

Proposed changes to the IRNSW Constitution

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The Ice Racing New South Wales Constitution is based on the Model State Sporting Organisation Constitution Template provided by the NSW Office of Sport with changes as agreed and accepted by the IRNSW AGM on 25 May 2021. These further changes are proposed for acceptance at the IRNSW AGM 2022.

Reason for change	From current text	To proposed text
Definitions <i>Change to financial year to fit in with membership renewals & AIR.</i>	Financial year (unless otherwise determined by the Board) means the year ending on the next 31 October following incorporation and thereafter a period of 12 months commencing on 1 November and ending on 31 October each year.	Financial year (unless otherwise determined by the Board) is from 1 July to 30 th June. This date change to become effective for the financial year after acceptance of this constitution change.
Definitions <i>Grammar correction only.</i>	IF means the International Federation for the Sport being <i>International Skating Union</i> .	IF means the International Federation for the Sport being the <i>International Skating Union</i> .
5. Members 5.1 Category of Members <i>Allow Life Members to vote.</i>	(e) Life Members , who, subject to this Constitution, shall have the right to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present and to debate at General Meetings;	(e) Life Members , who, subject to this Constitution, shall have the right to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present and to debate and vote at General Meetings;
14.3 Portfolios <i>Grammar correction only.</i>	The Board may allocate portfolios and/or titles to Directors. Subject to this Constitution and any properly passed resolution of the Board, the allocation of portfolios or titles does not effect the powers and duties of Directors.	The Board may allocate portfolios and/or titles to Directors. Subject to this Constitution and any properly passed resolution of the Board, the allocation of portfolios or titles does not affect the powers and duties of Directors.
15.1 Nominations <i>Change to be the same as AGM notice.</i>	(a) Nominations for elected Director positions shall be called for thirty (30) days prior to the AGM. When calling for nominations details of the necessary qualifications and job descriptions for the positions shall also be provided. Qualifications and job descriptions may be determined by the Board from time to time.	(a) Nominations for elected Director positions shall be called for twenty one (21) days prior to the AGM. When calling for nominations details of the necessary qualifications and job descriptions for the positions shall also be provided. Qualifications and job descriptions may be determined by the Board from time to time.

<p>15.4 Term of Appointment for Elected Directors <i>Term of directors extended to improve continuity. New clause added to specify how it is to be started.</i></p>	<p>Directors elected under this clause 15 shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. Subject to provisions in this Constitution relating to earlier retirement or removal of Directors, elected Directors shall remain in office from the conclusion of the AGM at which the election occurred until the conclusion of the second AGM following.</p>	<p>Directors elected under this clause 15 shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. (a) Subject to provisions in this Constitution relating to earlier retirement or removal of Directors, elected Directors shall remain in office from the conclusion of the AGM at which their election occurred until the conclusion of the second AGM following. (b) Effective at the first AGM after adopting this constitution change, the number of vacancies declared to be fifty percent (50%) rounded down to the nearest whole number, of the board. The positions to be vacated to be determined by the Board prior to that AGM.</p>
<p>18.2 Invited Attendees to Board Meetings <i>New clause to allow a representative from each club to attend board meetings and vote.</i></p>		<p>The Board shall invite a representative of each affiliated club to attend the Board Meetings. Each affiliated club may send one (1) representative who shall carry the right to vote at the meeting.</p>
<p>18.4 now 18.5 Quorum <i>Reduced % of directors required to constitute a quorum.</i></p>	<p>At meetings of the Board the number of Directors whose presence is required to constitute a 75% of the number of directors (or otherwise as decided by the full board. A quorum must remain present throughout the meeting.</p>	<p>At meetings of the Board the number of Directors whose presence is required to constitute a 50% of the number of directors plus one, rounded down if necessary, or otherwise as decided by the full board. A quorum must remain present throughout the meeting.</p>
<p>22. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS 22.1 SGMs May be Held <i>Grammar corrections only.</i></p>	<p>The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a (SGM) of the Association and, where, but for this clause more than fifteen (15) months would elapse between AGMs, shall convene a SGM before the expiration of that period.</p>	<p>The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting (SGM) of the Association and, where, but for this clause more than fifteen (15) months would elapse between AGMs, shall convene an SGM before the expiration of that period.</p>
<p>22.2 Requisition of SGMs <i>Re-written in a positive tone, rather than negative.</i></p>	<p>(c) If the Secretary does not cause an SGM to be held within one (1) month after the date on which the request is sent to the Association, the Members making the request may convene a SGM to be held not later than three (3) months after that date.</p>	<p>(c) The Secretary is to arrange for an SGM to be held one month after receipt of the request. If this is not done, then the Members making the request may convene an SGM to be held not later than three (3) months after that date.</p>

<p>26. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS</p> <p>26.1 Quorum</p> <p><i>Change percentage of members who could attend the AGM and vote.</i></p>	<p>No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum for General Meetings shall be five percent (5%) of the of the Members entitled to vote. at the meeting.</p>	<p>No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum for General Meetings shall be twenty percent (20%) of the of the Members entitled to vote.</p>
<p>27.1 Members Entitled to Vote</p> <p><i>Typo correction + new clause to allow time (28 days) for secretary to obtain list of members entitled to vote at the meeting.</i></p>		<p><i>(a) Each Individual, Life and Other Affiliate Member (as defined in Definitions) shall be entitled to one (1) vote at General Meetings.</i></p> <p><i>(b) Members eligible to vote at General Meetings must have become members prior to the distribution of the General Meeting notice. That is, 28 (twenty eight) days prior to the General Meeting.</i></p>