

Summary of Changes to the Club Constitution

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The Club proposes replacing its 1989 constitution with Rules based on the Consumer Affairs Victoria Model Rules. Members will vote on the complete proposed Rules by special resolution. This document summarises the main changes.

Membership and voting

Topic	1989 rules	Proposed new rules
Membership categories	Junior, Senior, Associate and Life members.	Registered, Associate and Life Members.
Adult players	Senior-member arrangements.	An adult registered player has one personal vote.
Children and their votes	Junior members under 16 did not vote.	Each registered child under 18 carries one vote, exercised by the authorised parent or guardian recorded in PlayHQ and the Register of Members.
Parents and guardians	No equivalent representative-voting model.	A parent or guardian may exercise each authorised child's vote but receives no personal vote solely as a parent.
Coaches, team managers and Committee members	Voting depended on the former membership structure.	These adults are Associate Members with one personal vote. Multiple roles do not produce additional personal votes.
Other Associate Members	Associate membership existed under the former structure.	Another adult may apply to the Committee and receives one personal vote once approved and properly recorded.
New members voting	No waiting period.	A new member generally votes after more than 10 business days. Returning members are exempt.
Life Membership	Approved by members at a general meeting; up to two yearly.	Approved by the Committee; up to one per calendar year; one personal vote.

Fees

Topic	1989 rules	Proposed new rules
Registration fees	Seasonal subscription and registration fee.	Seasonal registration fee set by the Committee. Approved payment plans must be in place and up to date.
Non-payment	Membership depended on payment.	Seasonal membership and voting rights are suspended after the due date if payment requirements are not met. A Registered

Member may be taken to have resigned after a full unpaid season.

Meetings

Topic	1989 rules	Proposed new rules
Financial year	Ends 30 June.	Ends 30 September.
Annual general meeting	Held in July.	Held within five months after the financial year ends.
Calling an SGM	Requested by 5% of members.	Requested by 10% of members.
General-meeting quorum	Five members.	Six adult members. Each adult counts once, regardless of the number of votes they control.
Proxies	Lodged 24 hours beforehand.	Approved form received at least 48 hours beforehand. A child must be identified before the proxy may exercise that child's vote.
Taking part online	Not provided for.	Members may participate by telephone or video.

Committee

Topic	1989 rules	Proposed new rules
Committee eligibility	Based on the former membership structure.	A Committee candidate must be at least 18 and must either hold a personal vote or be authorised to exercise the vote of a registered child.
Committee meetings	At least three yearly.	At least four yearly.
Committee quorum	Four members.	A majority of Committee members.
Terms of office	Office bearers elected yearly.	Office bearers serve staggered two-year terms; general Committee members are elected yearly.
Removing a Committee member	By ordinary resolution.	By special resolution requiring at least 75% approval.

Member protections

Topic	1989 rules	Proposed new rules
Disputes	Disciplinary process only.	A grievance and mediation process applies to member and Committee disputes.
Register privacy	The register was open to members.	Inspection remains available as required by law, with a process for restricting personal details.

Members are encouraged to read the complete proposed Rules, which will accompany the notice of the Special General Meeting and be available at www.emeraldakerscommunity.com.au.