

HYDE PARK CROQUET CLUB INCORPORATED

BY-LAWS

1. Membership

1.1 The Club recognises the following categories of Membership

1.1.1. **Full Members**:-shall be persons admitted by the Committee who have paid full Membership and S.A.C.A. affiliation fees. They shall have full playing and voting rights and be able to hold office.

1.1.2. **Honorary Members**:-shall be granted this honour yearly on recommendation by the Committee and carried by a majority of not less than two thirds of those present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Club.

1.1.3. **Associate Members**:-shall be those persons;

a) Who are full Members of another Croquet Club (member of SACA) and pay the Associate Member fee set at the AGM. These members shall be entitled to play at the Club as determined by the Committee.

Or,

b) Who are full members of another Sports Club affiliated with the Unley Park Sports Club Inc. and pay the Associate fee set at the AGM. These members shall be entitled to play at the Club as determined by the Committee.

1.1.4. **Student Members**:-shall be Members who are under the age of eighteen years at the start of the financial year, or are full-time students under the age of twenty five years. They shall have full playing rights, but no voting rights and shall pay one quarter of the full Membership fee plus the S.A.C.A. affiliation fee.

1.1.5. **Social Members**:-shall be Members who are eligible to participate in all Club social activities, on payment of a fee set annually at the A.G.M.

1.1.6. **Life Members**:

a) Shall be those persons who have been members of the Hyde Park Croquet Club and of the Hawthorn or Unley Park Croquet Clubs for a minimum of 20 years and have made a significant contribution to the Club. Potential Life Members are to be approved by the Club at a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Management Committee. Other than in 2013 there should be no more than two life members proposed in any given year.

- b) Existing Life Members of the former Hawthorn and Unley Park Croquet Clubs shall retain their current privileges.

1.2 New Members

- 1.2.1 Prospective new Members may be offered introductory lessons on payment of a fee to be determined by the Committee.
- 1.2.2 Intending new Members shall be nominated to the Management Committee by two Members of the Club. Nominations shall be displayed on the Club noticeboard prior to the next Meeting of the Management Committee.
- 1.2.3 Subscriptions and any other fees, shall be due within six weeks of admission otherwise Membership will lapse.

1.3 Subscriptions and other Fees

- 1.3.1 Full Membership fees may be paid in full, or by negotiation with the Treasurer provided that the S.A.C.A. affiliation fee is paid with the first instalment of the Membership fee.
- 1.3.2 A Member shall not be permitted to hold office or vote at any meeting if, after the due date for payment of subscriptions, any fees remain unpaid.
- 1.3.3 The Management Committee may admit Members for a part of the fiscal year at reduced rates calculated in quarter year multiples.

2. Management

The operation of the Management Committee established under clause five of the Constitution shall be governed by the following By-Laws:

- 2.1 The Committee may co-opt Members for specific purposes and for specific periods of time.
- 2.2 The Honorary Secretary shall give notice in writing, or announce personally to each Member of the Management Committee the calling of any extra Management Committee Meeting.
- 2.3 Attendance at Committee Meetings will be in person and not by proxy.
- 2.4 The Committee shall:
 - 2.4.1 Manage and supervise the finances and property of the Club.

2.4.2 Establish and maintain liaison with the Unley Park Sports Club Incorporated, and other sporting clubs and bodies as deemed necessary.

2.4.3 Settle all disputes.

2.5 The Committee may appoint or disband Sub-Committees for any special work or investigation.

2.5.1 Each Sub-Committee shall elect its own Chairperson from amongst its Members and shall maintain minutes and records of all its Meetings.

2.5.2 The quorum of a Sub-Committee shall be a majority of its Members.

2.5.3 Each Sub-Committee shall report its findings to the Committee through the Vice-President.

2.5.4 Any monies raised by a Sub-Committee shall be paid into general Club funds.

3. Appointment of Officers

Nominations for office shall be in writing and lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen days before the A.G.M., and displayed forthwith on the Club noticeboard. If only one nomination is received for a particular office, that person shall be declared elected. In the absence of written nominations for a particular office by the due date, nominations may be taken at the A.G.M. Except for the Public Officer, a person may not hold the same office for more than four consecutive years, unless by exceptional circumstances as determined by the Management Committee, but shall be eligible for re-election after an absence from that office for a period of one or more years.

4. Public Officer

4.1. Shall be appointed for an indefinite period and confirmed in office at each A.G.M.

4.2. Shall be the holder of the Club Seal.

4.3. Shall ensure that all agreements and actions taken by the Club will comply with the conditions set out in the Associations Incorporation Act.

4.4. The Public Officer shall report to the Management Committee through the Honorary Secretary.

5. Uniform

The uniform of the Club shall comprise any combination of the Club colours (Blue, Green and White) that the Management Committee endorse.