

Northern Tasmania Eight-Ball Association Inc.

CONSTITUTION

<u>TITLE</u>

The official title of the Association shall be Northern Tasmania Eight-Ball Association Inc. And shall be herein afterwards referred to as the Association.

ADDRESS

The mailing address for the Association will be the official mailing address of the Secretary of the Association as they advise.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To promote, encourage, control and advance the game of eight-ball in Tasmania, especially in the Launceston area.

CONTROL

Control of the Association shall be vested in its appointed officials who will administer all business connected with the Association according to and abiding by the rules and regulations. The By-laws can be added to or deleted from, or altered at the discretion of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

- 1. All players must fill in the required Player Registration form (obtainable from the Association) before becoming eligible to play in any match or competition under the jurisdiction of the Association.
- 2. All Hotels / Clubs must fill in the Team Registration form (obtainable from the Association) before their Team can becoming eligible to play in any match or competition under the jurisdiction of the Association.
- 3. Any player registering with two (2) or more clubs, of the Association will be dealt with by the Committee:
 - a) with a maximum suspension of twelve (12) months for the player
 - b) loss of points for the club
 - c) or both, as decided by the Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1. The Association shall, in each year hold an Annual General Meeting. This Annual General Meeting shall be held in March on a date fixed by the Committee.
- 2. The Annual general Meeting is open to all financial clubs and clubs wishing to affiliate. (Only financial clubs are entitled to vote – see voting)

At such Annual General meeting the following agenda shall be adhered to:-

- 1. Opening of meeting
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting shall be read, as distributed and confirmed.
- 4. Presidents Annual report read and received
- 5. Treasurer's report
- 6. Election of Officers. As determined by the Terms of Office Below

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7. General Business / Major Changes to the Association shall be in writing, with seconder to the Public Officer or Secretary / no later than 7 days prior to this meeting. (Normal general questions can be taken from the floor)

TERMS OF OFFICE:

Once elected at the NTEBA Annual General Meeting, the Executive and General Committee will hold positions for the following terms of office: -

- 1. President
- 2. Vice-President

- 2 years elected Even Years 2 years elected Odd Years
- Secretarv
- 2 years elected Odd Years
- 4 Treasurer

2 years elected Even Years 2 Years elected Even Years

- 5. 2 General Committee 2 General Committee 7.
- --2 Years elected Odd Years

NOTE:

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In the event of a vacancy occurring during the year, the General committee shall elect a replacement. The elected person shall then hold that position, but only until the next Annual General Meeting. At Annual General Meeting, if vacancy occurs and term of office has not expired, person elected only until end of original term. All positions to maintain rotational basis.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1. The Committee may, when deems necessary convene a Special General Meeting of the Association.
- 2. The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than 2/3 of financial member Hotels / Clubs, 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 requisitions' and deposited with the Public Officer of the Association.
- 4. The committee shall cause a Special General Meeting to be held within twenty one (21) days of such requisition. No business other than that which has been deposited with the Public Officer or

Secretary will be conducted at the Special General Meeting.

5. If within one (1) hour after the appointed time for commencement of this Special General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be dissolved.

THE COMMITTEE

- 1. Officers of the Committee shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the four (4) committee persons that have been duly elected.
- 2. The Committee will meet at least 3 times during the financial year including the AGM and on other occasions deemed necessary from time to time.

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Shall preside at all meetings of the Association, including Committee and Sub-Committee meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT: In the event of the absence of the President, shall preside over any meeting and have the same powers as the President had been present.

<u>NOTE</u>: In the event of the absence of both President and Vice-President (from a meeting) a member of the General Committee shall be elected, from among themselves and shall chair the meeting.

SECRETARY

- 1. Shall be responsible for convening all meetings and correctly record all minutes of the meeting.
- 2. Shall receive all correspondence in the name of the Association and deal with same in accordance with directions given by the Committee.
- 3. Shall attend to all clerical duties of the Association.

TREASURER:

- 1. Shall be responsible for the receipt of all monies due to the Association and deposit same, within fourteen (14) days, in such bank as approved by the Committee.
- 2. Shall correctly keep books and accounts of all monies received and issue receipts for same and the Association will only acknowledge such receipts as are issued by the Treasurer.
- 3. All accounts (as authorised by Committee) are to be paid by cheque and such cheques must be signed by (2) committee members authorised by the Committee to do so.
- 4. Shall cause to have a report of all financial matters at each Committee meeting and full financial report with Auditors statement for Annual general meeting.
- 5. Shall at least once in each financial year of the Association, cause to have the financial accounts audited.

PUBLIC OFFICEER

- 1. The Public Officer shall be appointed by the Committee and shall retain position until such time
 - 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
- 2. The Public Officer of the Association shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for holding an Annual General Meeting of the Association, cause to be placed on the official NTEBA web site or Official NTEBA Facebook page a notice specifying the place, day and time for the holding of the meeting

POWERS OF THE COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Members (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) may from time to time make decisions in regard to the Association and these can be done via Facebook, Email and will act on a majority decision and report such action to the next Committee meeting for ratification if required.

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

- 1. To manage and control all matters in connection with competitions, matches with any other eight ball association and approve prizes in connection with the same.
- 2. To determine the remuneration of the President, Secretary and Treasurer and any other member of the committee that is deemed a remuneration.
- 3. To deal with all correspondence relating to the Association.
- 4. To hold inquiries and make decisions in connection with all disputes, protests and all other matters referred to it.

All disputes or protests must be lodged, in writing with the Secretary within 72 hours of the event giving rise to such dispute or protest.

- 5. The committee shall have the power to reprimand, suspend, exclude or otherwise deal with any individual, team or club for behaviour which is in any way detrimental to the Association, providing the offender is summoned to attend the meeting of the committee at which it is proposed to take action. Notice of summons to be served on offender by registered mail. Failure of the offender to answer the summons shall not preclude the committee from arriving at its decision.
 - a) subject to this rule, the committee may expel a member from the Association if, in its opinion, the member has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association.
 - b) The member may exercise their right of appeal under this rule within fourteen (14) days of notification.
- 6. The Committee shall be empowered to impose a levy (and/or fees) on all affiliated clubs/teams and/or individuals should it be deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Association.

- To make, repeal and/or amend By-laws as necessary to uphold the Association Aims and Objectives.
 NOTE: Under no circumstances shall any By-law conflict with any part of the constitution.
- 8. To nominate Sub-Committee/s as required.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

- All these meetings will be presided over by the President. In the event of their absence, or if delegated by the President these meetings will be presided over by the Vice-President.
- 2. These Sub-committees will consist of Chairperson (President or Vice President) and three (3) other persons nominated to the position by General Committee. These three (3) persons need not necessarily be Committee members but must be registered members of the Association.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 1. Nominations of candidates for election as Executive Officers and General Committee members
 - a) shall be made in writing, signed by two (2) members of the Association and signed by the nominee
 - b) shall be delivered to the Public Officer or Secretary of the Association at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 2. If sufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall not be received at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3. If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, these 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 Executive Officers and General Committee persons shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such proper manner as the Chairperson may direct.

VOTING

- 1. Voting at the Annual General Meeting and all Special General Meetings shall be one (1) vote per team with a maximum of four (4) per Hotel/Club.
- 2. Upon any motion arising at an Annual General Meeting a delegate has one (1) vote only.
- 3. All votes shall be given personally.
- 4. In the case of an equality of voting on a motion, the motion will be deemed defeated and the status quo will remain
- 5. All voting on motions shall be by show of hands unless otherwise specified by chairperson. A declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has 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.

QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

- 1. The quorum required for any Annual/Special General Meeting shall be at least one third (1/3) the number of eligible clubs/teams affiliated with the Association.
- 2. The quorum required for any Committee meeting shall be at least five (4) persons eligible to attend.
- 3. No business shall be transacted, at any meeting unless a quorum is present and if within thirty minutes (30 minutes) 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 General Meeting, in which case it lapses.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution can only be altered at:

- a) An Annual General Meeting; or
- b) A Special General Meeting.

Such notice of request to alter the Constitution must be in writing, signed by two (2) or more requisitions.

This written notice must be in the hands of the Public Officer or Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to said Annual or Special General Meeting.

Any motion to alter the Constitution must be passed by at least three (3) quarters of the members present who are eligible to vote.

MATCH AND COMPETITION RULES

These to be determined under By-laws of the Association.

EXCLUSION

The Association reserves the right to deny playing membership to any person who has been suspended by any fellow Association.

FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Association is the period beginning 1st January and ending 31st December in each year.

NON-PROFIT

The assets and income of the Association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above mentioned objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Association except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

WINDING-UP

In the event of the Association being dissolved, the amount which remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, not exceeding \$1.00 per member, shall transfer to any organization which has similar objects and which is exempt from income tax.