

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the club shall be 'GLENELG CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED'.

2. DEFINITIONS

In these rules, unless the contrary appear:

- * COMMITTEE means the Management Committee of the Club.
- * GENERAL MEETING means a General Meeting of the Club convened in accordance with these rules.
- * MEMBER means a financial member of the Club.
- * THE ACT means The Associations Incorporation Act, 1985.

3. THE OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

- 3.1 To provide facilities for members to play the game of Contract Bridge.
- 3.2 To support and promote the game of Contract Bridge consistent with 3.1 and 3.3 of this section. To this end the Club will become and remain affiliated with the Australian Bridge Federation Inc. and the South Australian Bridge Federation Inc.
- 3.3 To provide social contact between members of the Club and members of other clubs through the medium of Contract Bridge.
- 3.4 The Club is a non-profit organisation and shall at all times be operated for the benefit of members.
- 3.5 Play shall be governed by the current International Laws of Contract Bridge.

4. THE POWERS OF THE CLUB

For the purposes of carrying out its objects the Club may, subject to the Act and this Constitution:

- 4.1 Acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of, any real and personal property;
- 4.2 Open and operate bank accounts;
- 4.3 Invest money in any security in which Trust Money may by Act of Parliament be invested;
- 4.4 Borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Club considers appropriate;
- 4.5 Enter into any other contract considered necessary or desirable in the interests of the Club.

5. AUDITOR

The Club, at each Annual General Meeting, shall appoint an Auditor. The Auditor shall have such qualifications as are specified in the Act.

6. PATRON

The Club may at an Annual General Meeting appoint a Patron.

7. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 7.1 The affairs of the Club shall be administered by a Management Committee which shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Committee members.
- 7.2 Committee meetings shall be held as and when required, provided that a Committee meeting must be held at least once in two months.
- 7.3 A Committee meeting shall be called upon the request of at least two Committee members. Committee members shall be given reasonable notice of the time and place of the proposed meetings and when a meeting is called to discuss a specific matter, members should be informed of the matter to be discussed when given notice of the meeting.
- 7.4 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be five, and motions shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting.
- 7.5 The Secretary shall be the Public Officer of the Club and shall perform all the duties of the Public Officer under the Act.
- 7.6 Committee members shall serve for a period of two years; three Committee members shall retire each year.

- 7.7 In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume his duties, and should the President be unable to complete his year in office, the Vice-President shall become the President for the remainder of the year.
- 7.8 Should a vacancy occur among the members of the Committee, the remaining members shall have the power to fill the vacancy from the members of the Club and the member so appointed will continue in that position for the remainder of the year.
- 7.9 With the exception of the three members who were elected at the previous Annual General Meeting, all offices shall be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting and an election shall be conducted as prescribed in Section eight of this Constitution.

8. ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 8.1 Candidates for election must be nominated by a financial member and must signify their willingness to be nominated, either in writing, or personally at the Annual General Election.
- 8.2 Should more than the required number be nominated for any position, a secret ballot shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedure:
 - 8.2.1 Members shall vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies.
 - 8.2.2 The candidate obtaining the highest number of votes shall be elected provided that a candidate shall not be elected unless the number of votes he receives is more than half of the number present and voting.
 - 8.2.3 If an office is not filled in the first ballot, a new ballot shall be held, eliminating any candidate already elected on the first ballot, with members voting for as many candidates as there are remaining vacancies. This procedure shall be repeated until all vacancies have been filled.
 - 8.2.4 If no candidate is elected on any ballot, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated from the subsequent ballot.

9. MEMBERSHIP

- 9.1 Any person who applies for membership of the Club shall be nominated and seconded by financial members. The application shall be in writing and signed by the applicant, the nominator and the seconder. Upon acceptance of the application by the Committee and upon payment of the prescribed fees, the applicant shall be a member of the Club.
- 9.2 Temporary membership may be extended to overseas and interstate visitors for a period not exceeding three months. There shall not be more than ten such members at any time. Temporary members shall not be entitled to vote.
- 9.3 The Committee may recommend Honorary Life Membership at a General Meeting of the Club. Life members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of ordinary members.
- 9.4 A member may resign his membership by giving notice, however, such a member shall be liable for any outstanding subscriptions.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 10.1 Annual subscriptions shall become due immediately after the Annual General Meeting at which the fee is set. A member whose annual subscription remains unpaid for 90 days shall cease to be a member, unless the Committee grants an extension of time to pay.
- 10.2 A new member who joins after 30th June in any year shall pay half the annual subscription.
- 10.3 The amount payable for Table Fees shall be determined by the Committee.

11. FINANCES

- 11.1 The Treasurer shall keep a record of all receipts and payments and shall keep books of account recording the financial affairs of the Club.

- 11.2 The Treasurer shall present a financial statement to each Committee Meeting and shall present an Audited statement to the Annual General Meeting, giving details of the financial affairs for the previous year.
- 11.3 The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December.
- 11.4 The Treasurer shall maintain bank accounts in the name of the Club and shall keep the funds of the Club in bank accounts approved by the Committee. Withdrawal forms or cheques shall be signed by two Committee members nominated for the purpose by the Committee.

12. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- 12.1 Times and places of tournaments shall be determined by the Management Committee.
- 12.2 The Committee shall have the power to determine the conditions of play and may delegate such power to a Tournament Committee or Director.

13. DISCIPLINE

- 13.1 The Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member as in its discretion it considers to be in the interests of the Club. However, no such action may be taken without first giving the member the opportunity to submit evidence in his or her favour.
- 13.2 The member alleged to have offended will be notified in writing by the Secretary of the reason for the action[with details, dates, times, etc.] and invited to submit written or oral evidence on his or her behalf. A meeting of the Committee will be convened within fourteen days of the notification.