



Victorian Quidditch Association Proposed Constitutional Amendments

At the VQA Annual General Meeting on the 11th of March 2017 at 10am at Melbourne's Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street the following conditional amendments shall be voted on in the following order. Attached are the individual submissions for reference.

Change 1

Addition to rule 5 (definitions):

Club: A group of players forming a team or teams that is governed by a single executive body

Team: A group of members of an affiliated club who identify as a team for the purpose of playing together in VQA Victoria Cup.

Intent: With the implementation of multiple teams per Quidditch club, the terms club and team can no longer be used interchangeably and as such must be defined for constitutional purposes and for creating rules to the Victoria Cup.

Reference: Submission 1

Change 2

Italicise all instances of terms found within the constitution that are defined in Rule 5, with exception of terms found in the bolded names of rules.

Intent: This change does not change the execution or schedules of the constitution. It only changes the way special terms are displayed to make their specificity more salient. Bolded terms remain as they are. Terms in regular font become italicised to show that they have a special meaning.

Reference: Submission 2

Change 3

Addition of section 10. Term of Membership. Renumber all subsequent and affected sections.

10. Term of Membership

Unless otherwise stated, a member's term of membership extends from approval by the Committee under rule 12(1) until the end of the financial year.

Intent: Insert the above rule immediately after Rule 9, and re-number all following rules accordingly. The constitution has no clearly defined natural expiration date for membership. Save for Rule 19, members remain members forever (albeit suspended) unless they are expelled or die.

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Change 4

Rewriting of rule 16:

Rule currently reads:

16 Affiliate members

- (1) Affiliate membership shall be open to quidditch teams or clubs within the state of Victoria
- (2) Affiliate members shall appoint a Team Representative to represent the team/club and hold a voting position at committee meetings.
- (3) An associate member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting.

New rule will read:

16 Affiliate members

- (1) Affiliate membership shall be open to quidditch **clubs** within the state of Victoria
- (2) Affiliate members shall appoint a **Club** Representative to represent **their club** and hold a voting position at committee meetings.
- (3) An associate member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting.

Reference: Submission 1

Change 5

Removal of (3) in 16 Affiliate members

(3) An **Affiliate** member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting.

Intent: Rule 16.3 uses the wrong term. It is a copy of Rule 15.2, and applies Associate Members, but not Affiliate Members.

Reference: Submission 2

Change 6

19. Resigning as a member

(2) A member is **taken** to have resigned if -

Intent: Correcting a grammatical error.

Reference: Submission 2

Change 7

Addition of Honorary Life Membership to the constitution. Renumber all subsequent and affected sections.

21 Honorary Membership

(1) Honorary life membership of the association may be conferred by the affirmative votes of at least 2/3 of the voting members at a General Meeting, on a person who has made a

substantial contribution to the club.

(2) Honorary life members of the association who are eligible for ordinary membership shall have all the rights of ordinary members.

(3) Honorary life members of the association who are ineligible for ordinary membership shall have all the rights of associate members.

Intent: Addition of life membership for to the section of members and renumber all subsequent sections

Reference: Submission 3

Change 8

Addition of 36. Notices of motion. Renumber all subsequent and affected sections.

36. Notices of motion

A call for submissions for motions must be made to Members entitled to vote under Rule 14(1) by the Secretary no less than sixty (60) days prior to a general meeting except in the case of a special general meeting convened under rule 34(3).

Intent: Insert the above rule immediately after Rule 35, and re-number all following rules accordingly. Rule 35.2 states that all motions to be passed by Special Resolution must be included in full with the notice to all Members entitled to vote. Sixty days is the period used in the Quidditch Australia constitution - a change that passed with the help of members of the Victorian Quidditch Association.

Reference: Submission 2

Change 9

Changes to Composition of Committee to combine the positions of Head of Events and Head of Fundraising and Sponsorship. Section 54 changes to include fundraising duties in the Head of Events position and section 57 is removed. Renumber all subsequent and affected sections.

46 Composition of Committee

The Committee consists of –

- a) a President; and
- b) a Vice-President; and
- c) a Secretary; and
- d) a Treasurer; and
- e) a Head of Officials; and
- f) a Head of Gameplay;
- g) a Head of Events **and Fundraising; and**
- h) a Head of IT; and
- i) a Head of Media; and
- ~~j) a Head of Fundraising and Sponsorship; and~~
- k) one Team Representatives per affiliate member.

~~54 Head of Events~~ **Head of Events and Fundraising**

- (1) The duties of the Head of Events shall include to –
- a) attend committee meetings and General meetings;
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Change 10

Amendment to rule 46(k):

Rule currently reads:

(k) one Team Representatives per affiliate member

New rule will read:

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Reference: Submission 1

Change 11

Amendment to rule 61:

Rule currently reads:

61 Election of Team Representatives

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hold a vote on the Committee.

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Intent: Use of club rather than team under the changes proposed to Rule 5 Definitions

Reference: **Submission 1**

Change 12

Addition of section 47 staff positions. Renumber all subsequent sections.

47 Staff Positions

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Intent: Allow the committee and executive to hire voluntary staff as members of the VQA admin to fulfil roles such as equipment manager and occupational health and safety officer. This addition of the constitution aims to protect these individuals as well as the association.

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SUBMISSION 1

Highlighted in **red** in the edited constitution.

Purpose of amendment to constitution:

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