

Proposed changes to the Rules of the Association – Commentary

There are a number of minor changes proposed which are simply designed to; (i) make the existing rules work correctly; (ii) simplify/modernise provisions; and, (iii) make the rules more user friendly by the addition of headings, lists, etc.

In addition there are the following material changes:

- (a) broaden the stated Objectives in clause 2.
- (b) removal of the position of Deputy President from the list of Officers in clause 3.1 as this position has not been used for many years.
- (c) merging the Men's and Ladies' Appointments Secretaries in clause 3.1., as this is how we operate (it is anticipated that a deputy appointments secretary will be recruited from the five elected members in clause 3.1. (vii) but this will not be a separate "Office").
- (d) remove the power in Clause 4.1 to appoint Vice Presidents as the concept of VP's donating to the Association has gone and in future long service will be recognised by nominating people for Honorary Life Membership which is an existing category. Existing VPs will remain as such.
- (e) to make the quorum at General Meetings fifteen Members.
- (f) to simplify the process of becoming a member (Clause 5) by removing the need for two members of Council or two hockey club officers to nominate prospective Members.
- (g) to enable subscriptions to be paid from expenses by giving the Treasurer a right to deduct subscriptions from amounts owing to Members (clauses 6.5 and 6.6). This includes the position adopted by SCHUA whereby expenses due at the end of a hockey season can be used to pay the subscription for the year that has just started (year commencing 1 April – i.e. the following hockey season).
- (h) the new clauses 7 to 9 are simply provisions which were absent from our previous rules.

The changes in the areas and membership will also clarify when a person is a Member or ceases to be a Member for the purposes of insurance cover.