote, control, govern and manage games, matches and competitions of Touch Football in the Grafton area;
- (3) Maintain affiliation and co-operate with and adopt the rules of New South Wales Touch Association and Touch Football Australia and abide by the overriding Constitution and Policy & Regulations of the New South Wales Touch Association Inc. and Touch Football Australia Inc.;
- (4) Maintain a non-for-profit organization;
- (5) Enter and encourage Grafton Touch Association representative teams.

3 Affiliation

Grafton Touch Association Inc. must be affiliated with the New South Wales Touch Association.

4 Definitions

Association: The body namely called Grafton Touch Association Incorporated.

Chairperson: The elected President of the Association or as otherwise required in accordance with this constitution.

Executive: The elected group of office bearers, namely the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Referees, Director of Coaching.

Executive meeting: A meeting of the Executive of the Association.

Extraordinary business: Business relating to this constitution may only be discussed at special general meetings and at annual general meetings of the Association.

General committee: The committee of Grafton Touch Association Inc., excluding the Executive of the Association.

General meeting: A meeting of the general committee, team delegates and the Executive of the Association.

Instrument means any document pertaining to the governance of the Association, and includes, but is not limited to, this Constitution, and the associated policies of the Association.

Member: A member of the Association

NSWTA: New South Wales Touch Association

Ordinary committee member: A member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of the Association.

Public Officer: The person appointed to that role by the Association in accordance with any relevant policy.

Secretary: The person who maintains minutes of Association meetings and general administrative functions relating to the Association.

Special general meeting: A general meeting of the Association other than an annual general meeting at which extraordinary business is discussed.

Team delegate: The person nominated by an associated touch football team having responsibility for ensuring players within the team are registered and financial in the Grafton Touch Association competition. Only one delegate per team may be appointed and it will typically be the team manager.

The Act means the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*.

The Regulation means the *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016*.

Touch means the sport played under the rules determined by Touch Football Australia Inc.

Treasurer: The person who has the responsibility of maintaining accurate financial records of the Association.

5 Interpretation

In this constitution:

- (1) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty.
- (2) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.
- (3) a word importing the singular includes the plural and vice versa.
- (4) a word importing any gender includes all other genders.

The provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* apply to and in respect of this constitution in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if this constitution were an instrument made under the Act.

Part 2 Membership

6 Membership qualifications

- (1) A person is eligible to be a member of the Association if:
 - (a) the person is a natural person, and
 - (b) the person satisfies membership criteria as outlined in clause 7.

7 Membership categories

The members of the Club shall consist of:

- (1) **Active Members:** All registered and financial players, referees, coaches, and managers as at the date of the previous competition. Active members are not entitled to vote at any Association meeting unless they are elected to the general committee or nominated as a team delegate.
- (2) **Life Members:** Long serving members who have been elected to this category in accordance with clause 8 of this part. Active life members are entitled to vote at the Associations Annual General Meeting.
- (3) **Honorary Members / Club Patrons:** Honorary membership may be bestowed on any person at the discretion of the Association. Honorary members may not hold an Executive position and are not entitled to vote at any Association meeting.
- (4) **Team Delegates:** An individual, who is an active member of the Association, nominated by an affiliated team of which they are a current financial member to represent and is entitled to vote on behalf of said team at the Associations meetings.
- (5) **Volunteer:** An individual who assists with the operation of the Association. Is not an ordinary committee member and cannot hold an Executive position and are not entitled to vote at any Association meeting.

8 Nomination for life membership

- (1) A member may be nominated for Life Membership of the Association who qualifies under the following criteria:
 - (a) Shall be a person directly associated with the Association and is regarded to have worked towards the objectives of the Association.
 - (b) Shall be a person who is regarded to be above reproach.
 - (c) Has been involved as an active or executive member of the Association for a minimum period of 10 full years.
- (2) A nomination of a person for Life Membership of the Association:
 - (a) Must be moved and seconded by two financial members of the Association outlining reasons for nomination.
 - (b) Must be lodged with the Secretary.
 - (c) Must be submitted within 7 days of the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- (3) The Executive will, if deemed acceptable, put forward the recommendation for Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) A nomination for Life Membership is endorsed if it achieves a 75% majority in a secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting.
- (5) A maximum of two Life Members are nominated each year.

9 Nomination of Team Delegate

- (1) Each affiliated team of the Association is entitled to nominate one (1) individual to represent the team at all general meetings of the Association. A team delegate must be:
 - (a) An active member of the Association at the time of appointment.
 - (b) Nominated by an affiliated team of which they are a current financial member to represent said team.
 - (c) Have received no disciplinary action from a NSWTA affiliated association in the twelve (12) months prior to appointment
 - (d) Not be a member of the Executive of the Association.
- (2) Nominations for appointment as a team delegate must be made in writing to the Secretary.
- (3) The appointment of all team delegates is at the sole discretion of the Executive of the Association.
- (4) Each team delegate shall be appointed annually and will serve from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Association at which their appointment is made, until the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (5) Team delegates may resign at any time and a new team delegate may be appointed in accordance with clause 9.

10 Cessation of membership

A person ceases to be a member of the Association if the person:

- (a) dies, or
- (b) resigns membership, or
- (c) is expelled from the Association, or
- (d) no longer meets criteria of clause 7.

11 Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a general committee member, executive member, active life member or volunteer of the Association:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person other than immediate family, and
- (b) terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

12 Registration fees

Registration fees are to be paid in accordance with the current Player Registration requirements as determined by the Executive.

13 Register of members

- (1) All active members shall complete online registration in accordance with the player registration requirements as determined by the Executive. Details of registration of membership include name and postal, residential or email address of each person together with the date on which the person became an eligible member.
- (2) The register of members is kept in New South Wales at the Association's official address in electronic form and may be converted to hard copy where required.
- (3) Having regard to the Act, confidentiality considerations and privacy laws, an extract of the Register, excluding the address or other direct contact details of any Member, shall be available for inspection (but not copying) by Members upon reasonable request.
- (4) If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection, that information must not be made available for inspection.

- (5) A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person, other than for:
 - (a) the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to the Association or other material relating to the Association, or
 - (b) any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or the Regulation.

14 Members' liabilities

The liability of a member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or 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 membership of the Association as required by clause 12.

15 Disciplining of members

- (1) A complaint may be made to the Secretary about any person that is a member of the Association that:
 - (a) has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this constitution and associated club policies and/or the overriding Constitution and Policy & Regulations of New South Wales Touch Association Inc. and Touch Football Australia, or
 - (b) has willfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- (2) The Secretary will inform the Executive of every complaint and the Executive may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
- (3) If the Executive decides to deal with the complaint, the Executive:
 - (a) must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and
 - (b) must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the Executive in connection with the complaint, and
 - (c) must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
- (4) Disciplinary proceedings will be conducted by Grafton Touch Association Inc. in accordance with TFA disciplinary regulations.
- (5) The Executive may, by resolution, expel the member from the Association or suspend the member from membership of the Association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.
- (6) If the Executive expels or suspends a member, the President must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the Executive for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under clause 15.
- (7) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
 - (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the Association confirms the resolution under clause 15, whichever is the later.

16 Right of appeal of disciplined member

- (1) A member may appeal to the Executive against a resolution of the Executive under clause 9, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the Secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.

- (3) On receipt of a notice from a member under sub clause (1), the Secretary must notify the Executive, which is to convene an Executive meeting of the Association to be held within 28 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- (4) At an Executive meeting of the Association convened under sub clause (3):
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted,
and
 - (b) the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
 - (c) the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (5) The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the Executive.

Part 3 The Committee

17 Powers of the committee

Subject to the Act, the Regulation, this constitution and any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, the committee:

- (a) is to control and manage the affairs of the Association, and
- (b) may exercise all the functions that may be exercised by the Association, other than those functions that are required by this constitution to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the Association, and
- (c) has power to perform all the acts and do all things that appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association.

18 Composition and membership of committee

- (1) The committee is to consist of:
 - (a) the Executive of the Association, and
 - (b) ordinary committee members,
 - (a) each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association under clause 19.
- (2) The Executive of the Association are as follows:
 - (a) President,
 - (b) Vice-President,
 - (c) Secretary,
 - (d) Treasurer,
 - (e) Director of Coaching,
 - (f) Director of Referees.
- (3) Conditions of committee:
 - (b) A committee member may hold up to two executive offices (other than both the offices of President, Vice-President and/or Secretary).
 - (c) Terms for the Executive of the Association are one year in duration and there is no maximum number of consecutive terms for which a committee member can hold office.
 - (d) Terms for Ordinary committee members are one year in duration and there is no maximum number of consecutive terms for which a committee member can hold office.
- (4) Each member of the committee is, subject to this constitution, to hold office until immediately before appointment of newly elected committee members at the applicable annual general meeting, and is eligible for re-election.

19 Election of committee members

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as Executives of the Association:
 - (a) must 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 the nomination), and
 - (b) must be delivered or emailed to the Secretary of the Association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (2) Nominations of candidates for election to committee positions (excluding Executive positions) as covered by the Policy and Procedure booklet must be delivered or emailed to the Secretary of the Association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (3) Nominations as ordinary committee members of the Association can be in writing or emailed to the Secretary of the Association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place or received at the annual general meeting.

- (4) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the general committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.
- (5) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (6) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (7) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (8) The ballot for the election of Executive and ordinary members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting by means of a secret ballot.
- (9) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an Executive or as an ordinary committee member of the Association must be a member of the Association.

20 Secretary

- (1) It is the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes (whether in written or electronic form) of:
 - (a) all appointments of the Executive and members of the committee, and
 - (b) the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting, and
 - (c) all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.
- (2) Ensure minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.
- (3) The signature of the chairperson may be transmitted by electronic means for the purposes of sub clause (2).

21 Treasurer

- (1) It is the duty of the treasurer to ensure that all money due to the Association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the Association are made, and that correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Association, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.

22 Casual vacancies

- (1) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the annual general meeting full committee election date.
- (2) A casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member:
 - (a) dies, or
 - (b) ceases to be a member of the Association, or
 - (c) is or becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth, or
 - (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the Secretary, or
 - (e) is removed from office under clause 19, or
 - (f) becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or
 - (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from three consecutive meetings of the committee, or
 - (h) is convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty for which the maximum penalty on conviction is imprisonment for not less than three months, or
 - (i) is prohibited from being a director of a company under Part 2D.6 (Disqualification from managing corporations) of the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth.

23 Removal of committee members

- (1) The Association in a general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
- (2) If a member of the committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in sub clause (1) relates makes representations in writing to the Secretary or President (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the Association, the Secretary or the President may send a copy of the representations to each member of the Association or, if the representations are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

24 Committee meetings and quorum

- (1) The committee must meet at least once in each period of twelve months at the place and time that the Executive may determine.
- (2) Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the committee.
- (3) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the committee must be given by the Secretary to each member of the committee at least 48 hours (or any other period that may be unanimously agreed on by the members of the committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (4) Notice of a meeting given under sub clause (3) must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (5) Any three members of the Executive constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (6) Any apologies must be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than one hour prior to meeting time. Electronic messaging is accepted
- (7) No business is to be transacted by the committee 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 is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week, or as otherwise agreed by the members of the Executive.
- (8) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.
- (9) At a meeting of the committee:
 - (a) the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President is to preside, or
 - (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent or unwilling to act, one of the remaining members of the Executive chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.
- (10) All members must attend a minimum of 67% of scheduled meetings to maintain membership and voting rights.

25 Delegation by committee to sub-committee

- (1) The Executive may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-committees (consisting of the member or members of the Association that the committee thinks fit) the exercise of any of the functions of the committee that are specified in the instrument, other than:
 - (a) this power of delegation, and
 - (b) a function which is a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or by any other law.

- (2) Such delegation must be in writing and specify the functions that are delegated to the sub-committee.
- (3) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this clause may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- (4) A delegation under this clause may be made subject to any conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, that may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (5) Despite any delegation under this clause, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (6) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this clause has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.
- (7) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this clause.
- (8) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

26 Voting and decisions

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.

Part 4 General Meetings

27 Annual general meetings - holding of

- (1) The Association must hold its annual general meetings:
 - (a) within six months after the close of the Association's financial year, or
 - (b) within any later time that may be allowed or prescribed under section 37 of the Act.

28 Annual general meetings - calling of and business at

- (1) The annual general meeting of the Association is, subject to the Act and to clause 27, to be convened on the date and at the place and time that the committee thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,
 - (b) to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the Association during the last preceding financial year,
 - (c) to elect Executives of the Association,
 - (d) to elect ordinary committee member/s,
 - (e) to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting must be specified as that type of meeting in the notice convening it.

29 Special general meetings - calling of

- (1) The Executive may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (2) The executive committee must, on the requisition of at least 5% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (3) A requisition of members for a special general meeting:
 - (a) must be in writing, and
 - (b) must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and
 - (c) must be signed by the members making the requisition, and
 - (d) must be lodged with the Secretary, and
 - (e) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (4) If the executive committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the Secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than three months after that date.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in sub clause (4) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee.
- (6) For the purposes of sub clause (3):
 - (a) a requisition may be in electronic form, and
 - (b) a signature may be transmitted, and a requisition may be lodged, by electronic means.

30 Notice

- (1) Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the Secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

- (2) If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the Association, the Secretary must, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be given to each member specifying, in addition to the matter required under sub clause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (3) Note. A special resolution must be passed in accordance with section 39 of the Act.
- (4) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting is to be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted under sub clause (2).
- (5) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Secretary who must include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

31 Quorum for general meetings

- (1) No item of business is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this constitution to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (2) Three members present (being members entitled under this constitution to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (3) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:
 - (a) if convened on the requisition of members—is to be dissolved, and
 - (b) in any other case—is to stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.
 - (c) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being at least two) are to constitute a quorum.

32 Presiding member

- (1) The President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President, is to preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the Association.
- (2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent or unwilling to act, the members present must elect one of the Executive to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

33 Adjournment

- (1) The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (2) If a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the Secretary must give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the Association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in subclasses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

34 Making of decisions

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the Association is to be determined by:
 - (a) a show of hands or, if the meeting is one to which clause 39 applies, any appropriate corresponding method that the Executive may determine, or

- (b) if on the motion of the chairperson or if three or more members present at the meeting decide that the question should be determined by a written ballot—a written ballot.
- (2) If the question is to be determined by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or 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 favor of or against that resolution.
 - (3) Sub clause (2) applies to a method determined by the committee under sub clause (1) (a) in the same way as it applies to a show of hands.
 - (4) If the question is to be determined by a written ballot, the ballot is to be conducted in accordance with the directions of the chairperson.

35 Special resolutions

A special resolution may only be passed by the Association in accordance with section 39 of the Act.

36 Voting

- (1) On any question arising at a general meeting of the Association a member has one vote only.
- (2) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Association unless all money due and payable by the member to the Association has been paid.
- (4) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Association if the member is under 18 years of age.
- (5) Committee members and those qualified to vote as per clause 6 are entitled to vote.

37 Proxy votes not permitted

Proxy voting must not be undertaken at or in respect of a general meeting.

Note. Schedule 1 to the Act provides that an Association's constitution is to address whether members of the Association are entitled to vote by proxy at general meetings.

38 Postal or electronic ballots

- (1) The Association may hold an electronic ballot (as the Executive determines) to determine any issue or proposal (other than an appeal under clause 16).
- (2) An electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 of the Regulation.

39 Use of technology at committee meetings

- (1) A committee meeting may be held at two or more venues using any technology approved by the committee that gives each of the committee's members a reasonable opportunity to participate.
- (2) A committee member who participates in a committee meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

Part 5 Miscellaneous

40 Insurance

The Association may affect and maintain insurance.

41 Funds - source

- (1) The funds of the Association are to be derived from player registrations, donations, sponsorships, grants and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, any other sources that the Executive determines.
- (2) All money received by the Association must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Association's bank or other authorised deposit-taking institution account.
- (3) The Association must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

42 Funds - management

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the Association in a general meeting, the funds of the Association are to be used solely in pursuance of the objects of the Association in the manner that the committee determines.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by two authorised signatories.

43 Association is non-profit

Subject to the Act and the Regulation, the Association must apply its funds and assets solely in pursuance of the objects of the Association and must not conduct its affairs so as to provide a pecuniary gain for any of its members.

44 Distribution of property on winding up of Association

- (1) Subject to the Act and the Regulations, in a winding up of the Association, any surplus property of the Association is to be transferred to another organization with similar objects and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.
- (2) In this clause, a reference to the surplus property of an Association is a reference to that property of the Association remaining after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the Association and the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association.

45 Change of name, objects and constitution

An application for registration of a change in the Association's name, objects or constitution in accordance with section 10 of the Act is to be made by the public officer or an Executive committee member.

46 Custody of books

Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, all records, books and other documents relating to the Association must be kept in New South Wales at the Association's official address, in the custody of the public officer or a member of the Association (as the committee determines).

47 Inspection of books

- (1) The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour:
 - (a) records, books and other financial documents of the Association,

- (b) this constitution,
 - (c) minutes of all committee meetings and general meetings of the Association.
- (2) A member of the Association may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in sub clause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
 - (3) Despite subclasses (1) and (2), the committee may refuse to permit a member of the Association to inspect or obtain a copy of 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.

48 Service of notices

- (1) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice may be served on or given to a person:
 - (a) by delivering it to the person personally, or
 - (b) by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person, or
 - (c) by sending it by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission to an address specified by the person for giving or serving the notice.
- (2) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:
 - (a) in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee, and
 - (b) 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, and
 - (c) in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent or, if the machine from which the transmission was sent produces a report indicating that the notice was sent on a later date, on that date.

49 Financial year

The financial year of the Association is:

- (a) the period of time commencing on the date of incorporation of the Association and ending on the following 30 June, and
- (b) each period of 12 months after the expiration of the previous financial year of the Association, commencing on 1 July and ending on the following 30 June.

50 Regulations

- (1) The Executive may formulate, issue, adopt, interpret and amend Regulations for the proper advancement, management and administration of the Association, and/or the advancement of the purposes of the Association and Touch Football in the local area. Such Regulations must be consistent with the Constitution and any policy directives of the Executive.
- (2) All Regulations are binding on the Association and all members.
- (3) All clauses, rules, by-laws and regulations of the Association in force at the date of the approval of this Constitution (as long as such clauses, rules, by-laws and regulations are not inconsistent with or have been replaced by, this Constitution) shall be deemed to be Regulations and shall continue to apply.
- (4) Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to By-Laws shall be advised to Association members by means of notices approved by the Executive and prepared and issued by the President (or nominated delegate). Notices are binding upon all Members.