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**KINGSTON**

**CROQUET CLUB**

**INCORPORATED**

**CONSTITUTION**

10 April 2017

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## **1. TITLE**

The title of the Club shall be the Kingston Croquet Club Incorporated.

## **2. OBJECTS**

The objects of the Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of the game of Croquet and to provide for members playing facilities and a Club House and to do all the things incidental to the playing of Croquet.

## **3. OFFICERS**

The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. They shall be proposed, seconded and elected by ballot at each Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election.

## **4. COMMITTEE**

The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee comprising the Officers of the Club and four other members to be proposed, seconded and elected by ballot at each Annual General Meeting when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election.

## **5. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Financial Year shall end on the last day of March in each year.

## **6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in the month of May each year. Only Full Members whose subscription has been paid prior to the Annual General Meeting will be entitled to vote at such meeting. The business to be transacted at such meetings shall be as follows:-

- i. the presentation of the Annual Report and Financial Statements.
- ii. the election of the Officers and Committee Members.
- iii. the appointment of an Auditor.
- iv. such other matters as may properly be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

## **7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Honorary Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting whenever requested to do so by the Committee or within fourteen days of receiving a written request to do so by not less than ten per cent of the members of the Club entitled under the Rules of the Club to vote at a general meeting. No business shall be transacted at such Extraordinary General Meeting, except that for which notice shall have been given.

## **8. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

An Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting can only be held when at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting a notice of such a meeting has been posted in the Club House and served on all members entitled to vote at a general meeting.

## **9. VOTING POWERS OF CHAIRMAN**

At any meeting of members of the Club (Committee or otherwise) the Chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

## **10. QUORUM**

A quorum for any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be one quarter of the full members of the Club. At Committee Meetings a quorum shall be four.

## **11. CASUAL VACANCIES**

In the event of a vacancy in the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

## **12. MEMBERSHIP**

Every candidate for admission to the Club shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another on a nomination form showing the full name and place of residence of the candidate. The nomination form shall be posted in the Club House for a period of at least seven days, after which the candidate's acceptance or rejection shall be decided by the Committee.

### **12(a) FULL MEMBERS**

Full Members shall be liable to the full subscription and are entitled to all normal privileges of Club Members

### **12(b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

A person to be admitted as an Associate Member must be a full member of another affiliated Tasmanian croquet club. They shall be liable for payment of a subscription equal to half that of a Full Member of the Kingston Croquet Club. They are entitled to normal privileges except they may not vote at General Meetings or play in any Championship of the Kingston Croquet Club.

### **12(c) DELETED**

### **12(d) NOVICE MEMBERS**

People joining the Club for the first time (but excluding members transferring from other States or clubs and members re-joining after an absence) shall pay half the normal subscription for their first twelve months of membership. On the anniversary of their first being admitted to membership they shall pay a proportion of the annual subscription pro-rated on the number of months to run in the then current financial year. Novice Members have full member privileges as in Rule 12(a) of the Constitution.

## **13. SOCIAL MEMBERS**

Any person may be admitted as a Social Member provided such candidate is elected as set out in Rule 12. A Social Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except the use of playing facilities and the right to vote.

## **14. JUNIOR MEMBERS**

A candidate for admission as a Junior Member shall be admitted provided such candidate is elected as set out in Rule 12. Such Junior Member shall be under the age of eighteen years or a full time student under the age of twenty five years. A Junior Member shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except the right to vote.

## **15. LIFE MEMBERS**

The Members at any Annual General Meeting may, on the recommendation of the Committee, elect a Life Member in recognition of outstanding services rendered to the Club. Such election shall require a two thirds majority vote of all members present. A Life Member shall be entitled, without payment of any subscription, to all privileges of membership.

## **16. VISITORS**

(a) Any person who is an intending player may, at the invitation of a full member of the Club, visit the Club and use its facilities upon such conditions as the Committee may determine for the purpose of deciding his or her intention towards the game.

(b) Any person who is a playing member of a recognised Croquet Club may be granted rights of temporary membership as may be determined by the Committee.

## **17. TASMANIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION**

The Club shall become an affiliated member of the Tasmanian Croquet Association and the Committee at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting shall appoint the delegates thereto.

## **18. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

(a) The Annual Subscription for all categories of membership for any year shall be set by the Committee no later than the last meeting of the Committee prior to the commencement of that year and shall be due and payable on the first day of the new Financial Year. Only members who have paid their subscription may vote at any Annual or Extraordinary Meeting of the Club and play in competitions conducted by the Club. Any person, other than a Novice Member, joining the Club after the start of the financial year shall be charged on a pro-rata basis, based on the financial year of 1st April to 31st March.

(b) In addition to the Annual Subscription members are required to pay all per capita affiliation and insurance fees levied by the Tasmanian Croquet Association and the Australian Croquet Association

## **19. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution may be amended by resolution at any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, provided notice of such motion is served at least fourteen days prior to the meeting on all members entitled to vote at a general meeting. No resolution shall be declared carried unless with the concurrence of three-quarters of the members present and voting thereon.

## **20. LAWS OF CROQUET**

The Club shall adopt the Laws of Croquet from time to time issued by the Croquet Association of England and accepted by the Australian Croquet Council.