

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION

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CHAPTER I

1. The name of the Club shall be The Adelaide University Boat Club Incorporated (herein called the "Club").
2. The objects of the Club shall be
 - (a) the promotion of the sport of rowing within the University of Adelaide by the establishment and maintenance of such facilities as may be conducive to the sport;
 - (b) to compete in the Australian University Rowing Championships (hereinafter called the "I.V.") rowing contests;
 - (c) to do its utmost to boat winning crews in the Intervarsity, and other suitable contests;
 - (d) to organise and stage rowing contests and;
 - (e) to promote social intercourse between members of the Club.

CHAPTER II

1. The Club is and shall always remain a constituent Club of the Adelaide University Sports Association Incorporated in whose name its property is to be vested.
2. The Club may affiliate itself with the South Australian Rowing Association Incorporated or with any other body concerned with competitive rowing provided always that the Club may not become affiliated with any association or society whose objects are contrary to those stated above.
3. The Club shall have the powers conferred by the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 (SA) and, having considered the best interests of the Club, the Committee may, by ordinary resolution at a meeting of the Committee, resolve to:
 - (a) acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of, any real or personal property; and
 - (b) administer any property on trust; and
 - (c) open and operate bank accounts; and
 - (d) invest its moneys-
 - (i) in any security in which trust moneys may, by Act of Parliament, be invested; or

- (ii) in any other manner authorised by the rules of the Club; and
- (e) borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Club thinks fit; and
- (f) give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the Club as the Club thinks fit; and
- (g) appoint agents to transact any business of the Club on its behalf; and
- (h) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable.

CHAPTER III

1. The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members who shall be full members of the Adelaide University Sports Association, and who enrol as members of the Club.
 - (a) Affiliate members of the Adelaide University Sports Association may be admitted to membership of the Club by the Committee, provided that the number of members of the Club being affiliated members of the Sports Association shall not exceed 10% of the total number of members of the Club.
 - (b) The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members who shall, subject to Chapter III Section 1(a) be ordinary members.
2. Membership shall remain operative until the resignation of the member, or until terminated as provided for below.

CHAPTER IV

THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

1. The Officers of the Club shall consist of:
 - (a) A PATRON who may be appointed each year and who need not be a member of the Club.
 - (b) A PRESIDENT who shall be or shall have been a member of the Club and who shall preside at all meetings and functions of the Club. The President shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.
 - (c) An unlimited number of Vice-Presidents who need not be members of the Club.
 - (d) A CAPTAIN who shall be a member of the Club of not less than twelve (12) months standing. The Captain shall be responsible for the general management of all affairs of the Club and shall present a report to the Club at the Annual General Meeting which report shall be preserved in the minutes of the meeting.

- (e) An HONORARY SECRETARY who shall: conduct the correspondence of the Club; shall call meetings prepare agenda and fulfil the functions conferred upon him/her elsewhere in this Constitution; shall keep a proper record of the minutes of any general meeting of the Club in a book kept for the purpose and shall keep a register of the names and addresses of all members of the Club.
 - (f) An ASSISTANT SECRETARY who shall assist the Honorary Secretary in the performance of his/her duties; shall keep proper record of the minutes of Committee meetings, a record of the performances of the crews of the Club in any competitions, and a record of the eligibility and status of all active members of the Club.
 - (g) An HONORARY TREASURER who shall be responsible for authorising from Club funds; shall prepare members accounts within fourteen (14) day of the completion of each rowing season; a brief financial statement for presentation at each committee meeting and shall present in written form a detailed audited statement and report of the financial state of the Club at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (h) An HONORARY ASSISTANT TREASURER whose duty it shall be to assist the Treasurer.
 - (i) Two VICE CAPTAINS, one male and one female, whose duty it shall be to assist the Captain.
2. All Officers of the Club shall be elected by the financial members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting, provided that the Committee must fill any vacancy within the time prescribed and the Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting for the purpose of holding an election for the office vacant.

CHAPTER V

THE COMMITTEE

1. There shall be a Committee consisting of the President, Captain, Vice-Captains, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and a maximum of six general committee members whose duties are to include, but not be limited to, a recruitment/ membership officer, an historian, a boat and maintenance officer, a fundraising and event organisation officer camps and away regattas officer, a uniform officer and a website officer
- (a) Members of the Club who are affiliate members of the Adelaide University Sports Association may be members of the committee excepting that the Captain shall always be a Student of the University of Adelaide and that at least seventy per cent of the members of the Committee shall always be students of Adelaide University.
2. The powers of the Committee shall be:
- (a) To direct the policy and operations of the Club in all matters.

- (b) To make rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper conduct of the Club, provided always that such rules and regulations are not contrary to, or inconsistent with, anything contained in this Constitution.
 - (c) To create funds by application to the Adelaide University Sports Association for monetary assistance in the form of an annual grant or by raising of money for the purpose of the Club by other legitimate means.
 - (d) To determine the affiliation of the Club as provided for in Chapter 11 Clause of the constitution.
 - (e) To co-opt members to be responsible for the proper maintenance of the boats and other equipment of the Club.
 - (f) To co-opt members to serve on sub-committees to undertake specific tasks on its behalf
 - (g) To terminate the membership of any person who:-
 - (i) is guilty of any flagrant disregard of the valid rules and regulations of the Club.
 - (ii) fails to settle his/her outstanding account with the Club within 30 days of receiving written notice of his/her indebtedness to the Club, or fails to furnish an acceptable explanation regarding his/her failure to do so, or
 - (iii) is guilty of other unsporting or unbecoming behaviour.
 - (h) To admit to membership of the Club Affiliate Members of the Adelaide University Sports Association subject always to the provisions of Chapter III Section 1(a).
 - (i) To determine from time to time the subscriptions payable by ordinary, associate and affiliate members of the Club.
 - (j) To appoint a Club Colours Committee pursuant to the rules of the Adelaide University Sports Association.
 - (k) To appoint an Honorary Auditor
3. (a) Any member of the Committee who shall absent him/herself without satisfactory apology from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall cease to be a member of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee may in its absolute discretion refuse to accept an apology which it considers unsatisfactory.

CHAPTER VI

COACHES

1. Upon instructions from the Committee the Captain may by written invitation invite persons nominated by the Committee to undertake to coach one or more crews of the Club. Such written invitation shall state the crew to be coached, the duration of the appointment, which shall in no case exceed one season, and it shall state that acceptance of the appointment must be in writing.
2. Coaches may be reappointed provided that the procedure for initial appointment is adhered to in each subsequent appointment.

CHAPTER VII

SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. All crews to represent the Club in any competition shall be selected by the Selection Committee.
2. The Selection Committee shall consist of the Captain and at least two Selectors who shall be appointed by the Captain; provided that a two thirds majority of the Committee may veto the appointment of any Selector.
3. The Selection Committee shall be responsible for the allocation of all equipment to crews representing the Club.

CHAPTER VIII

MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not more than nine weeks after the completion of the South Australian Rowing Association Incorporated premiership season, or in the months of either April or May.
2. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary by written notification of all the members of the Club: provided that at least fourteen days notice be given.

(b) Such written notification shall:
 - (i) state the place at which the meeting is to be held
 - (ii) state the time at which the meeting is to commence
 - (iii) set out a list of the positions of office for which elections are to be held and contain:
 - (iv) a statement of other business to be conducted thereat.

3. Special General Meetings of the Club shall be held when convened by the Honorary Secretary:
 - (a) on instructions from the Committee, or
 - (b) within fourteen days of the receipt of a written resolution of twelve members of the Club, which clearly states the reasons for such a meeting, by written notification of all the members of the club: provided that at least seven days notice be given.
 - (c) Such written notification shall:
 - (i) state the place at which the meeting is to be held
 - (ii) state the time at which the meeting is to commence
 - (iii) contain a statement of the business to be conducted therein.
4. The Club in general meeting shall have a power of veto in respect of acts performed or contemplated by the Committee.
5. Any member of the committee may be expelled from office by a majority vote of members of the Club present at a duly convened Special General Meeting of the Club.
6. At all general meetings of the Club the quorum shall be twelve members excluding the Chairman.
7. At all general meetings of the Club voting shall be by secret ballot where three members present at such a meeting so request. All members of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at all general meetings of the Club provided that proxy votes shall not be allowed.
8. This constitution may be amended by a three quarter majority of the members of the Club at a duly convened General Meeting of the Club; provided that such majority represents at least one third of the members of the Club, and that all members have been given fourteen (14) days notice of the proposed amendment.
9. At all meetings of the Club strict order of debate shall be followed.
10. Committee meetings shall be called by the Honorary Secretary by giving three days notice to all members of the Committee.
11. At all Committee Meetings of the Club the quorum shall be five.

CHAPTER IX

THE COLOURS OF THE CLUB

1. The racing uniform of the Club shall be a white singlet with black “V” from the top of the shoulders to point eight inches from the neck on both front and back with a boat Club badge on the left breast with black shorts.
2. The badge of the Club shall be the crest of the University Of Adelaide surmounting crossed oars. A specimen of the badge shall be preserved in the office of the Adelaide University Sports Association.
3. The tie and scarf of the Club shall be as determined by the Committee from time to time, except that the tie and scarf should always conform with the colours of the Club, being black and white, and the badge of the Club as defined in section 2 above.
4. Members of the Club so entitled are permitted to wear insignia denoting an award of colours pursuant to the regulations of the Adelaide University Sports Association.

CHAPTER X

GENERAL

1. All monies received by the Club shall be payable into the accounts of the Club. Such accounts shall be with public banking institutions or such other investment accounts as may from time to time be approved by the Committee.

CHAPTER XI

DISSOLUTION

1. The Club may be dissolved by special resolution, passed by three quarters majority of the members at a Special General Meeting, convened pursuant to the Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985.
2. At least 21 days written notice specifying the intention to dissolve the Club must be given to all members of the Club.
3. On dissolution and discontinuance of the Club, after payment of all debts and liabilities, all surplus assets shall revert to the Adelaide University Sports Association Incorporated.