

**Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the  
NORTHEASTERN FOOTBALL  
UNION INCORPORATED**

1. The name of the Association shall be North Eastern Football Union Incorporated ( in these rules called “the Association”).

2.(1) In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears -

“committee” means the committee of management of the association;

“general meeting” means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with rule 13.

“ordinary committeeman” means a member of the committee to whom paragraph (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 23 relates.

(2) In these rules, expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

(3) Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1931 and the Act as in force on the date on which these rules are adopted by the Association.

3. The office of the Association shall be at Winnaleah or such other place as the committee may, from time to time, determine.

4.(1) In addition to the basic objects of the Association, the objects and purposes of the association shall be deemed to include -

(a) the purchase, taking on lease or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;

(b) the buying, selling and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds;

(c) the construction, maintenance, and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;

(d) the accepting of any gift, whether subject to a special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the association;

(e) the taking of such steps from time to time as the committee or the members in general meeting may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association, whether by way of donations, subscriptions, or otherwise;

(f) the printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets or other documents as the committee or the members in general meeting may think desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Association;

(g) the borrowing and raising of money in such manner and on such terms as the committee may think fit or as may be approved or directed by resolution passed at a general meeting;

(h) subject to the provisions of the Trustee Act 1898, the investment of any moneys of the Association not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes in such manner as the committee may from time to time determine;

(i) the making of gifts, subscriptions, or donations to any of the funds, authorities, or institutions to which Section 78 subsection (1) subparagraph (a) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 of the Commonwealth relates;

(j) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment and support, of associations, institutions, funds, trust, schemes, and conveniences calculated to benefit servants or past servants of the Association and their dependents, and the

granting of pensions, allowances, or other benefits to servants or past servants of the association and their dependants, and the making of payments towards insurance in relation to any of those purposes;

(k) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment or support, of any other association formed for any of the basic objects of the Association;

(l) the purchase or acquisition and undertaking, of all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities, and engagements of any association with which the association may at any time become amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules of the Association; and

(m) the doing of all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects of the Association or of any of the objects, and purposes specified in the forgoing provisions of this sub-rule.

(2) In this rule, “basic objects of the Association” means the objects and purposes of the Association, as stated in the application under subsection (2) of Section 7 of the Act for the incorporation of the Association lodged with the commissioner for Corporate Affairs pursuant to that section.

5.(1) A person who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the annual subscription prescribed in, or fixed under, these rules.

(2) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the incorporation of the Association shall not be admitted to membership -

(a) unless he is nominated as provided in sub-rule (3) of this rule; and

(b) his admission as a member is approved by the committee.

(3) A nomination of a person for membership of the Association -

(a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association;

(b) shall be accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and

(c) shall be lodged with the public officer of the Association.

(6) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of a nomination, the public officer shall refer the nomination to the committee.

(7) Upon a nomination being approved by the committee, the public officer shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee, in writing, that he has been approved for membership of the Association and, upon receipt of the sum payable by or on behalf of the nominee as his first year’s subscription, shall enter the nominee’s name in a register of members to be kept by the public officer, whereupon the nominee becomes a member of the Association.

(8) A member of the Association may, at any time, resign from the Association by delivering or sending by post to the public officer a written notice of resignation.

(9) Upon receipt of a notice under sub-rule (8) of this rule, the public officer shall remove the name of the member by whom the notice was given from the register of members, whereupon that member ceases to be a member of the Association.

(10) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by virtue of his membership of the Association -

(a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and

(b) terminates upon the cessation of his membership, either by death, resignation, or otherwise.

(11) In the event of the association; and

(b) every person who, within the period of twelve months immediately preceding the commencement of the winding up, was a member of the association; is liable to contribute to the assets of the association for payment of the debts or liabilities of the Association and all the costs, charges, and expenses of the winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves such sum, not exceeding ten dollars as may be required, but a former member is not liable so to contribute in respect of any debt or liability of the Association contracted after he ceased to be a member.

6. (1) The income and property of the Association, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and purposes of the association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by dividend, bonus, or otherwise, to any member of the Association.

(2) The Association shall not -

(a) appoint a person who is a member of the committee to any office in the gift of the Association to the holder of which there is payable any remuneration by way of salary, fees, or allowances; or

(b) interest at a rate not exceeding as approved by the committee on moneys lent to the Association by the servant or member; or

(c) a reasonable and proper sum by way of rent for premises let to the Association by the servant or member.

7.(1) True accounts shall be kept -

(a) of all sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matter in respect of which the receipt or expenditure takes place; and

(b) of the property, credits and liabilities of the Association, and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to time and manner of inspecting them that may be imposed by the Association for

the time being, those accounts shall be open to the inspection of the members of the Association.

(2) The Treasurer of the Association shall faithfully keep all general records, accounting books, and records of receipts and expenditure connected with the operations and business of the Association in such form and manner as the committee may direct.

(3) The accounts, books, and records referred to in sub-rules (1) and (2) of this rule shall be kept at the Association's office or at such other place as the committee may decide.

8.(1) The Treasurer of the Association shall, on behalf of the Association, receive all moneys paid to the association and forthwith after the receipt thereof issue official receipts thereof.

(2) The committee shall cause to be opened with such bank as the committee selects a banking account in the name of the Association into which all moneys received shall be paid by the Treasurer as soon as possible after receipt thereof.

(3) The committee may receive from the Association's bank or bankers for the time being the cheques drawn by the Association on any of its accounts with the bank or bankers and may release and indemnify the bank or bankers from and against all claims, actions, suits, or demands that may be brought against the bank or bankers arising directly or indirectly out of those cheques or the surrender thereof to the Association.

(4) Except with the authority of the committee, no payment of a sum exceeding ten dollars shall be made from the funds of the Association otherwise than by cheque drawn on the Association's bank account, but the committee may provide the Treasurer with a sum to meet urgent expenditure, subject to the observance of such conditions in relation to the use and expenditure thereof as the committee may impose.

(5) no cheques shall be drawn on the Association's bank account except for the payment of expenditure that has been authorised by the committee.

- (6) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or, in his absence, by such other member or members of the committee as the committee may nominate for that purpose, and shall be countersigned by the public officer.
- 9.(1) At each annual general meeting of the Association, the members present shall appoint a person as the auditor of the Association.
- (2) A person so appointed shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after that at which he is appointed, and is eligible for reappointment.
  - (3) The first auditor of the Association may be appointed by the committee before the first annual general meeting, and, if so appointed, shall hold office until the first annual general meeting, unless previously removed by a resolution of the members at a general meeting, in which case the members at that meeting may appoint an auditor to act until the first annual general meeting.
  - (4) If an appointment is not made at an annual general meeting the committee shall appoint an auditor of the association for the then current financial year of the Association.
  - (5) Except as provided in sub-rule (3) of this rule, the auditor may only be removed from office by special resolution.
  - (6) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor during the course of a financial year of the association, the committee may appoint a person as the auditor and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next succeeding annual general meeting.

- 10.(1) Once at least in each financial year of the association, the accounts of the association shall be examined by the auditor.
- (2) The auditor shall certify as to the correctness of the accounts of the Association and shall report thereon to the members present at the annual general meeting.
- (3) In his report, and in certifying to the accounts, the auditor shall state -
- (a) whether he has obtained the information required by him;
  - (b) whether, in his opinion, the accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Association according to the information at his disposal and the explanations given to him and as shown by the books of the Association; and
  - (c) whether the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the association have been observed.
- (4) The public officer of the Association shall cause to be delivered to the auditor a list of all accounts, books, and records of the Association.
- (5) The auditor -
- (a) has a right of access to the accounts, books, records, vouchers, and documents of the Association;
  - (b) may require from the servants of the Association such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his duties as auditor;
  - (c) may employ persons to assist him in investigating the accounts of the association; and

- (d) may, in relation to the accounts of the Association, examine any member of the committee or any servant of the Association.

- 11.(1) The Association shall, in each year, hold an annual general meeting.
- (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day (being not later than three months after the close of the financial year of the Association) as the committee may determine.
  - (3) The annual general meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.
  - (4) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
  - (5) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be -
    - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
    - (b) to receive from the committee, auditor, and servants of the Association reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
    - (c) to elect the officers of the association and the ordinary committeemen;
    - (d) to appoint the auditor and determine his remuneration; and
    - (e) to determine the remuneration of servants of the Association.
  - (6) The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.
  - (7) All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings.

12.(1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the association.

(2) The committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than ten members, convene a special general meeting of the Association.

(3) A requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the office of the Association and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more the requisitionist.

(4) If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within twenty-one days from the date on which a requisition thereof is deposited at the office of the association, the requisitionist, or any of them, may convene the meeting; but any meeting so convened shall not be held after three months from the date of the deposit of the requisition.

(5) A special general meeting convened by requisitions in pursuance of these rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the committee, and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring them.

13. The public officer of the Association, shall, at least fourteen days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, cause to be inserted in at least one newspaper published in this State an advertisement specifying the place, day, and time for the holding of the meeting, and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

14.(1) All business that is transacted at special general meetings and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting, with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.

(2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.

(3) Seven members personally present (being member entitled under these rule to vote thereat) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

(4) if within one hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved; and in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

15.(1) The President, or in his absence, the senior Vice-President, or in the absence of both the President and the Senior Vice-President, the other Vice-President, shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Association.

(2) If the President and Vice-President are absent from a general meeting the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as chairman thereat.

16.(1) The chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

(2) Where a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, the like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.

- (3) Except as provided in the foregoing provisions of this rule, it is not necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
17. A question arising at a general meeting of the association shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried, or carried unanimously, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Association is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.
- 18.(1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member has one vote only.
- (2) All votes shall be given personally.
- (3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question the chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
19. If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded it shall be taken at that meeting in such manner as the chairman may direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that question.
20. A poll that is demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith, and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairman may direct.
- 21.(1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a committee of management constituted as provided in rule 23.
- (2) The committee -
- (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
- (b) may, subject to these rules, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association, other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of members of the association; and
- (c) subject to the Act and these rules, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.
- 22.(1) The officers of the association shall be -
- (a) a President;
- (b) two Vice-Presidents; and
- (c) a Treasurer whom shall be elected from among the committee;
- (d) a Secretary whom shall be appointed by the committee.
- (2) Each ordinary committeeman shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election, but is eligible for reelection.
- (3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of ordinary committeeman, the committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy, and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.
- 23.(1) The committee shall consist of -
- (a) the elected officers of the Association; and
- (b) two members from each affiliated club.
- all of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.

- (2) Each ordinary committee man shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election, but is eligible for reelection.
- (3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of ordinary committeeman, the committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy, and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment

24.(1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary committeemen -

- (a) shall be made in writing signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
  - (b) shall be delivered to the public officer of the association at least ten days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
  - (3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
  - (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.

(5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary committeemen shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.

25. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of an ordinary committeeman becomes vacant if the officer or committeeman -

- (a) dies;
- (b) becomes bankrupt or applies to take or takes advantage of any law relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors or compounds with his creditors, or makes any assignment of his estate for their benefit;
- (c) becomes of unsound mind;
- (d) resigns his office by writing under his hand addressed to the committee;
- (e) ceases to be resident in the State;
- (f) fails, without leave granted by the committee, to attend three consecutive meetings of the committee;
- (g) ceases to be a member of the Association; or
- (h) fails to pay all arrears of subscription due by him within fourteen days after he has received a notice in writing signed by the public officer stating that he has ceased to be a financial member of the Association.

26.(1) The committee shall meet at least once in each month at such place and at such time as the committee may determine.

- (2) Special meetings of the committee may be convened by the President, or any four of its members.
- (3) Notice shall be given to members of the committee of any special meeting, specifying the general nature of the business to be

transacted, and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.

- (4) Any six members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (5) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting, in which case it lapses.
- (6) At meetings of the committee -
  - (a) the President, or in his absence the Senior Vice-President, or in the absence of both the President and the Senior Vice-President, any other Vice-president; or
  - (b) if the President and the two Vice-Presidents are absent, such one of the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present, shall preside.
- (7) Questions arising at meetings of the committee or of any sub-committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
- (8) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the event of any equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (9) Written notice of each committee meeting shall be served on each member of the committee by delivering it to him at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by post in a prepaid letter addressed to him at his usual or last-known place of abode in time to reach him in due course of post before the date of the meeting.

27.(1) A member of the committee who is interested in any contract or arrangement made or proposed to be made with the Association shall disclose his interest at the first meeting of the committee at which the contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration, if his interest then exists, or, in any other case, at the first meeting of the committee after the acquisition of his interest.

(2) If a member of the committee becomes interested in a contract or arrangement after it is made or entered into he shall disclose his interest at the first meeting of the committee after he becomes interested.

- (3) No member of the committee shall vote as a member of the committee in respect of any contract or arrangement in which he is interested and if he does so vote his vote shall not be counted.
- 28.(1) The committee may at any time appoint a sub-committee from the committee as it may think fit and shall prescribe the powers and functions thereof.
- (2) The committee may co-opt as members of a sub-committee such persons as it thinks fit, whether or not those persons are members of the Association, but a person so co-opted is not entitled to vote.]
- (3) Three appointed members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum at a meeting of the sub-committee.
- (5) Written notice of each sub-committee meeting shall be served on each member of the sub-committee by delivering it to him at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by post in a prepaid letter addressed to him at his usual or last-known place of abode in time to reach him in due course of post before the date of the meeting.
- (6) The president, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and the Secretary constitute an executive committee, which may issue instructions to the public officer and the servants of the association in matters of urgency connected with the management of the affairs of the Association during the intervals between meetings of the committee, and where any such instructions are issued shall report thereon to the next meeting of the committee.
- 29.(1) Until otherwise fixed pursuant to sub-rule(2) of this rule, the annual subscription payable by members shall be the sum of five dollars.
- (2) The amount of the annual subscription may be altered from time to time by the members by special resolution.
- (3) The annual subscription of a member is due and payable on or before the first day of the financial year of the Association.
30. The financial year of the Association is the period beginning on tenth of January in each year and ending on the thirtieth of December next following.
31. A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to the member at his usual or last-known place of abode.
- 32.(1) Subject to this rule, the committee may expel a member from the Association if, in the opinion of the committee the member has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association.
- (2) The expulsion of a member pursuant to sub-rule (1) of this rule does not take effect -
- (a) until the expiration of fourteen days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-rule (3) of this rule; or
- (b) if the member exercises his right of appeal under this rule, until the conclusion of the special general meeting convened to hear the appeal, whichever is the later date.
- (3) Where the committee expels a member from the Association, the public officer of the Association shall, without undue delay, cause to be served on the member of notice in writing -
- (a) stating that the committee has expelled the member;
- (b) specifying the grounds for the expulsion; and
- (c) informing the member that if he so desires he may, within fourteen days after the service of the notice on him, appeal against the expulsion as provided in this rule.
- (4) A member on whom a notice under sub-rule (3) of this rule is served may appeal against the expulsion to a special general meeting by delivering or sending by post to the public officer of the Association, within fourteen days after the service of that notice, a

requisition in writing demanding the convening of such a meeting for the purpose of hearing his appeal.

(5) Upon receipt of a requisition under sub-rule (4) of this rule, the public officer shall forthwith notify the committee of its receipt and the committee shall thereupon cause a special general meeting of the members to be held within twenty-one days after the date on which the requisition is received by the public officer.

(6) At a special general meeting convened for the purpose of this rule -

(a) no business other than the question of the expulsion shall be transacted;

(b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds of the expulsion and the committee's reasons for the expulsion;

(c) the expelled member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and

(d) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the expulsion should be lifted or confirmed.

(7) If at the special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the lifting of the expulsion, the expulsion shall be deemed to have been lifted and the expelled member is entitled to continue his membership of the Association.

(8) If at the special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the confirmation of the expulsion, the expulsion takes effect, and the expelled member ceases to be a member of the Association.

33.(1) Subject to this rule, a dispute between a member of the Association, in his capacity as a member, and the Association shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1892.

(2) Nothing in this rule affects the operation or effect of rule 32.

34.(1) The seal of the Association shall be in the form a rubber stamp, inscribed with the name of the Association encircling the word "seal".

(2) The seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee, and the affixing thereof shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the committee or of one member of the committee and of the public officer of the association or such other person as the committee may appoint for that purpose, and that attestation is sufficient for all purposes that the seal was affixed by authority of the committee.

(3) The seal shall remain in the custody of the public officer.

Signed .....

President

Signed .....

Secretary

Date .....

## **ADDENDUM**

### **Rules and Regulations N.E.F.U Inc.**

1. The objects of the Union shall be:

To promote, control, manage, and encourage the Australian Game of Football, particularly in the North Eastern Districts of Tasmania.

2. The Union shall be constituted of:

(a) Six persons nominated by each of the following bodies, Viz: Ringarooma, Fingal, Bridport, Branxholm, Winnaleah, Scottsdale Crows, Lilydale, St. Helens and by such other Clubs as may from time to time be determined by the Association provided nevertheless that it shall be competent for the Association when admitting any other Club to the Association to determine and specify the terms and conditions of every such admission and the period for which any Club so admitted shall be a member of the Association.

(b) The Life Members of the Union.

(c) The President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Union.

3.(a) The Secretary of each Club shall forward to the Secretary of the Union the names and addresses of the persons appointed to act as delegates to the Union, and the Secretary shall record the same. Any such appointments may be revoked at any time by written notice given by the Secretary of the Club to the Secretary of the Union and another delegate being appointed in his place by like notice. On death, retirement or suspension of any delegate, the vacancy may be filled by like notice.

(b) When a delegate is unable to attend any Committee Meeting, his Club may by letter under the hand of its President, Chairman, Vice

Chairman or Secretary, and addressed to the Secretary of the Union, appoint some other person to represent such Club at a meeting.

4. The Union may elect annually not more than one Honorary Life Member of the Union from persons who have rendered conspicuous service to the Union or in promoting the Australian Game of Football.

5. The Committee may, but only by a three-fourths majority of those present at a Special Meeting which ten days notice has been given, make and from time to time alter, repeal or add to the rules and regulations as it deems fit for the purpose of carrying out any of the objects of the Union.

6.(a) The constituent Clubs of the Union must have complete security of tenure of their grounds during the football season, and such grounds shall be available for semi-finals and representative games if required, as well as for ordinary Club matches.

(b) Weather committee may be appointed by the Committee, such committees shall act ONLY for the semi-finals and representative games.

7.(a) Committees -

The term Committee herein is a reference to the Committee of the Union as defined in paragraph 23.(1) of the Constitution unless these rules provide otherwise.

(b) The committee shall, at its first meeting each year appoint a Tribunal and a Disputes-Permit committee.

8.(a) Tribunal - consisting of one or more as the Committee shall decide. The Tribunal shall investigate all matters referred to it by the Committee, and all charges reportable by Umpires, whether such charges be made by Umpires or otherwise.

(b) The Tribunal may adjourn the hearing of such charges from time to time, and deal as it may think fit with any player who is found guilty of such charge; or of deliberately giving false or misleading

evidence relating to the charge; or failing without reasonable excuse, to attend any such meeting of the Tribunal after reasonable notice.

(c) No player charged shall be eligible to play once the charge is made and prior to it finally being disposed of, save with the leave of the Tribunal.

9. Disputes. Any Club referring any protest or charge to this committee shall forward to the Secretary of the Union, particulars in writing of the matter complained of, through its Secretary of Captain, within two days following the day on which the matter or incident alleged to have occurred took place (Sunday not to count), together with a fee of \$50.00. Fee to be returned if the decision be in favour of the Club referring the dispute, or if the subject matter of the dispute referred to be not considered frivolous. The Club shall within the time, furnish the Secretary of the Club complained of, with a copy of the said particulars. The Secretary of the Union shall, as soon as possible after the receipt of such particulars in writing, summon a meeting of the Disputes Committee for the purpose of dealing with same. Umpires referring charges against Clubs or players must do so within the above time.

10.(a) Permit Committee -  
The Permit Committee may consider any application for registration and shall have the power to grant or refuse any such application, or to cancel any registration, or to refer any matter to the Committee.

(b) The Committee shall have power, but only by a three-fifths majority, at a Special Meeting called on seven days notice to over-rule any decision of the Permit Committee, to take effect only from the date on which decision is overruled and not retrospectively.

11. All registrations shall be accepted by the Union in good faith.

(a) The onus of enquiry into the eligibility of any applicant shall be on the Club concerned, such Club to accept the consequences of any irregularity or false statement which may lead to registration.

(b) If the applicant is to be contracted to the Club concerned then this contract shall be in the form approved by the Union, a copy of which will be included with the registration application."

12. No player shall be eligible to play with any Club unless he shall be registered by such a Club as hereinafter prescribed. Registration shall be in respect of the period from the date of registration until the thirty-first day of December following the registration.

13. Application for registration may be lodged with the Secretary from five p.m. on Monday to twelve noon on Saturday provided that a duly completed application counter signed by the opposing teams match manager prior to the commencement of the relevant game will be acceptable for the purpose of this rule.

14. A registration fee of \$30.00 must be paid every year by each Club, before that Club participates in any game.

15. Both the Permit Officer and the Committee may summon any applicant to appear at a meeting.

16.(a) Clearances - Applications for clearances must be lodged with the Secretary by the thirtieth day of June in each year or such application will not be considered.

(b) No player who shall have played with a Club in the Union, except in a social or practice match, within twenty four months prior to his application, shall apply for registration and/or permit to play with another Club in the Union unless he at first obtains a clearance from his former Club.

(c) All appeals and applications for clearances; from senior bodies must be forwarded through the Union Secretary and be signed by him. Any such correspondence which does not comply with this rule shall be invalid and the Union will take no responsibility for it.

(d) Clearance applications must be dealt with by N.E.F.U. Clubs within fourteen days of stamped date, otherwise the clearance will be automatically granted.

- (e) If a player is refused a second application for a clearance by his Club, he may appeal to the permit Committee, who have the power to grant or refuse a clearance. The Committee shall notify the Club and player of the time of the hearing of the appeal, and shall give both an opportunity of being heard at such a hearing.
- 17.(a) Open boundaries exist provided that any player who is not a bonafide resident of Dorset, Break O'Day Municipality and Lilydale area (bounded by Scottsdale Municipal boundary, Tasman Highway, Prossers Forest Road, Lilydale-Rocherlea Rd, East Tamar Highway, Bell Bay-Bridport Highway) must play one match before the thirtieth day of June. This does not apply to those on the current player lists.
- (b) A bona fide resident is one who has lived in the Dorset, Lilydale or Break O'Day Municipality for fourteen consecutive days between the thirtieth day of June and the day on which the first semi-final is played.
- (c) Any serviceman home on leave shall be allowed to register and play with the last Club he was registered with, prior to his enlistment.
- 18.(a) Any player applying for registration without first obtaining a clearance where a clearance is required) may be dealt with as the committee may think fit, and any registration granted without a clearance (where required) is of no effect.
- (b) Clearances granted by a Senior body shall be accepted provided they are dated prior to the Saturday on which the player plays.
- (c) A verbal clearance will only be accepted by the N.E.F.U., provided the necessary clearance form has been lodged with the secretary.
- 19.(a) Any player registering with two Clubs in the one year is automatically suspended until such time as he appears before the permit Committee.
- (b) There shall be no appeal from the Permit Committee except to the Committee whose decision is final.
20. The Committee may cancel any registration.
21. The Union shall recognise and enforce any disqualification or suspension imposed on any player, whether registered with the Union or not, by any other body having jurisdiction over such player (whether in or out of Tasmania).
22. The home Club will be responsible for the arrangements and expenses of roster matches and shall be entitled to the net proceeds thereof.
23. The arrangements, management, control and expenses of all semi-finals, finals and representative games shall be in the hands of the Committee. The net proceeds of such games shall be disposed of as the Committee think fit.
24. All officers of the Union shall be entitled to free access to all matches played under the auspices of the Union.
- 25.(a) Each Club shall select its own local goal and boundary umpires for roster matches; provided that the committee may veto the appointment of any person as an umpire. Each Club shall be responsible for the failure of their selected goal and boundary umpires to be present at roster matches, and any Club in default of this rule shall be dealt with as the Committee thinks fit.
- (b) All umpires must be correctly attired; boundary umpires to wear white shirts and trousers; goal umpires to wear long white dust coat. Clubs, whose selected goal and boundary umpires fail to comply with this rule after the second Saturday in the roster will be fined; such fine to be at the discretion of the Committee.
26. All umpires for semi-finals and finals shall be appointed by the Committee.
- 27.(a) The scores of each match will be recorded by both goal umpires and an official check scorer to be provided by the home team. If the goal umpires agree, the scores recorded by them shall stand, but if the goal umpires disagree that the same team has won, the scores shall be averaged. If no two agree, and there is any disagreement as to the winner, it shall be no game.

28. Each Club shall appoint a timekeeper for each game.

29.(a) Any Club not ready to start at the appointed time or within three minutes of the field umpire entering the field, whichever shall be the latter, shall be fined \$10.00, and if not ready five minutes after the latter time, shall be fined a further \$10.00, and if not ready within a further five minutes shall forfeit the game and shall be fined such amount as the Committee decide. The Committee may waive such forfeit and/or fine if satisfactory reason for the delay is given within three (3) days and the Committee shall have the power to order that the match be played on a subsequent day or otherwise to finally decide on the matter.

(b) The time allowed between first and second quarter shall, in the umpires opinion, be sufficient to permit teams to change ends, and shall not exceed three (3) minutes.

(c) If the half time allowance of fifteen minutes is exceeded by five minutes by a team or teams, a fine of \$10.00 will be imposed upon the team or teams concerned.

(d) Three quarter time allowance of four minutes. Timekeepers will sound the siren at the end of time allowance. Players must immediately take up position to resume play.

30.(a) Any Club found guilty by the Disputes Committee of playing a player ineligible to play with such a Club shall be fined the sum of \$20.00 and shall forfeit all matches in which such player shall have played.

(b) Any team forfeiting a match for infringing the rules or laws of the game shall lose premiership points. The points shall be awarded to the opposing team.

(c) For the purpose of deciding percentages, the Club that fulfils its engagement shall be credited thirty points to zero.

31. Each Club shall register its uniform with the Union; and priority of registration shall determine right to any uniform, subject to the approval of the Union. In every match, each player shall wear the

registered uniform of the Club, together with a number, which shall differ from all numbers worn by other members of his team at the same time. Penalty for breach of this rule, for the first offence, the Club will be fined \$4.00 for each offending player; and for each subsequent offence in the same season the sum of \$8.00 for each offending player.

32. No person shall trespass on the playing area for the purpose of encouraging or coaching a team while a match is being played. Penalty of \$8.00 may be imposed on the Club if the offender be a member of official of any Club.

33. The following shall be the method of deciding the ladder -

In all, four (4) points shall be counted for a win or a forfeit, and two (2) points for a draw. In the event of a Club tying at the conclusion of the foregoing round of matches the position of such Club shall be determined by the proportion of points kicked for and against the Club. The third Club will then play the fourth Club, and the first Club will play the second Club. The winner of the former match will then play the loser of the latter. The winner of that match will then play the winner of the latter to determine the premier team. Should a draw take place in the final series - extra time (5 minutes) each end shall be played in the three semi-finals, and the grand final shall be replayed.

34. No Club shall, without leave of the Committee, after the commencement of the season, play any match other than such matches as may be arranged by the Committee.

35. All disputes, complaints or charges whatever, that may be referred to the Union, shall be finally decided in accordance with the Constitution and Rules and Regulations, and any such Club refusing to abide such decision shall cease to belong to the Union.

36. Any Club expelling a player from its ranks shall within seven (7) days, forward to the Secretary the name of such player together with particulars of the offence for which he has been expelled. The player shall have a right of appeal to the Committee, but shall not be entitled to play in any matches until this appeal has been dealt with. Such appeal to be heard within a reasonable time.

37. The Committee may at any time deal with by fine, suspension, disqualification or otherwise any player who in the opinion of the Committee misconducted himself either on or off the football field or any player who has been convicted of an indictable offence by a court of law.
38. All players and emergencies chosen to represent the Union in any match shall hold themselves at the disposal of the Union for such match and shall practise to the satisfaction of the Committee under the direction of the appointed coach. Any player unable to do so shall satisfy the Selection Committee as to his unavailability before the match or to be liable to such fine or disqualification as the Committee may impose.
39. No fund raising activities shall be undertaken at a Union match without prior permission of the Home Team; or in the case of finals, The Union Committee.
40. Junior, country or other Associations may be registered with the Union under the following conditions: -
- (a) Any such Association must to the satisfaction of the Committee: -
- i Be regularly constituted and have authority to regulate and control football in the district or area over which it claims to have jurisdiction.
  - ii Register with the Union each year naming all its constituent Clubs.
  - iii Consist of at least three Clubs.
- (b) Any Club or member of such association may appeal to the Committee against a decision of any such association on any matter whatsoever and decision of the Committee thereon shall be final and binding on such association provided that no such appeal shall be heard unless the sum of \$10.00 be lodged together with the appeal such sum to be repaid to the Club or member appealing in the event that the appeal is upheld or should the appeal be dismissed then such sum to be applied as the Committee shall direct.
- 41.(a) Players may alternate freely between the seniors and reserves roster subject to the restrictions imposed by Rule 44.(a). etc.
- (b) Reserves teams may use four (4) interchange players during roster matches and all finals.
- 42.(a) No player who has participated in a N.E.F.U. senior roster match will be eligible to play in a Reserves or Under 16's semi-finals or final unless he has played in a Reserves or Under 16's roster match during the current season. Furthermore any player who has taken part in fifty percent of senior matches in any current season may not participate in a Reserves or Under 16's semi-final or final unless he has played in at least one third of the reserves or Under 16's roster matches in the current season (for 18 match roster). For 16 match roster number of games are eight and five respectively.
- (b) A player may not count towards the above requirements any match in which he played for a reserves team during the current season on a day when he was also named in the first eighteen.
- (c) No player who has not participated in a fixture during the current season may be eligible to play in a semi-final or final.
- (d) No player participating in a senior semi-final or final match during the current season will be eligible to participate in a reserves fixture provided that, should that player be named as inter-change for the senior team then this provision does not apply.
- (e) Provided further that when a Club has both senior and reserves playing on a semi-final or final day, then the provisions of the sub-rule will not apply.
43. The final decision within the Union, does not preclude a player of Club appealing to a higher body.
44. A player, suspended, or found guilty, in any football body in the current season, is not eligible for an N.E.F.U. Best and Fairest Award.

## **JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

- 45.(a) The junior football competition is to be administered pursuant to the rules and constitution of the N.E.F.U..
- (b) Each player in the junior football competition must be under 16 years of age as at the first day of January in the current year.
- (c) Each player in this competition must sign an individual registration form binding them to the Club for the current season only. Proof of birth date must be presented on reaching 13 years of age.
- (d) Each umpire in this competition is to have authority to send players off the field for misconduct, fighting, swearing or disputing any decisions. Should a player refuse to leave the ground when so instructed by an umpire shall automatically be subject to a two week suspension and such umpire should notify the Committee accordingly.
46. Notwithstanding rule 45.(b), the union may at a committee meeting may alter the age and conditions of junior football.
47. Reported under 16s may be offered a set penalty, or alternatively go to a mid-week tribunal.

## **SEND OFF RULE**

Any player sent off under this rule may not be replaced until the beginning of the following quarter.

Player registration and Club affiliation must be forwarded with Club registration form.

**Under 16's Send Off Rule:** Replacement or return of players "sent off" is at the discretion of the Umpire.

**Suspended Players:** A player and or official under suspension, shall not enter the playing arena while official games are in progress, nor shall he act in any official capacity until suspension is completed. A coach under suspension may carry out his duties from outside the boundary line.

**Payment of Monies:** Notwithstanding all penalties and fines imposed by the tribunal, all fines imposed by the Committee shall be paid to the Union Treasurer within 14 days of notification of same. Account for any monies owing to the Committee must be paid within 14 days of due date.

Clubs failing to do so, should not participate in any games until such monies are paid, unless by dispensation of the Executive of the N.E.F.U.

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