
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROGAINING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be 'South Australian Rogaining Association Incorporated', referred to herein as 'the Association'.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:
- 'Committee' means the Committee of the Association as defined in section 9;
 - 'member' used alone means a person as defined in section 5;
 - 'member with voting rights' means a person as defined in section 6.2;
 - 'member' used in the context of voting or elections means a member with voting rights;
 - 'the Act' means the Associations Incorporation Act (SA), 1985; 'General Meeting' shall include Annual General Meeting.

3. OBJECTS

- 3.1 The objects of the Association shall be to promote the sport of Rogaining, particularly but not necessarily exclusively in the State of South Australia, by means including:
- a. organising rogaines and similar events;
 - b. endorsing and publicising rogaines as a sport and as a form of recreation, and similar events organised by other persons and bodies;
 - c. publishing and otherwise disseminating information concerned with the sport of Rogaining;
 - d. affiliating with and sharing information and expertise with other bodies having common interests.

4. POWERS

- 4.1 The Association shall have all the powers conferred by the Act, except as limited by this Constitution.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The Association shall consist of one class of members being Ordinary members.

An Ordinary member is a natural person who has entered or assisted as a volunteer in a rogaine with the Association. This membership shall commence at date of entry or volunteering and be for all or part of the current year through to 31 December of the following year.

6. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 6.1 All members of the Association shall have the right to participate in events organised by the Association, subject to any limits imposed on the number of participants.
- 6.2 Members aged 18 and over at the time of a General Meeting shall have voting rights.
- 6.3 Each member with voting rights shall have the following rights:
- a. to propose a motion at a meeting and nominate a person for election to the Committee or any office;
 - b. to accept nomination for election to the Committee or any office and to be so elected;
 - c. to speak to or against a motion;
 - d. to exercise a vote for or against a motion or in an election.

7. FINANCIAL YEAR AND FEES

- 7.1 The Financial Year of the Association is the period between 1 January and the next 31 December.
- 7.2 The Committee shall during each Financial Year determine the entry fee for each Rogaining event. Members cannot compete in a Rogaine until payment of the corresponding entry fee has been received.

8. OFFICE BEARERS

- 8.1 The Association shall have Office Bearers consisting of:

- a. a President;
- b. a Vice President;
- c. a Secretary; and
- d. a Treasurer

as hereafter defined, and who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. A person may hold two of the above Offices provided that the President, Vice President and one other Office Bearer are distinct individuals.

- 8.2 The President shall see that the business of the Association is conducted in a proper manner and shall ensure the Association's wellbeing and that the objects of the Association are pursued. The President shall be entitled to take the chair at meetings of the Association and of the Committee. The President shall present a report of the Association's activities to the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.3 The Vice President shall have, in the absence of the President, all the powers of the President.
- 8.4 The Secretary shall attend to correspondence, issue notices for meetings, keep all records (other than financial) of the Association, and carry out such duties as the Committee may from time to time direct. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Association.
- 8.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt of all moneys on behalf of the Association and shall maintain accurate books of account. The Treasurer shall present to the Annual General Meeting a statement of receipts and expenses for the preceding Financial Year and a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Association as at the end of that Year. Such a report shall be verified by an Auditor in accordance with section 12.3.
- 8.6 Each Office Bearer shall be a member of the Association having voting rights.
- 8.7 A casual vacancy in the position of an Office Bearer shall be filled by an appointee of the Committee. Where possible the Committee shall appoint a committee member who was elected at the previous Annual General Meeting.

9. THE COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by a Committee which may exercise all such powers and do all such things as are within the objects of the Association, and are not by the Act or this Constitution required to be done by the Association in general meeting. The Committee shall not, however, act contrary to any resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Association.
- 9.2 The Committee shall consist of:
 - a. The Office Bearers;
 - b. Up to four members elected at the Annual General Meeting;
 - c. The immediate past President; and
 - d. Co-opted members, if any.

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- 9.3 The Committee shall have the power to appoint such officers and employees as are required to carry out the objects of the Association and may delegate any of its powers to such officers and employees. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to serve as Committee members, and such members shall have the same rights as elected members.
- 9.4 All Committee members shall hold office until the end of the Annual General Meeting following their election or co-option. Committee members shall be eligible for re-election.
- 9.5 A member of the Committee may be removed from office by a two thirds majority of those members present and voting at a General Meeting, provided that at least fourteen days' notice of such a motion has been given in writing to all members with voting rights.
- 9.6 The Committee may declare a Committee member to have vacated office if the member:
- a. ceases to be a member of the Association;
 - b. is disqualified by the Act;
 - c. is absent without apology from two consecutive meetings of the Committee, or from three Committee meetings in a Financial Year;
 - d. declines to act as directed by the Committee; or
 - e. tenders their resignation, and such resignation is accepted by the Committee.
- 9.7 The Committee shall meet at such times as it deems desirable or at the express direction of the President or Vice President, provided that a Committee meeting is held at least every four months. All Committee members shall be notified of Committee meetings in writing at least five days in advance, except that if all Committee members signify their consent a Committee meeting may be held at shorter notice.
- 9.8 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be six Committee members, of whom at least two must be Office Bearers.
- 9.9 No action taken by the Committee shall be deemed unconstitutional owing simply to vacancy in one or more Committee positions.

10. MEETINGS

- 10.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held in each Financial Year. Notice in writing of such a meeting shall be given to all members with voting rights at least fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include but not be limited to those matters required by this constitution to be dealt with at an Annual General Meeting.
- 10.2 A General Meeting shall be held if the Committee so decides or at the request of ten (10) or more members of the Association. Notice in writing of such a meeting shall be given to all members with voting rights at least fourteen days prior to such meeting. The members present at such a meeting may transact any business consistent with the objects of the Association regardless of whether an agenda was circulated in advance.
- 10.3 The quorum for an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the Association shall be ten (10) of the members having voting rights.

11. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

- 11.1 If within 30 minutes of the advertised starting time of any meeting a quorum of duly qualified members is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the same time in the next week, except in the case of a general meeting called by request of members, which shall lapse forthwith. If at such an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the advertised starting time, those members present shall be deemed to form a quorum.

- 11.2 The President shall be entitled to take the chair at any meeting of the Association or of the Committee. Should the President be absent or decline to take, or retire from, the chair, then the Vice President shall be so entitled. Should the Vice President also be absent or decline to take, or retire from, the chair, then the Committee members present (in the case of a Committee meeting) or the members with voting rights present (in any other case) may choose one of their number to act as chairperson.
- 11.3 The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting, and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 11.4 At any meeting, a resolution put to a vote shall be decided on a show of hands unless the chairperson decides that a poll be held, or three (3) or more members demand that a poll be held. Except as provided otherwise by this constitution, a simple majority shall be sufficient for a resolution to be carried.
- 11.5 In the case of an election to any office, voting shall be by show of hands unless the meeting resolves that a secret ballot be held. All candidates for election must have been nominated by another member with voting rights and must have accepted nomination.
- 11.6 In the case of equality of votes on any motion, the chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

12. FINANCE

- 12.1 All moneys paid to the Association shall be received and accounted for by the Treasurer. All cash or payments to the Association shall be lodged into a bank account in the name of the Association as soon as practicable after receipt.
- 12.2 Any bank account held by the Association shall require two bank signatories authorised by the Committee to enable any moneys to be paid. Such signatories shall be Office Bearers except in the case of accounts opened to facilitate the organisation of events, for which the Committee may authorise other signatories.
- 12.3 At each Annual General Meeting the members of the Association shall appoint an Auditor, who shall not be a member of the Committee, and who shall audit the books and accounts of the Association and report to the next Annual General Meeting regarding the truth and completeness of the Treasurer's report.
- 12.4 The Association may borrow money from banks or other financial institutions on such terms and conditions as the Committee sees fit and may secure the repayment thereof by charging the property of the Association.
- 12.5 Subject to section 53 of the Act, the Association may invite and accept deposits of money from any person on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Committee from time to time.
- 12.6 The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects, and no portion shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend to any of its members. This shall not prevent payment to any servant of the Association, whether or not a member, for services rendered to the Association, nor prevent reimbursement of any person for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

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12.7 Investment of any funds belonging to the Association shall be limited to bank deposits and investment in securities in which trust moneys may, by Act of Parliament, be vested. The lodging of any funds other than in an ordinary bank account at call shall be approved by resolution of the Committee.

13. RESIGNATION

13.1 A member may resign from membership of the Association by giving written notice thereof to the Secretary.

14. DISCIPLINE

14.1 The Committee may resolve to expel, suspend, or request the resignation of any member of the Association whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the Association.

14.2 Before any member is expelled or otherwise penalised the member shall be given the opportunity to speak against the charge and to justify or explain the situation, and shall be given at least seven days' notice of a Committee meeting at which such defence may be presented.

14.3 If, following the hearing of a member's defence, the Committee confirms its earlier resolution, its decision shall take effect immediately unless the member concerned forthwith communicates in writing an intention to appeal to a General Meeting, in which case the matter shall be dealt with at the next lawfully convened General Meeting.

14.4 A member appealing against a decision of the Committee to discipline them shall have the right to speak before the General Meeting and to call witnesses. Members with voting rights present at the meeting may by majority decision determine:

- a. to uphold the decision of the Committee; or
- b. to vary the penalty to be applied to the member; or
- c. to overturn the decision of the Committee, in which case no action shall be taken against the member.

In the case of a. or b. above, the decision of the General Meeting shall take effect immediately.

15. PUBLIC OFFICER

15.1 The Association shall have a Public Officer as required by the Act. The Committee shall at its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting appoint a Public Officer or confirm the office of the existing Public Officer.

15.2 In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Public Officer, the Committee shall appoint another Public Officer at its first meeting, and if the Committee does not meet to appoint a Public Officer within the time required by the Act, the President or the Vice President shall appoint a Public Officer to serve until the Committee does so meet.

16. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

16.1 This Constitution may not be amended except at a General Meeting of the Association, and then only provided that:

- a. At least twenty-one days' notice of intention to amend the Constitution has been given in writing to all members with voting rights, and such notice specifies the exact nature of the proposed amendment; and
- b. At least two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting vote in favour of the amendment.

17. DISBANDMENT

- 17.1 The existence of the Association shall end if:
- a. It is required to do so by lawful proceedings under the Act; or
 - b. A motion for disbandment is carried by a General Meeting.
- 17.2 For a motion for disbandment to be carried, notice of such a motion must have been sent in writing to all members with voting rights at least twenty-one days in advance of the meeting, and at least ninety percent of the members present must vote in favour of the motion.
- 17.3 If after the disbandment of the Association there remains surplus assets as defined in the Act, such surplus assets shall be given to The Australian Rogaining Association Incorporated, or if this is not then possible, shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

18. SERVICE OF NOTICES

- 18.1 Where this Constitution requires that a notice be given to a member such notice shall be in writing and delivered either personally or by electronic mail.