



# CONSTITUTION

# *Adopted 31 October 2021*

## **HIGHFIELDS & DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INC. Constitution**

### **NAME**

1. The name of the incorporated Association shall be **Highfields & District Junior Rugby League Club** (in these Rules called "the Club").

### **OBJECTS**

2. The objects of the Club are –
  - a) The promotion, encouragement and development of the game of rugby league,
  - b) The promotion of a high standard of sportsmanship and fellowship by members of the Club,
  - c) The maintenance of playing grounds and facilities for use by members of the Club and others,
  - d) To foster the growth and development of its players.

### **POWERS**

3. The powers of the Club are:-
  - (a) The Club has the powers of an individual.
  - (b) The Club may, for example –
    - i. Enter into contracts; and
    - ii. acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of property; and
    - iii. Make charges for services and facilities it supplies; and
    - iv. Do other things necessary or convenient to be done in carrying out its affairs.
  - (c) The Club may take over the funds and other assets and liabilities of unincorporated associations.
  - (d) The Club may also issue secured and unsecured notes, debentures and debenture stock for the Club.

### **CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

4. (a) The membership of the Club shall consist of ordinary members, Junior members and any of the following;-

- (i) Life members;
- (b) (i) Life:
  - i Life members must be at least 18 years of age and support the objects of the Local League and abide by the Local League's By-laws and codes of conduct;
  - ii Life membership is open to persons who has shown outstanding contribution and has been honourable service to the Local League for an extended period (minimum of 5 years).
  - iii Any ordinary member, affiliated member or life member may recommend to the management committee a nominee for election as a life member;
  - iv Recommendations for life membership must be in writing, signed by the member(s) making the recommendation and received by the secretary of the Local League no less than 14 days prior to the annual general meeting;
  - v On the management committee's approval of the recommendation, the management committee will propose the nominee for election as a life member at the annual general meeting;
  - vi The management committee may propose any other member for election as a life member at the annual general meeting;
  - vii Life members must be elected by the passing of 75% of votes cast by the committee.
  - viii Life members are entitled to vote at general meetings of the Local League;
  - ix Life members are eligible for election to the management committee;
  - x Life members are not required to pay membership fees to the Local League.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

5. (a) Every person who at the date of incorporation of the Association was a member of the unincorporated Association and who on or before the day of incorporation agrees in writing to become a members of the Club shall be admitted by the Executive to the same class of membership of the Club as that member held in the unincorporated Association and shall not be required to pay any further subscription until the next due date for payment of that subscription.

(b) Every applicant for ordinary membership of the Club (other than the members of the unincorporated association referred to in sub-rule (a)) shall be proposed by one member of the Club and seconded by another member. The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and his/her proposer and seconder and shall be in such form as the Executive from time to time prescribes.

## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

6. (a) The annual membership fees for each class of membership shall be such sum as the members shall from time to time at any general meeting so determine.

(b) All annual subscriptions shall be payable on the 1st October in each year, and if such subscription has not been paid by the 1st March following, the defaulter shall cease to be a member of the Club PROVIDED that if a satisfactory explanation is given to the Executive by the defaulter, such person may in the discretion of the Executive, be readmitted to membership on payment of all arrears and without payment of any further entrance fee.

### **ADMISSION AND REJECTION OF MEMBERS**

7. (a) At the next meeting of the Executive after the receipt of any application and the fee applicable for any class of membership, such application shall be considered by the Executive, who shall thereupon determine the admission or rejection of the applicant.
- (b) Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the Executive present at the meeting at which such application is being considered shall be accepted as a member to the class of membership applied for.
- (c) Upon the acceptance or rejection of an application for any class of membership the Secretary shall forthwith give the applicant notice in writing of such acceptance or rejection and the reasons therefore.

### **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

8. (a) **Resignation**

A member may resign from the Club at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date, provided that if notice is given after 1st October in any year such persons shall be liable to pay his/her subscription for that year.

(b) **Expulsion**

If at any time the Executive shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, it may by an affirmation vote of two-thirds of those present expel any member PROVIDED that the member whose expulsion is sought shall have notice of such meeting and the grounds upon which it is sought to expel him. At such meeting the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct verbally or in writing. Voting by the Executive shall be by ballot if not less than five (5) members present shall so demand. Any person on ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all rights to and claim upon the Club, its property and its funds.

### **(c) Suspension**

If at any time the Executive shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, they may suspend from the Club a member for such a period of time as they deem sufficient, PROVIDED that such a period of time shall not exceed a period of nine (9) calendar months. The members whose suspension is sought shall have three (3) weeks notice of such a meeting and the grounds on which it is sought to suspend him. At such meeting the member whose suspension is under consideration shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct verbally or in writing and if two-thirds of the members present shall vote for his/her suspension he shall thereupon be suspended from the Club. During the period of suspension the Executive may prohibit the suspended person from entering the Club premises.

### **APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

9. (a) A person whose application for membership has been rejected or whose membership has been terminated may within one month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the Secretary written notice of his/her intention to appeal against the decision of the Executive.
- (b) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of membership the Secretary shall convene, within three months of the date of receipt by him of such notice, a general meeting to determine the appeal. At any such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present his/her case and the Executive or those members thereof who rejected the application for membership shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its or their case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.
- (c) Where a person whose application is rejected or whose membership has been terminated does not appeal against the decision of the Executive within the time prescribed by these Rules or so appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the Secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any membership fee paid.

### **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

10. (a) The Executive shall cause a Register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the Club and the dates of their admission.
- (b) Particulars shall also be entered into the Register of deaths, resignations, terminations and reinstatements of membership and any further particulars as the Executive or the members at any general meeting may require from time to time.
- (c) The Register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the Secretary for such inspection.

- (d) Every member shall, in writing, keep the Secretary informed of such person's address and all notices forwarded by post, or otherwise delivered, to the last recorded address of which the Secretary has been informed shall be deemed to have been duly delivered on the day following the date of posting or delivery.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE**

- 11. (a) The entire management of the Club (except as provided in these Rules) shall be deputed to the Executive consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Club, and such other members as the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting may from time to time elect or appoint.
- (b) At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, all the members of the Executive for the time being shall retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.
- (c) The election of officers and other members of the Executive shall take place in the following manner:-
  - (i) Any two members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate any other member to serve as an officer or other member of the Executive;
  - (ii) The nomination, which shall be in writing, shall be sent to the Secretary or may be received from the floor of the Annual General Meeting, PROVIDED THAT in all instances proof of the concurrence of the nominee is necessary;
  - (iii) If a ballot is required, a list of nominees in alphabetical order shall be displayed at the Annual General Meeting. Voting shall be by ballot and every member shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to fill;
  - (iv) The candidates up to the number of vacancies who shall receive the most votes shall be declared elected.
- 12. Any member of the Executive may resign from membership of the Executive at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary but such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date. A member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the Club if the majority of the members present at such a general meeting vote in favour of removing the member. Before such a vote is taken the member shall be given the opportunity to fully present his/her case as to why he/she should not be removed. A member has no right of appeal against the member's removal from office under this section

## **VACANCIES ON EXECUTIVE**

13. (a) The Executive shall have power at any time to appoint any member of the Club to fill any casual vacancy on the Executive until the next Annual General Meeting, provided the member shall be eligible as a candidate for election to the Executive at such Annual General Meeting.

(b) The continuing members of the Executive may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy in the Executive, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Rules as the necessary quorum of the Executive, the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Executive to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Club, but for no other purpose.

## **FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

14. (a) Except as otherwise provided by these Rules and subject to resolutions of the members of the Club carried at any general meeting the Executive -

- (i) shall have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the Club; and
- (ii) shall have authority to interpret the meaning of these Rules and any matter relating to the Club on which these Rules are silent.

(b) The Executive may exercise all the powers of the Club -

- (i) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the members of the Club may think fit and secure the same or the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Club in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Club's property, both present and future, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities;
- (ii) to borrow money from members at a rate of interest not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by bankers in Brisbane for overdrawn accounts on money lent, whether the term of the loan be short or long, and to mortgage or charge its property or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Association, and to provide and pay off any such securities; and
- (iii) to invest in such manner as the members of the Club may from time to time determine;

- (iv) to control the finances of the Club;
- (v) to engage, control, and dismiss the Club's servants;
- (vi) to administer the Club and such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these Rules.

### **MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE**

15. (a) The Executive shall meet as least once every calendar month to exercise its functions.
- (b) A special meeting of the Executive shall be convened by the Secretary on the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members of the Executive, which requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.
- (c) At every meeting of the Executive a simple majority of a number equal to the number of members elected and/or appointed to the Executive as at the close of the last general meeting of the members, shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) Subject as previously provided in this Rule, the Executive may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit: provided that questions arising at any meeting of the Executive shall be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of equality of votes, the President shall be entitled to a second or casting vote provided he has used a primary vote.
- (e) A member of the Executive shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the Club in which he/she is directly interested, or any matter arising thereout, and if he/she does so vote his/her vote shall not be counted.
- (f) Not less than seven (7) days' notice shall be given by the Secretary to members of the Executive of any special meeting of the Executive. Such notice shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.
- (g) The President of the Club shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Executive, or if there is no President, or if at any meeting he is not present fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, then the members may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
- (h) If within twenty (20) minutes from the time appointed for the commencement of an Executive meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the Executive, shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same

time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Executive may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall lapse.

16. (a) The Executive may from time to time appoint either from among its members or from other financial members of the Club or both, such Sub-committees as may be deemed expedient to perform such duties and carry out such acts and things as may be determined by the Executive and for the purposes the Executive may delegate such powers other than those relating to election, suspension and expulsion of members as it shall consider it necessary and such Sub-committee shall report the proceedings to the Executive periodically, and when required to do so by the Executive. Any Sub-committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers delegated to it conform to any instructions and be subject to such restrictions as may be given and proposed by the Executive.
  - (b) A Sub-committee may elect a Chairman of its meetings. If no such Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the Chairman is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
  - (c) A Sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second or casting vote provided he has used a primary vote.
17. All acts done by any meeting of the Executive or of a Sub-committee or by any person acting as a member of the Executive shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Executive, Sub-committee or person acting as aforesaid, or that the members of the Executive or Sub-committee or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Executive or Sub-committee.
  18. A resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Executive for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Executive shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Executive duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the Executive.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL OR GENERAL MEETINGS**

19. The first general meeting shall be held at such time, not being less than one month nor more than three months after the incorporation of the Club, and at such place as the Executive may determine.
20. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held by 15th November in each year upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Executive.

- (b) The business to be transacted at every Annual General Meeting shall be -
  - (i) Consideration of the Balance Sheets and the Profit and Loss accounts and the Report of the Executive and Auditors for the preceding financial year;
  - (ii) The election of members of the Executive who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting;
  - (iii) The appointment of an Auditor or Auditors;
  - (iv) To decide on any resolution which may be duly and properly submitted to the meeting.

The Secretary shall forward to the Local League a copy of the Annual Report of the Executive and the Auditor or Auditors and the names and addresses of members of the Executive within fourteen (14) days of the Annual General Meeting.

- (c) Fourteen (14) days, at least, before the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meetings, a printed or written notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every member.

21. The Secretary shall convene a special general meeting -

- (a) When directed to do so by the Executive; or
- (b) On the requisition in writing signed by not less than ten (10) ordinary members of the Club. Such requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special general meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat; or
- (c) On being given a notice in writing of an intention to appeal against the decision of the Executive to terminate the membership of any person or to reject an application for membership of any person.

22. (a) At any general meeting the number of members required to constitute a quorum shall be double the number of members presently on the Executive plus one.

- (b) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. For

the purposes of this Rule "member" includes a person attending as a proxy or as representing a corporation which is a member.

- (c) If within twenty minutes from the time appointed for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the Executive or the Club, shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Executive may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.
  - (d) The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
23. (a) The Secretary shall convene all general meetings of the Club by giving not less than fourteen (14) days' notice of any such meeting to the members of the Club.
- (b) The manner by which such notice shall be given shall be determined by the Executive: provided that notice of any meeting convened for the purpose of hearing and determining the appeal of a member against the rejection of his/her membership by the Executive, shall be given in writing. Notice of a general meeting shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.
24. Unless otherwise provided by these Rules, at every general meeting -
- (a) the President of the Club shall preside as Chairman, or if there is no President, or if he is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, then the members present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting;
  - (b) the Chairman shall maintain order and conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly manner;
  - (c) every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present;

- (d) every member present shall be entitled to one vote and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote: provided that no member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting if his/her annual subscription is more than one month in arrears at the date of the meeting;
- (e) voting shall be by show of hands, unless not less than one-fifth of the members present demand a ballot, in which event there shall be a secret ballot. The Chairman shall appoint two members to conduct the secret ballot in such manner as he shall determine and the result of the ballot as declared by the Chairman shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded;
- (f) a member may vote in person or by proxy or by attorney and on a show of hands every person present who is a member or a representative of a member shall have one vote and in a secret ballot every member present in person or by proxy or by attorney or other duly authorised representative shall have one vote;
- (g) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing; in the common or usual form under the hand of the appointor or of his/her attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy may be need not be a member of the Club. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot;
- (h) where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of voting for or against a resolution the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances permit:-

HIGHFIELDS & DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

I, ..... of  
 .....,

being a member of the HIGHFIELDS & DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB,

hereby appoint ..... of  
 ....., as

my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual) general meeting of the Club to

be held on the ..... day of ....., 20 .....,  
 and at

any adjournment thereof.

Signed this ..... day of ....., 20 .....

.....  
Signature

This form is to be used \* in favour of / \* against the resolution

\* Strike out whichever is not desired. (Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as the proxy considers appropriate.);

- (i) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited with the Secretary prior to the commencement of any meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; and
- (j) the Secretary shall cause full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of every Executive meeting and general meeting to be entered in a book to be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applies to the Secretary for that inspection. For the purposes of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of such minutes, the minutes of every Executive meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding Executive meeting verifying their accuracy. Similarly, the minutes of every general meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding general meeting: provided that the minutes of any annual general meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding general meeting or annual general meeting.

### **BY-LAWS**

- 25. The Executive may from time to time make, amend or repeal By-laws, not inconsistent with these Rules, for the well-being of the Club and any By-law may be set aside by a general meeting of members.

### **ALTERATION OF RULES**

- 26. Subject to the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, these Rules may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time by a special resolution carried at any general meeting.

However an amendment, recession or addition shall only be valid if it is registered by the Chief Executive of the Department administering the Act.

### **COMMON SEAL**

27. The Executive shall provide for a Common Seal and for its safe custody. The Common Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Executive and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the Executive and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second member of the Executive or by some other person appointed by the Executive for the purpose.

## **FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS**

28. (a) The funds of the Club shall be deposited by the Treasurer in the name of the Club in such account or accounts in such bank as the Executive may from time to time direct.
- (b) Proper books and accounts shall be kept and maintained either in written or printed form in the English language showing correctly the financial affairs of the Club and the particulars usually shown in books of a like nature.
- (c) All moneys shall be deposited as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.
- (d) All amounts of \$100 or over shall be paid by cheque or electronic funds transfer. Any cheque must be signed by any two of the President, Secretary, Treasurer or other member authorised from time to time by the Executive.
- (e) Cheques shall be crossed "not negotiable" except those in payment of wages, allowances or petty cash recouplements which may be open.
- (f) The Executive shall determine the amount of petty cash which shall be kept on the imprest system.
- (g) All expenditure shall be approved or ratified at an Executive meeting.
- (h) The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall make the annual statement to the 30th September in each year containing particulars of
- (i) the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended; and
- (ii) the assets and liabilities and of all mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Club at the close of that year and shall cause the statement to be circulated amongst the members of the Annual General Meeting.
- (i) All such statements shall be examined by the Auditor or Auditors who shall present his/her/their report upon such audit to the Secretary prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting next following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made. The club shall deposit with the Local League its audited accounts for each financial year within fourteen (14) days of the Annual General Meeting.

- (j) The income and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its objects and in the exercise of its powers as set out herein and no portion thereof shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way or profit to or amongst the members of the Club: provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of interest to any such member in respect of moneys advanced by him to the Club or otherwise owing by the Club or to any member of the Club or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Club: provided further that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the payment or repayment to any member of out of pocket expenses, money lent, reasonable and proper charges for goods hired by the Club or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Club.

### **DOCUMENTS**

29. The Executive shall provide for the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the Club.

### **FINANCIAL YEAR**

30. The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1st October and close on 30th September.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS ASSETS**

31. If the Club shall be would up in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act, and there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of Rule 28 (j) hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Club.

### **COMPLAINTS**

32. All complaints shall be made in writing to the Secretary, who, if he shall be unable to deal with them, shall submit them to the Executive whose decision shall be final.

### **PROHIBITION OF CONDUCT**

33. No member shall give the address of the Club in any advertisement or use the Club for business purposes without the written permission of the Executive first had and obtained.

## **RULE BOOK AND NOTICE BOARD**

34. Each member shall be entitled to a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Club, on written request to the Secretary. A copy of the Rules properly kept up to date by the Secretary shall be attached to the notice board. The notice board shall be kept in a prominent position in the Clubhouse, on which shall be displayed all notices required by the Rules, and matters of interest to members.

### **GAMBLING**

35. The Clubhouse shall not be used for gambling or for playing any game of chance or other unlawful games. The Executive shall have the power to prohibit any games which in their opinion are unlawful games or the playing of which would be injurious to the interests of the Club.

### **INDEMNITY**

36. All officers and all members of the Executive for the time being responsible for the management and control of the Club shall be and are hereby indemnified out of the assets of the Club against all actions, suits, proceedings, claims or demands whatever which may be brought or made against them, or any one or more of them, and also against all fines, penalties, costs, charges and other expenses which may be paid or incurred by the, or any one or more of them, in consequence of the performance of their official duties or in consequence of any breach of any State or Commonwealth statute or any local Government By-law committed on the Club premises or grounds.

### **AFFILIATION**

37. The Club must sign and lodge with the QRL the QRL affiliation forms each year if it desires to play the game of Rugby League Football in that year.

### **DEFINITIONS**

38. In these Rules the following expressions have the respective meanings ascribed to them:-

"Chairman" means the President of the Club for the purposes of the Act.

"QRL" means The Queensland Rugby Football League Limited.

"The Division" means the Central Division of the QRL.

"Local League" means the Local League in which the Club desires to participate.

"Executive" means the Management Committee prescribed under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.