



Constitution

Gold Coast Pickleball Association Inc.

Under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (QLD)

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Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name

The name of the incorporated association is Gold Coast Pickleball Association Inc (“the association”)

2. Objects

The objects of the association are as follows:

- (1) To foster and promote the game of Pickleball and to cultivate sportsmanship amongst its members at venues on the Gold Coast in Queensland.
- (2) To foster and promote the game of Pickleball amongst juniors and youth in the community.
- (3) To improve the standard of play of the game of Pickleball amongst its members.
- (4) To institute training of players and coaches according to the standards of the International Pickleball Teacher Professional Association.
- (5) To promote and sponsor social activities amongst its members.
- (6) To hold or arrange competitions and provide or contribute towards the provision of prizes, awards, and distinctions in connection with the game of Pickleball.
- (7) To acquire by purchase, lease, licence or otherwise, Pickleball courts and grounds on the Gold Coast, Queensland.
- (8) To provide amenities for the members which are as comprehensive as possible.
- (9) To enter into any arrangements with any Government authority, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the association’s objectives or any of them and to obtain from any such Government authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the association may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- (10) To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter, or control any buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the association’s interests, and to contribute to, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof.
- (11) To invest and deal with money of the association not immediately required in such manner as may be permitted by law, as the committee thinks fit. To receive on deposit, borrow or raise any sums of money for purposes consistent with these objectives.
- (12) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the association.
- (13) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of

procuring contributions to the funds of the association in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.

- (14) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books, or leaflets that the association may think desirable for the promotion of its objectives.
- (15) To affiliate with the governing Pickleball body in the State of Queensland and Australia.

3. Powers

The association has all of the powers of an individual and may do all things necessary or convenient for carrying out its objects and purposes, and in particular, may:

- (a) acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property;
- (b) open and operate bank accounts;
- (c) invest its money:
 - (i) in any security in which trust monies may lawfully be invested; or
 - (ii) in any other manner authorised by this Constitution;
- (d) borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the association thinks fit;
- (e) give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the association as the association thinks fit;
- (f) appoint agents to transact any business of the association on its behalf;
- (g) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable;
- (h) act as trustee and accept and hold real and personal property upon trust, but does not have power to do any act or thing as a trustee that, if done otherwise than as a trustee, would contravene this Act or the Constitution of the association;
- (i) appoint sub-committees with such powers as they deem appropriate for carrying out the objects of the association; and
- (j) make by-laws consistent with this Constitution and the Act for the general management of the association and the conduct of its members, and to alter, amend or rescind such by-laws as the committee deems appropriate from time to time.

4. Definitions

- (1) In this Constitution:

chief executive has the same meaning as that term is defined in the Act.

ordinary committee member means a member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of the association.

level 1 incorporated association has the same meaning as that term is defined in the Act.

level 2 incorporated association has the same meaning as that term is defined in the Act.

level 3 incorporated association has the same meaning as that term is defined in the Act.

secretary means:

- (a) the person holding office under this Constitution as secretary of the association, or
- (b) if no person holds that office - the public officer of the association.

special general meeting means a general meeting of the association other than an annual general meeting.

the Act means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld)*.

the Regulation means the *Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999 (Qld)*.

- (2) In this Constitution:
 - (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and
 - (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.
- (3) The provisions of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954 (Qld)* 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

5. Membership generally

- (1) A person is eligible to be a member of the association if:
 - (a) the person is a natural person, and
 - (b) the person has applied and been approved for membership of the association in accordance with clause 7.
- (2) A person is taken to be a member of the association if the person was one of the individuals on whose behalf an application for registration of the association under of the Act was made.

6. Effect of Membership

- (1) Members acknowledge and agree that: -
 - (a) this Constitution constitutes a contract between each of them and the association and that they are bound by this Constitution;
 - (b) they shall comply with and observe this Constitution, By-laws and any determination, resolution or policy which may be made or passed by the committee or other entity with delegated authority;
 - (c) by submitting to this Constitution, they are subject to the jurisdiction of the association;
 - (d) the Constitution is necessary and reasonable for promoting the Objects and particularly the advancement and protection of Pickleball on the Gold Coast in Queensland; and
 - (e) they are entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges, and services of association membership.

7. Application for membership

- (1) An application by a person for membership of the association:
 - (a) must be made in writing (including by email or other electronic means, if the committee so determines) in the form determined by the committee, and
 - (b) must be lodged (including by electronic means if the committee so determines) with the secretary of the association.
- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership:
 - (a) The committee must ensure that, before the committee considers the persons application, the person is advised:
 - (i) whether or not the association has public liability insurance; and
 - (ii) if the association has public liability insurance, the amount of the insurance.

- (b) the secretary must refer the application to the committee, which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the application.
- (3) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:
 - (a) notify the applicant in writing (including by email or other electronic means, if the committee so determines) that the committee approved or rejected the application (whichever is applicable), and
 - (b) if the committee approves the application, request the applicant to pay (within the period of 28 days after receipt by the applicant of the notification) the sum payable under this Constitution by a member as an entrance fee and annual subscription.
- (4) The secretary must, on payment by the applicant of the amounts referred to in subclause 12 (1) & (2) within the period referred to in that provision, enter or cause to be entered the applicant's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the association.

8. Cessation of membership

- (1) 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) fails to pay the annual membership fee under clause 12(2) within 28 days from expiry of their membership as recorded in the PAA Revolutionise Database.
- (2) Subject to clause 15, the committee may expel a member or terminate a member's membership if the member:
 - (a) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - (b) does not comply with any of the provisions of this Constitution; the GCPA Policies and the GCPA by-laws or
 - (c) has membership fees in arrears for at least 1 month; or
 - (d) conducts himself or herself in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association.

9. Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege, or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the association:

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

10. Resignation of membership

- (1) A member of the association may resign from membership of the association by first giving to the secretary written notice of at least 1 month (or any other period that the committee may determine) of the member's

intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.

- (2) If a member of the association ceases to be a member under subclause (1), and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

11. Register of members

- (1) The secretary must establish and maintain a register of members of the association (whether in written or electronic form) specifying the name and postal, residential or email address of each person who is a member of the association together with the date on which the person became a member.
- (2) The register of members must be kept in Queensland:
 - (a) at the main premises of the association, or
 - (b) if the association has no premises, at the association's official address.
- (3) Subject to Clause 54, the register of members must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the association at any reasonable hour by contacting the secretary to arrange an inspection.
- (4) Subject to clause 54, a member of the association may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) If the register of members is kept in electronic form:
 - (a) it must be convertible into hard copy, and
 - (b) the requirements in subclauses (2) and (3) apply as if a reference to the register of members is a reference to a current hard copy of the register of members.
- (8) The committee may, on the application of a member of the association, withhold information about the member (other than the members full name) from the register available for inspection if the committee has reasonable grounds for believing the disclosure of the information would put the member at risk of harm.

12. Fees and subscriptions

- (1) A member of the association must, on admission to membership, pay to the association a fee of \$1 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.

- (2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under subclause (1), a member of the association must pay to the association an annual membership fee of \$2 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount:

13. 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.

14. Resolution of disputes

- (1) A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the association, or a dispute between a member or members and the association, are to be referred to:
 - a. a mediator chosen by agreement of the parties; or
 - b. where the parties are unable to agree on a mediator, a mediator chosen by the President of the Law Society of Qld.
- (2) If one of the parties to the dispute is the association and the dispute is not resolved by mediation within 3 months of the referral by the law Society of Qld, mediator, the dispute is to be referred to the Dispute Resolution Centre, operated by Queensland's Office of Fair Trading, closest to the association's address for service.
- (3) In respect of any mediation under this clause and for the avoidance of doubt:
 - a. Any member of the association can be a mediator.
 - b. The mediator cannot be a party to the dispute.
 - c. The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
 - d. The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must:
 - i. Give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard;
 - ii. Allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - iii. Ensure natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
 - e. The mediator must not determine the dispute.
 - f. If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the mediator is to advise the association's committee.

15. Disciplining of members

If a member refuses or neglects to comply with any of the provisions of the Constitution or policies published by the committee from time to time or be, in the opinion of the committee, guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club or be, in the opinion of the committee, guilty of any conduct which is unbecoming of a member or which shall render the member unfit for membership, the committee shall have power to reprimand, suspend from all

privileges of membership for such period as it considers fit, expel or accept the resignation of such member and to remove the person's name from the Register of members, provided that:

- (a) Such member shall be notified of any charge against the member pursuant to the GCPA "disciplining of members" Policy by notice to his or her email address at least 14 clear days before the meeting of the committee at which the charge is to be heard. The notice shall set out the facts, matters and circumstances giving rise to the charge.
- (b) The member charged shall be entitled to attend the hearing for the purpose of answering the charge or may answer the charge in writing and is entitled to call witnesses in his or her defence.
- (c) If any notice of charge against a member is issued as a result of a complaint by a committee member (other than a complaint by another member who is not a committee member, but which committee member is passing on for the information of the committee), or if any committee member is a party to the complaint, that committee member or those committee members shall not be entitled to hear or vote upon the matter.
- (d) The voting by the members of the committee present at such meeting shall be by secret ballot if requested by any member of the committee, and no resolution by the committee to reprimand, suspend or expel a member shall be deemed to be passed unless a two-thirds majority of the members of the committee present, vote in favour of such resolution.
- (e) If the member fails to attend such meeting, the charge may be heard and dealt with and the committee may decide on the evidence before it, the member's absence notwithstanding, but having regard to any representations made to it in writing by the member charged.
- (f) After the committee has considered all evidence put against the member it shall come to a decision as to the member's guilt or innocence in relation to the charge. Once it has decided the issue of guilt or innocence, the committee shall inform the member prior to considering any penalty.
- (g) The member charged shall be given a further opportunity to address the committee in relation to the penalty appropriate to the charge of which the member has been found guilty.
- (h) Any decision by the committee at such hearing or any adjournment thereof shall be final, and the committee shall not be required to assign any reason for its decision.
- (i) In the event that the notice of charge is issued to a member pursuant to paragraph 1, the committee shall have power to immediately suspend that member from all privileges of the Club until the charge is heard and determined. Notice of an immediate suspension imposed by the committee on a member shall be notified in writing to that member.

Part 3 The Committee

16. Powers of the committee

- (1) 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 and powers 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.
- (2) The committee has authority to interpret the meaning of this Constitution and any matter relating to the association on which this Constitution is silent, but any interpretation must have regard to the Act, including any regulation made under the Act.

17. Composition and membership of committee

- (1) The committee is to consist of:
 - (a) the office-bearers of the association, and
 - (b) at least 3 ordinary committee members,
each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association under clause 18.
- (2) The total number of committee members shall not exceed 7
- (3) The office-bearers of the association are as follows:
 - (a) the president,
 - (b) the vice-president - nonelected position and is nominated by the president.
 - (c) the treasurer,
 - (d) the secretary.
- (4) Subject to the committee having at least 3 members, a committee member may hold up to 2 offices (other than both the offices of president and vice-president).
- (5) There is no maximum number of consecutive terms of office of any office-bearers on the committee.
- (6) Each member of the committee is, subject to this Constitution, to hold office until immediately before the election of committee members at the annual general meeting next following the date of the member's election and is eligible for re-election.
- (7) The secretary must be an individual residing in Queensland, or in another State but not more than 65km from the Queensland border, who is—
 - (a) a member of the association elected by the association as secretary; or
 - (b) any of the following persons appointed by the management committee as secretary—

- (i) a member of the associations management committee;
- (ii) another member of the association;
- (iii) another person.

18. Election of committee members

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary committee members:
 - (a) must be made in writing, signed by 2 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 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) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in any usual and proper manner that the committee directs.
- (7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of the association must be a member of the association.
- (8) A person may be a candidate only if the person:
 - (a) is an adult; and
 - (b) is not ineligible to be elected as a member under section 61A of the Act.
- (9) The committee must ensure that, before a candidate is elected as a member of the committee, the candidate is advised:
 - (a) whether or not the association has public liability insurance; and
 - (b) if the association has public liability insurance, the amount of the insurance.

19. Secretary

- (1) The secretary of the association must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with the association of his or her address.
- (2) It is the duty of the secretary to keep minutes (whether in written or electronic form) of:
 - (a) all appointments of office-bearers 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.
- (3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.
- (4) The signature of the chairperson may be transmitted by electronic means for the purposes of subclause (3).

20. Treasurer

It is the duty of the treasurer of the association to ensure:

- (a) that all money due to the association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the association are made, and
- (b) 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.

21. 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 next following the date of the appointment.
- (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 22, or
 - (f) becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or
 - (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from 3 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 3 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.
- (3) The members of the committee may act despite a casual vacancy on the committee. However, if the number of committee members is less than the number fixed under clause 23(5) as a quorum of the management committee, the continuing members may act only to:
 - (a) increase the number of management committee members to the number required for a quorum in accordance with clause 24; or

- (b) call a general meeting of the association.

22. Removal of committee members

- (1) The association in 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 subclause (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.
- (3) A member of the committee may resign from the committee by giving written notice of resignation to the secretary with such resignation taking effect at:
 - (a) the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
 - (b) if a later time is stated in the notice—the later time.
- (4) A member has no right of appeal against the members removal from office under this rule.

23. Committee meetings and quorum

- (1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each period of 12 months at the place and time that the committee 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 subclause (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 and unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (5) Any 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 committee chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.

24. Appointment of association members as committee members to constitute quorum

- (1) If at any time the number of committee members is less than the number required to constitute a quorum for a committee meeting, the existing committee members may appoint a sufficient number of members of the association as committee members to enable the quorum to be constituted.
- (2) A member of the committee so appointed is to hold office, subject to this Constitution, until the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.
- (3) This clause does not apply to the filling of a casual vacancy to which clause 21 applies.

25. Use of technology at committee meetings

- (1) A committee meeting may be held at 2 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.

26. Delegation by committee to sub-committee

- (1) The committee 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) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Despite any delegation under this clause, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (5) 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.

- (6) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this clause.
- (7) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

27. 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) Subject to clause 23(5), the committee may act despite any vacancy on the committee.
- (4) 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.
- (5) A member of the committee must not vote on a question about a contract or proposed contract with the association if the member has an interest in the contract or proposed contract and, if the member does vote, the members vote must not be counted.

28. Resolutions of committee without meeting

- (1) A written resolution signed by a majority of the committee, which must include the signature of the President, is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a committee meeting that was properly called and held.
- (2) A resolution mentioned in sub-clause (1) may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the committee.

Part 4 General meetings

29. Annual general meetings - holding of

- (1) The association must hold its first annual general meeting within 6 months after the end date of its first reportable financial year.
- (2) The association must hold its annual general meeting at least once a year and within 6 months after the close of the association's financial year.

30. Annual general meetings - calling of and business at

- (1) The annual general meeting of the association is, subject to the Act and to clause 29, 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 office-bearers of the association and ordinary committee members,
 - (d) 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.

31. Special general meetings - calling of

- (1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (2) The committee must, on the requisition of at least 25% 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 committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 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 3 months after that date.

- (5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in subclause (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 subclause (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.

32. 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 subclause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (3) 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 clause 30(2).
- (4) 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.

33. 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) Five 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.
- (4) 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 3) are to constitute a quorum.

34. 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 their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

35. 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 subclauses (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.

36. 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 42 applies, any appropriate corresponding method that the committee may determine, or
 - (b) if on the motion of the chairperson or if 5 or more members present at the meeting decide that the question should be determined by 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 favour of or against that resolution.
- (3) Subclause (2) applies to a method determined by the committee under subclause (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.

37. Special resolutions

A special resolution may only be passed by the association in accordance with section 3 of the Act.

38. By-laws

- (1) The committee may make, amend, or repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, for the proper management and administration of the association.
- (2) A by-law may be set aside by a vote of members at a general meeting of the association.
- (3) All by-laws are to be published on the association's website.

39. 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.

40. Proxy votes not permitted

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

41. Postal or electronic ballots

- (1) The association may hold a postal or electronic ballot (as the committee determines) to determine any issue or proposal.
- (2) A postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted as determined by the committee.

42. Use of technology at general meetings

- (1) A general meeting may be held at 2 or more venues using any technology approved by the committee that gives each of the association's members a reasonable opportunity to participate.
- (2) A member of an association who participates in a general 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.

43. Business to be conducted at annual general meeting of level 1 incorporated associations and particular level 2 and 3 incorporated associations

- (1) This rule applies only if the association is—
 - (a) a level 1 incorporated association; or
 - (b) a level 2 incorporated association to which section 59 of the Act applies;or

- (c) a level 3 incorporated association to which section 59 of the Act applies.
- (2) The following business must be conducted at each annual general meeting of the association—
 - (a) receiving the association's financial statement, and audit report, for the last reportable financial year;
 - (b) presenting the financial statement and audit report to the meeting for adoption;
 - (c) electing members of the committee;
 - (d) for a level 1 incorporated association—appointing an auditor or an accountant for the present financial year;
 - (e) for a level 2 incorporated association, or a level 3 incorporated association, to which section 59 of the Act applies—appointing an auditor, an accountant, or an approved person for the present financial year.

44. Business to be conducted at annual general meeting of other level 2 incorporated associations

- (1) This rule applies only if the association is a level 2 incorporated association to which section 59A of the Act applies.
- (2) The following business must be conducted at each annual general meeting of the association—
 - (a) receiving the association's financial statement, and signed statement, for the last reportable financial year;
 - (b) presenting the financial statement and signed statement to the meeting for adoption;
 - (c) electing members of the committee;
 - (d) appointing an auditor, an accountant, or an approved person for the present financial year.

45. Business to be conducted at annual general meeting of other level 3 incorporated associations

- (1) This rule applies only if the association is a level 3 incorporated association to which section 59B of the Act applies.
- (2) The following business must be conducted at each annual general meeting of the association—
 - (a) receiving the association's financial statement, and signed statement, for the last reportable financial year;
 - (b) presenting the financial statement and signed statement to the meeting for adoption;
 - (c) electing members of the committee.

Part 5 Miscellaneous

46. Insurance

The association may affect and maintain insurance.

47. Funds - source

- (1) The funds of the association are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, any other sources that the committee 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 membership fees, issue an appropriate receipt.

48. Funds - management

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the association in 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 electronic transaction payments, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by 1 authorised signatory.

49. 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.

50. Distribution of property on winding up of association

- (1) This rule applies if the association:
 - (a) is wound-up under part 10 of the Act; and
 - (b) has surplus assets.
- (2) The surplus assets must not be distributed among the members of the association.
- (3) The surplus assets must be given to another entity:
 - (a) having objects similar to the association's objects; and
 - (b) the rules of which prohibit the distribution of the entity's income and assets to its members.
- (4) In this rule— surplus assets has the meaning defined in section 92(3) of the Act.

51. Change of name, objects, and Constitution

An application for registration of a change in the association's name, objects or Constitution in accordance the Act is to be made by the public officer or a committee member.

52. Alteration of Constitution

- (1) Subject to the Act, this Constitution may be amended, repealed or added to by a special resolution carried at a general meeting.
- (2) However, an amendment, repeal or addition is valid only if it is registered by the chief executive.

53. Custody of books etc

Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, all records, books and other documents relating to the association must be kept in Queensland:

- (a) at the main premises of the association, in the custody of the public officer or a member of the association (as the committee determines), or
- (b) if the association has no premises, at the association's official address, in the custody of the public officer.

54. Inspection of books etc

- (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 subclause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- (3) Despite subclauses (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.

55. 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.

56. 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.

57. Use of Images

The Gold Coast Pickleball Association shall have the irrevocable right to use images and likenesses in all forms ("Images") of its members for the purposes of advertising, publication and general display including but not limited to publication on internet web sites such as Facebook. By entering venues and participating in events operated by Gold Coast Pickleball Association, members agree that they are not entitled to receive any consideration or payment for the Images and will not make any claim against the Gold Coast Pickleball Association for any such payment. They release and indemnify Gold Coast Pickleball Association from any loss (including consequential loss), cost or claim connected with the publication of the Images, including any action for defamation, tort, passing off, misleading and deceptive conduct, breach of privacy, or copyright.