

METROPOLITAN DART LEAGUE INC.
A0045229Y



Constitution

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1.0 INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution, unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter:

- Word signifying the singular number may include the plural number and vice versa
- Words signifying persons shall include Companies and Corporations
- Words importing the masculine gender include females
- "League" and or " M.D.L" shall mean the Metropolitan Dart League

1.0.1 The colour of all cloth used for all Metropolitan Dart League Clothing shall be Navy Blue

2.0 AIM

2.0.1 The aim of the League is to develop, maintain and expand a Dart League which is available to all people who live, work in The Metropolitan area

2.0.2 Whose activities meet the changing requirements of the local community; and to be managed and controlled by league members

2.1 PURPOSES

2.1.1 The purposes of the League are to meet the aim of the Dart League by achieving the following goals: -

2.1.2 Are an appropriate Dart League and facility with a clear social justice orientation that encourages involvement and participation of people in the affairs of their league

2.1.3 Are actively involved in the decision-making processes locally and in this region that affects the allocation of resources and priorities in the community

2.1.4 Achieve financial security in funding and appropriate facility

2.1.5 Provide a welcoming environment in which people can develop friendships, extend their support networks, engage in darts and other recreation, exchange ideas and to encourage people to involve themselves more fully in community life and decision-making

2.1.6 Is a pro-active and creative agent in initiating and encouraging activities and opportunities best provided at league level

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- 2.2** Solely for the purpose of furthering the purposes set out above, the Committee shall
Have the power to: -
- 2.2.1** Take over the funds and other assets and the liabilities of the present Metropolitan
Dart League
 - 2.2.2** Indemnify any person for any loss or damage incurred as a result of having on
behalf of the League become liable to pay any amount by way of damages or
otherwise
 - 2.2.3** Buy, sell and deal in all kinds of articles, commodities and provisions, both liquid
and solid, for the members of the League or persons frequenting the League's
premises
 - 2.2.4** Invest and deal with the money of the League not immediately required in such a
manner, as may from time to time be thought fit
 - 2.2.5** Raise or borrow money upon such terms and in such manner as it thinks fit
 - 2.2.6** Secure the repayment of monies so raised or borrowed or the repayment of debt
or liability of the by giving mortgages, charges or securities upon or over all or any
of the property of the League
 - 2.2.7** Do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the
objects and the exercise of the powers of the League

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3.0 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to:

- 3.0.1** Persons who support the League's aims and objectives
- 3.0.2** Clubs/Teams who support the League's aims and objectives

3.1 At the next meeting of the Committee, after the receipt of any written application for membership. The Committee, who shall determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant, shall consider such application. In no case shall the Committee be required to give any reason for the rejection of an application

- 3.1.1** Should an application be rejected by the committee, the applicant should have the right of appeal to a monthly meeting of delegates

3.2 An applicant becomes a member of Metropolitan Dart League once:

- 3.2.1** Committee of Management approves the applicant
- 3.2.2** Prescribed fees has been paid
- 3.2.3** Appropriate entry is made in the register of members

3.3 A register of members, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and dates of application shall be kept up to date

3.4 RESIGNATION

3.4.1 A member of the League who has paid all moneys due and payable by her to the league, may, resign from the League by first, giving one months notice in writing to the Secretary of her intention to resign and upon the expiration of that period of notice, the member shall cease to be a member

3.4.2 Upon the expiration of a notice given under sub-clause (1), the Secretary shall make in the register of members an entry recording the date on which the member by whom the notice was given ceased to be a member

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3.5 DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS

3.5.1 Subject to these Rules, the Committee may by resolution suspend and expel a member from the League if the Committee is of the opinion that the member has been guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the League

3.5.2 A resolution of the Committee under sub-clause (3.5.1) does not take effect unless the Committee at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days, and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-clause (3.5.3) confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause

3.5.3 Where the Committee passes a resolution under sub-clause (3.5.1) the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing

- (i) Setting out the resolution of the Committee and grounds on which it is based
- (ii) Stating that the member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after service of the notice
- (iii) Stating the date, place and time of that meeting
- (iv) Informing the member that she/he may do one or more of the following:
 - Attend that meeting
 - Give to the Committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution

3.5.4 If any player is found to have taken part in any event under an assumed name that player will be disqualified for life from the League

3.6 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

3.6.1 Be appointed at the annual general meeting of the M.D.L. upon 2/3rd majority vote by the delegates being obtained. Count to be taken by current Life Member

3.6.2 Any person/s with outstanding services to the league

3.7 PRESENTATION

3.7.1 The leagues' annual presentation night will be held on the first Friday of December each year

3.7.2 The League shall present trophies, shields and medallions to individuals, teams, clubs at its' Annual Presentation Night

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3.8 PLAYERS TRANSFERS / DIVISION CHANGING

- 3.8.1** All transfers of registered players between teams/clubs must be ratified at the following meeting from date of transfer
- 3.8.2** It is the responsibility of each team/club to notify the League in writing of any player who is not financial with his team. This player would then be ineligible to transfer to any other team/club, unless all monies owed are paid to the team/club
- 3.8.3** Any player may transfer to a higher division of darts, but if, the player has played one game in any division cannot transfer to a lower division for that season. No exceptions
- 3.8.4** A player cannot transfer from one club/team to another within the M.D.L once the season has started unless financial with former club/team
- 3.8.5** Under no circumstances can a player transfer to another club/team after mid-season

3.9 PENALTIES

- 3.9.1** Each team/club will be allowed one (1) apology per season, then a \$20.00 fine will be issued. At AGM's no apologies will be accepted a \$20.00 fine will be issued to non attending team/clubs
- 3.9.2** Any team/club that does not ring the score in to contest director will be fined \$20.00
- 3.9.3** Any team/club that does not send in an official score sheet to the contest director by the required time will be fined \$20.00
- 3.9.4** If an incomplete scoresheet (eg date, signature, division) is submitted to the contest director both teams will be fined \$10.00
- 3.9.5** If a caller calls bust or too many while a player is throwing for a double finish and the player continues to throw, he will forfeit the event they are completing, so long as the continuation is declared as an angry dart. This is the responsibility of the opposing captain; he in turn must submit a written report to the M.D.L Secretary within seventy-two (72) hours of the offence. And notify the M.D.L Contest Director on the night of the offence. A fifty (\$50) dollar fine and possible suspension may be imposed upon the offending player. The player must be

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notified of the alleged offence on the night of play. The report will then be subject to a hearing of the disciplinary committee

3.10 DISREPUTE

3.10.1 In the event of a player (or team) being involved in, or causing, actions considered to have brought the sport of darts into disrepute. That player (team) shall be subject to disciplinary measures being taken against that player (team) which could result in the imposition of fines, suspensions or other penalties.

3.11 PROTESTS

3.11.1 Any protest should be lodged by phone to the secretary within seventy two (72) hours of the alleged violation. The secretary will then notify by phone the team/club involved outlining the violation. A letter confirming the violation must be received by the secretary within seven (7) days of the alleged violation.

3.12 DISPUTES AND MEDIATION

3.12.1 The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules –

- (a) A member and another member; or
- (b) A member and the Association.

3.12.2 The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all parties

3.12.3 If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 14 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator

3.12.4 The mediator must be-

- (a) A person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
- (b) In the absence of agreement-
 - a. In the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Association; or

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- b. In the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice)

3.12.5 A member of the Association can be a mediator

3.12.6 The mediator cannot be a member who is party to the dispute

3.12.7 The Parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation

3.12.8 The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must

- (a) Give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
- (b) Allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
- (c) Ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process

3.12.9 The mediator must not determine the dispute

3.12.10 If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act otherwise at law

4.0 SUBSCRIPTION/FEES

4.0.1 The Committee of Management may set fees for specific activities

4.0.2 Season subscriptions shall be set out and made payable by the closest meeting to round 6 of the fixture

4.0.2.1 Affiliation fee of \$150.00 per season per team

4.0.3 Unfinancial teams will be unable to claim premiership points or play in finals if unfinancial after the closest meeting to round 6 when all fees are due or two weeks before finals if:

- (a) No payment of fees has been made and no attempt to organise part payments with the leagues treasurer has been established before the closest meeting to round 6
- (b) If all fees and fines have not been paid in full two weeks before finals, including part payment plans

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(c) Exception to this ruling is only applicable to fines occurred at the last meeting of the home and away season, these fines must be paid in full before the start of the following season or next general meeting (whichever comes first).

4.0.4 Every member upon admission shall forthwith be registered as such in the books of the League and shall be entitled to inspect the register and any entry therein at any reasonable time for the purposes associated with the League

5.0 MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

5.0.1 The AGM to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of July, August, September, October or November each year in accordance to incorporation rules for the following purposes:-

5.0.2 To confirm the minutes (if not already confirmed) of the previous annual general meeting and extraordinary general meetings, if any, no discussions are permitted thereupon except as to their accuracy

5.0.3 Receive the report of the Committee and audited statements of accounts for the year to the 30th June proceeding

5.0.4 Elect members of the Committee

5.0.5 For the transaction of any motions of which at least eight (8) weeks written notice has been given in writing to the Secretary prior to AGM

5.0.6 The Secretary shall notify all teams in writing of any motions (6) weeks prior to AGM

5.0.7 One delegate who must be financial to attend all general meetings

5.0.8 That Monthly meetings to be held in January, through to November being compulsory held on the (third) 3rd Tuesday of the month (with a non-attendance fine being applied) and the July meeting being the AGM

5.1 If required by the Committee, or within forty (40) days of the receipt of a requisition in writing of not less than ten (10) members the Secretary shall, as provided for in by-law 5.4 convene an extraordinary general meeting of members. The occasion for calling such meeting being stated in such requisition, and non-business shall be transacted at such extraordinary general meeting - excepting that for which it shall have been summoned and the confirmation of the minutes of any previous extraordinary general meeting

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- 5.2** Notice of all extraordinary general meetings at least seven days before the day on which such meeting is to be held by delivering it to him or by sending it to him by prepaid post addresses to his usual or last known address
- 5.3** Not less than 50% of all teams shall form at any Annual, or Extraordinary General Meeting. if a quorum does not assemble and process to business within one half of an hour of the time fixed for the meeting no election shall be made nor shall any business be done at that meeting
- 5.3.1** In such event, the meeting shall stand adjourned and there shall be another meeting at the same place and at the same time the following week; and at this meeting any number of members exceeding thirty shall constitute a quorum.
- 5.4** At every general meeting the Chairperson or in his absence the Treasurer in attendance shall preside but if none of these office bearers is present the members shall choose one of their number to be Chairperson of that meeting.
- 5.5** A minute book shall be kept in which shall be recorded minutes of all general meetings. Such minutes, if proposing to be signed by the Chairperson of the meeting at which the proceedings were held, or by the Chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting, shall be evidence of the proceedings. And such meeting shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held, and the resolutions recorded in the minutes duly passed or otherwise as recorded.

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6.0 VOTING AT MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- 6.0.1** A member who is not less than eighteen (18) years of age may at any meeting of members or at any election by members give his vote either in person or by postal ballot paper as prescribed in those by-laws but not by proxy.
- 6.0.2** Each member who is not less than eighteen (18) years of age shall be entitled to one vote only.
- 6.0.3** At all meetings of members, all questions shall be decided by a show of hands unless before or on the declaration of the result, a division is demanded by any member qualified to vote, in which event it shall be decided by a division. A declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has on a show of hands, been carried or otherwise and any entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.
- 6.0.4** Votes of qualified members given by postal ballot paper, shall, on the show of hands, or division be counted in the same manner as if they had been given in person.
- 6.0.5** At all meetings of members the Chairperson shall have a deliberative vote and in the event of there being equality of votes on any question shall have casting vote also.

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7.0 OFFICE BEARERS AND DELEGATES

- 7.0.1** The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall be drawn from current financial members of the League and consisting of: -
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| 1. President (Chairperson) | 4. Treasurer |
| 2. Vice President (property steward) | 5. Contest Director |
| 3. Secretary | |
- 7.0.2** The number of Committee members may be varied by a majority vote without notice at an Annual General Meeting, however, the members constituting the Committee shall not be reduced to less than 5 in number.
- 7.0.3** On the day of the Annual General Meeting of members held for the election of the Committee, an election shall in the first place be held to determine the persons to fill all the positions on the Committee in respect of the elected members.
- 7.0.4** Where, on or the day so named in the notice as aforesaid, more eligible candidates shall have been duly nominated for any of the aforesaid offices that there are vacancies to be filled, a secret ballot shall be taken. Such ballot shall be taken on the day of the Annual General Meeting and the Chairperson at such meeting shall announce the results of each ballot.
- 7.0.5** The Committee shall appoint a Returning Officer with such qualifications as are approved by the Committee and shall make such other provisions as is necessary for the orderly conduct of the Ballot and the proper casting of votes. The appointment of the Returning Officer attends at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.0.6** Upon a ballot being taken, each member qualified to vote may give his vote either in person or by postal ballot not by proxy. Postal ballot papers shall be posted or delivered so as to reach the Returning Officer appointed as aforesaid.
- 7.0.7** In the case of equality of votes between two candidates' Returning Officer shall decide by lot which candidate shall be declared elected.
- 7.0.8** All Office Bearers shall hold office for one year and shall retire from these respective offices on the day of the Annual General Meeting next succeeding office bearers may be re-appointed.

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- 7.0.9** In the event of any casual vacancy in the office of any elected members of the Committee, the remaining members of the Committee may elect to fill the vacancy by a member of the League, who is eligible to be a member, and the person so appointed shall hold office for the balance of the term of the member in whose place he is selected.
- 7.0.10** No member of the Committee shall vote as a member of the Committee in respect of any contract or arrangement in which he is so interested as aforesaid, and if he does so vote his vote shall not be counted.
- 7.0.11** The office of a member of the Committee shall become vacant if the member:-
- (a) Ceases to become a member of the League, or;
 - (b) Resigns his office by notice in writing given to the Secretary.
 - (c) Receives a successful vote of no confidence by members.
- 7.0.12** All Office bearers are required to attend 9 monthly meetings per year, the Annual General Meeting unless acceptable reason is given or a leave of absence is granted
- 7.0.13** If an office bearer due to illness or family commitments will not be available for two (2) consecutive meetings, a member may be called to fill the office bearers position in their absence temporarily.

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8.0 MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 8.0.1** The Committee shall meet at least once a month excluding either the month of December or January at such time and at such place as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- 8.0.2** The Chairperson or any ten members may convene extraordinary meetings of the Committee. Twenty-four (24) hours' notice shall be given to members of such meetings specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted at such meetings.
- 8.0.3** All questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a show of hands.
- 8.0.4** Each committee member present at the meeting is entitled to one vote and in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote also.
- 8.0.5** Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings at all meetings of the Committee and shall be sent out within 10 working days of that meeting.
- 8.0.6** No resolution of the Committee shall be varied or rescinded before the expiration of one calendar month after such resolution has been passed, except at a special meeting of the Committee called for the purpose by an absolute majority of the whole Committee.
- 8.0.7** The Committee shall prepare and lay before the members at each Annual General Meeting a general report of the affairs of the League. Together with a statement of the accounts duly audited for the twelve months ended on the thirtieth day of June proceeding the day of such a meeting.
- 8.0.8** The Committee may take such rules, not being inconsistent with the law or these by-laws as they may seem fit to govern the day to day administration of the League.

8.1 QUORUM FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8.1.1 Any 2 signatory committee members and 2 ordinary members of the committee constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a meeting of the committee.

8.1.2 No business may be conducted unless a quorum is present.

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9.0 APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee at any time may appoint a sub-committee (consisting of the members of their own body) they think fit, and may prescribe the functions of any such sub-committee. The Committee shall have the power to Co-opt persons to serve on a sub-committee in any ordinary capacity, but no Co-opted member shall be entitled to vote. The Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees. The quorum for meetings of a sub-committee shall be one-third of its members and such meetings of a sub-committee shall be opened to members unless any matter before the sub-committee ought to be dealt with in camera.

10. PRESIDENT

10.0.1 The Chairperson has three main responsibilities they are:

- a) To manage the operations of the committee of management including meetings
- b) To act as official representative of the Metropolitan Dart League
- c) To act on behalf of the management and / or the Metropolitan Dart

League in emergency or urgent situations.

10.0.2 The Chairperson shall develop and prepare the agenda (with the secretary)

10.0.3 The Chairperson shall open manage and close the proceedings at meetings.

10.0.4 The Chairperson shall make sure that the Committee of Management members and Delegates are aware of the decision making process being used.

10.0.5 The Chairperson shall make sure that the Committee of Management members and Delegates are aware of decisions being made.

10.0.6 The Chairperson shall make sure that the minute taker has recorded decisions of the meeting.

10.0.7 The Chairperson shall have the casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

10.0.8 The Chairperson shall call an in-service day for all members of the Committee of Management at least one month after the Annual General Meeting.

11. VICE PRESIDENT

11.0.1 Carry out the duties of the president when he is unavailable.

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12. SECRETARY

12.0.1 The Secretary shall record in proper form the Minutes of the proceedings and resolutions of annual, extraordinary and general meetings of members, Committee meetings and other meetings of the League and reports and recommendations of any sub-committee.

12.0.2 The Secretary shall be responsible for dealing with correspondence of the League and for the proper custody of the membership register and all the books, documents and securities of the League in accordance with any directions given from time to time by the Committee.

13. TREASURER

13.0.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the supervision of the collection of all monies paid to the League and shall ensure the official receipts are issued forthwith in numerical sequence as required.

13.0.2 Such monies shall be deposited within ten days to the credit of the League in such a bank as the Committee may from time to time determine and the Treasurer shall satisfy himself that all the monies received are so lodged.

13.0.3 All accounts shall be paid by cheque; any two of the Chairperson, Secretary, or Treasurer shall sign all cheques drawn.

13.0.4 Every member shall be entitled to inspect the Books of Account of the League.

14. CONTEST DIRECTOR

14.0.1 Arrange all competitive events that involve the Metropolitan Dart League or any associate body.

14.0.2 Receive the original score sheet of all competition games approved by the M.D.L

14.0.3 Maintain a record of all scores thrown and any other information required by the M.D.L committee

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15. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

15.0.1 The funds of the League shall be derived from activity fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Committee determine.

15.0.2 The assets and income of the League shall be applied solely in furtherance of its objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to its members except as bonafide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the League.

16. AWARDS/TROPHIES

16.0.1 Shields will be awarded to both the grand final winner and runner-up teams in each division, and an individual medallion to each player on a seasonal basis.

16.0.2 Trophies will be awarded to players who achieve the following on a seasonal basis in each division: -

Highest Start (Friday only)

Highest Score (Wednesday & Friday)

Highest Finish (Wednesday & Friday)

Most Finishes (Wednesday & Friday)

16.0.3 Shields will be awarded for Fridays:- Charles Traill Memorial Best Player Award on a seasonal basis in each division. Player's name to be inscribed on memorial shield.

16.0.4 Shields will be awarded for Wednesdays:- Ted Riley Memorial Best Player Award on a seasonal basis in each division. Player's name to be inscribe on memorial shield.

16.0.5 Plaques will be awarded to players who achieve winning three or more trophies.

16.0.6 Navy blue blazers will be presented to members who achieve Life Membership.

16.0.7 A trophy will be awarded to the best junior player of the year.

16.0.8 Except where stated otherwise in the published conditions of the M.D.L. sanctioned tournaments all perpetual trophies shall be held by the M.D.L. The **winning** player (or team) will receive their own trophy to keep.

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17.0 PLAYING ATTIRE

17.0.1 All players & officials' attire shall conform to the good image of the sport. All players and caller/scorers **must wear fully enclosed shoes**. The minimum standard for clothing being (weather permitting), a shirt/top (polo preferred), pants/jeans or shorts. Lady contestants should adjust their attire to **an** equivalent **female** standard but shoes **must** be fully enclosed. Any playing venue dress codes must also be adhered to.

18.0 CHANGING OF CONSTITUTION AND MATCH RULES

18.0.1 Motions in writing can change the Constitution and Match rules to the Secretary not less than 8 weeks prior to A.G.M and voted upon by the members at said meeting.

19.0 COMMON SEAL

19.0.1 The common seal of the Association must be kept in the custody of the secretary.

19.0.2 The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures either of two members of the committee or, of one member of the committee and the public officer of the Association.

20.0 AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

20.0.1 The Statement of Purposes of the League and/or the Constitution may be amended by the members passing in general meeting a special resolution to do so of which written notice has been given by the proposer to the Secretary, and the Secretary to the members not less than twenty one (21) days before the day fixed for such meeting, provided however that such resolution shall be of no effect unless it has been passed by a majority of not less than 75% of members present at the meeting.

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21.0 DISSOLUTION

21.0.1 In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the League, the assets of the League shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

OR

Shall be transferred to The ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

22.0 OTHER RULES

22.0.1 Any rule not covered in any previous rules will be referred to the Committee and all decisions will be final.

The above Constitution was reviewed and determined to be accurate as of July 2024.

Signed T. Tatnell – Secretary of League.