



## Sydney University Australian National Football Club

### Club Name

- 1 The name shall be the "Sydney University Australian National Football Club" (the *Club*)

### Objects

2. The objects of the Club shall be:
  - a) To encourage, foster, promote, develop, extend and govern the sport of Australian Rules Football within the University and the general public;
  - b) To provide members with the opportunity of playing or otherwise participating in Australian Rules Football competitions, including but not limited to those provided by the NSW/ACT AFL (the *League*);
  - c) To subscribe to become a member of, and co-operate with any other Association or Associations whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Club;
  - d) To participate and arrange Australian University Sport competitions;

### This Constitution

3. A member of the Club is bound by this Constitution and any variations and amendments made to it from time to time.
4. Every member of the Club is entitled to request a copy of this Constitution and all rules, regulations and by-laws in relation to the Club from the Secretary.
5. The Secretary must make all reasonable endeavors to make this Constitution and all rules, regulations and by-laws in relation to the Club available to any member upon request.
6. This Constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by 50% of the members of the Club present and voting at a General Meeting.
7. Any member of the Club may propose a resolution amending the Constitution in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

## **Membership**

8. Any member of Sydney University Sport shall be eligible for membership of the Club and the League (if applicable) upon payment of a subscription fee as determined by the Committee from year to year.

### *8.1 Sydney University Sport Categories of and Criteria for Membership*

The following sets out the categories and criteria of Sydney University Sport Membership:

#### *CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP*

1. SU Sport shall have the following categories of Membership:

- a. University Members;
- b. Honorary Members;
- c. Life Members;
- d. Honorary Life Members;
- e. Community Members; and
- f. Junior Community Members

#### *UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP*

2. The following persons shall be eligible for University Membership :

- a) Student Members;
- b) Graduates of the University,
- c) All members of Convocation of the University as defined in section 14(1) of the University of Sydney Act; and
- d) Full time, part time or casual staff of the University.

#### *HONORARY MEMBERSHIP*

3. The Management Committee may by resolution grant Honorary Membership to any Member whose special association with SU Sport is deemed worthy of such recognition. . Honorary Members cannot nominate for election to a Committee of SU Sport or vote at any elections or meetings of SU Sport.

#### *LIFE MEMBERSHIP*

4. The Management Committee may confer Life Membership upon any person who has been a University Member or a member of either of the former sports bodies, Sydney University Sports Union or Sydney

University Women's Sports Association or a combination of them and has paid five annual Subscription Fees to either of the former sports bodies and/or SU Sport. Applicants must complete an application form (as prescribed by the Management Committee from time to time) for Life Membership lodge such application with the Executive Director and satisfy any other conditions as the Management Committee may reasonably impose from time to time.

#### *HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP*

5. The General Committee may grant by resolution Honorary Life Membership upon any person who is eligible for University, Honorary or Life Membership of SU Sport, and who in its opinion have rendered special service to SU Sport or to any Constituent Club.

#### *COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP*

6. The Management Committee may admit any person who is not otherwise eligible to be a University, Honorary, Life Member or Honorary Life Member of SU Sport to Community Membership.

#### 7. Community Members:

- a) Are not eligible to vote at any Annual General or Special General Meeting of SU Sport;
  - b) May vote at Constituent Club elections and at Constituent Club meetings on general club matters provided they are a current financial member of that Constituent Club;
  - c) May hold Committee positions within a Constituent Club, provided that not more than two of the positions of President, Captain, Secretary or Treasurer of a Constituent Club at any given time is occupied by a Community Member;
  - d) May not represent their Club at General Committee Meetings.
8. At any one time, the number of Community Members belonging to a Constituent Club (other than Junior Community Members) must not exceed 30% of the total club membership.

#### *JUNIOR COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP*

9. Persons aged between 10 and 17 years may apply to join SU Sport as Junior Community Members upon an application being made by an office bearer of SU Sport or a Constituent Club and counter-signed by the applicant for Membership and payment of the relevant Subscription Fee. Junior Community Members do not receive any voting rights at Constituent Club elections and at Constituent Club meetings on general club matters.

#### *MEMBERSHIP YEAR*

10. Each Member shall hold Membership for one year from the date in which the Subscription Fees are paid by such Member, except for Life Members and Honorary Life Members, whose Membership is continuous as provided for in this Constitution.
11. Students enrolling for the first time at the University may become Members before 1 March of that year, in which case they will be taken to be Community Members before 1 March and University Members from 1 March until the end of their current Membership year.

#### *SUBSCRIPTION FEES*

12. The Management Committee shall determine Subscription Fees payable by University, Community and Junior Community Members from time to time. Subscription Fees shall be reviewed annually by the Management Committee.
  13. Any Subscription Fees shall first be approved by Senate before taking effect.
9. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, no one other than a member of Sydney University Sport may be a member of the Club.
  10. The membership of any person eligible for membership shall take effect on the receipt by the Committee of such information in writing as the Committee may determine from time to time.
  11. If any member is in the opinion of the Committee guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club, the Committee or in cases of urgency the President may suspend the member alleged to have committed the breach complained of and during such suspension the suspended member shall not be entitled to any of the rights or privileges attaching to membership. No suspension shall be for a longer period than twelve calendar months nor shall any such suspension be effective after the meeting of the Sydney University Sport General Committee at which the member alleged to have committed the breach appears.
  12. Any member may resign from the Club by giving notice of his/her resignation in writing to the Secretary of the Club or to the Executive Director of Sydney University Sport. Such resignation shall take effect from the date of receipt of such notice by the Secretary of the Club.
  13. Any person who ceases to be a member of the Club whether by resignation or in any other manner whatsoever shall forfeit all rights and claims upon the Club and its property, assets and funds.

#### **General Meetings**

14. The Committee may convene the following meetings in accordance with this Constitution:
  - 1 Annual General Meeting (as described in Clause 20);

2 Special General Meeting (as described in Clause 17); and  
3 Committee Meeting (as described in Clause 45).

15. The Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of all members at least once in every calendar year to be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Committee.
16. The Committee may whenever it thinks fit convene a Special General Meeting, which is to receive and consider any matter the Committee sees fit.
17. The Committee may convene a Special General Meeting on receipt of a requisition made in writing to the Club Secretary, stating the objects of the meeting proposed to be called, and signed by not less than 2 members of the Club within twenty one days of the date of receipt of such requisition.
18. Notice of the Annual General Meeting and of every Special General Meeting shall be given at least 7 days before such meeting by:
  - a) publication on the Club website (as it may be from time to time); and
  - b) email to the Club's email distribution list.
19. Notice is deemed to be given to all members if in accordance with clause 18.
20. The business of an Annual General Meeting shall be to receive and consider the Annual Report and Financial Statement, to elect office bearers and to transact any other business which under this Constitution may be transacted by the Club in General Meeting (which receives and considers the general matters of the Club).
21. Ten (10) members personally present shall be a quorum for any meeting. If within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall lapse.
22. The President shall be entitled to take the chair at all meetings of the Club. In his absence or unwillingness to act the members present shall choose a chairman from among their own number.
23. No person shall be competent to vote at any meeting unless he is a member of the Club. Proxy votes shall not be allowed at any General or committee meeting of the Club.
24. Every question submitted to any meeting shall be decided by a show of hands unless otherwise decided by the chairman or the Committee. Every member shall be entitled to one vote EXCEPT that in the case of any equality of votes the chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote to which he is entitled as a member.
25. Minutes of the proceedings of any meeting shall be kept by the Secretary (or a substitute) and signed by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting.
26. Every resolution passed at any meeting shall be binding on all members of the Club whether present at that meeting or otherwise.

### **Office Bearers**

27. The Office Bearers of the Club shall be made up of the following:
  - a) a Patron (optional);
  - b) a President (or 2 Co-Presidents as the case may require);
  - c) not more than 3 Vice Presidents;
  - d) a Secretary;
  - e) a Treasurer; and
  - f) any other position the Executive see fit.
28. The Office Bearers may be elected from time to time at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club.
29. The club shall have a minimum of three (3) office bearers in order to form a committee (the *Committee*).
30. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, no Office Bearer of the Club shall receive any remuneration for their services.
31. A Special General Meeting may, by a majority resolution of the members present and voting, remove any Office Bearer or Member of the Committee from office before the period of expiration of his office
32. If the President or a Vice President resigns or is removed (in accordance with this Constitution) from the Committee a Special General Meeting must be called.
33. Special General Meeting may, by a resolution of three-fourths of the members present and voting, elect any member of the Club to be an Office Bearer of the Club.

### **Control and Management**

34. The control and management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee.
35. No person shall fill more than one place on the Committee at any one time.
36. A quorum of the meeting of the Committee shall be three (3) Office Bearers. If no quorum is present within forty five (45) minutes of the notified time of Meeting, such Meeting shall lapse.
37. The President shall be entitled to take the Chair at all meetings of the Committee. In their absence or unwillingness to act, the members of the Committee present shall choose a Chairman from among their own number.
38. The Secretary may convene a meeting of the Committee at least once during each University term.
39. The Secretary shall upon request of two (2) members of the committee convene a meeting of the Committee.

40. No person who is not a member of the Committee shall be entitled to be present at a meeting of the Committee UNLESS invited to attend by a majority of the Committee in attendance at the meeting.
41. The Committee may declare vacant the seat of any number thereon who has been absent without valid excuse from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Committee.
42. All casual vacancies among the Office Bearers and Committee of the Club shall be filled by the Committee.
43. Every motion submitted to the Committee shall be decided by a show of hands unless otherwise decided by the Meeting or the Chairman. Every member of the Committee shall be entitled to one vote EXCEPT that in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote to which he/she is entitled as a member of the Committee.
44. Minutes of every meeting of the Committee shall be kept by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman of the next succeeding committee meeting.
45. The Meeting of the Committee shall appoint such delegate or delegates to represent the Club as may be required with such powers as it may think fit, including especially but not exclusively the delegates to Sydney University Sport under the conditions provided in the Constitution of Sydney University Sport and the League. All such delegates shall, if so required by the Committee, submit to the Committee a report of each meeting which they attend at the next meeting of the Committee following such meeting.
46. The Committee shall have power to make, alter and repeal such by-laws and regulations not being inconsistent with the Constitution as it may deem necessary or expedient from time to time and create any sub-committees as it deems necessary for the operation of the Club. Notice of any proposal to make, alter or repeal any such by-laws or regulations shall be given to the Executive Director of the Sports Union not less than seven (7) days before the meeting of the Committee at which it is intended to present such proposal.
47. Notice of all meetings of the Committee shall be given to all members of the Committee by the Secretary at least seven (7) days before such meeting.
48. Every resolution of the Committee is binding on all members of the Club.

### **Executive**

49. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer or any two (2) of them shall constitute the Executive of the Club and may act in any way beneficial to the Club when immediate action is required and it is not practicable or convenient to call a meeting of the Committee. Any exercise of Executive power under this clause will be referred for approval to the next meeting of the Committee.

### **Powers**

50. The Club shall have the power to carry out the objects of this Constitution in such a way as described by this Constitution subject to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Sports Union.

#### **Duties of the Secretary**

51. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record in a book of the business transacted at all meetings and shall keep a copy of the Constitution and all by-laws made thereunder for the time being in force. The Secretary may present a report to the Annual General Meeting and perform all the usual duties required of a Company Secretary.

#### **Duties of the Treasurer**

52. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the monies of the Club as authorised by the Committee and shall keep correct accounts of all such transactions and shall lodge in the Clubs trust account all monies received on behalf of the Club. The Treasurer may to each meeting of the Club, a financial statement to date together with the bank pass sheet and shall present a report and audited balance sheet to the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Duties of the Patron**

53. The Committee may determine or amend (as applicable) the role and duties of the Patron as it sees fit.

#### **No Profits for Members**

54. The income and property of SUANFC will be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of SUANFC as set out in this Constitution, and no portion thereof will be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to any Member.

Nothing in this clause 4 of this Constitution will prevent:

- a) the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or employee of SUANFC for services actually rendered to SUANFC or the payment, in good faith, of an amount to any member of SUANFC in return for any services actually rendered to SUANFC for goods supplied in the ordinary or usual course of business, or the payment of interest for money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member to SUANFC;
- b) SUANFC from providing services or information to the Members on terms which are different from the terms pursuant to which services or information is provided to persons who are not Members.



## **Winding Up**

55. If upon the winding up or dissolution of SUANFC there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to nor distributed among the Members, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or company having objects similar to the objects of SUANFC, and whose constituent documents prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members on terms substantially to the effect of clause 54 of this Constitution, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members at or before the time of the winding up or dissolution of SUANFC, and in default of any determination, by the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

