



AFL MASTERS SA Constitution

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Constitution

1. TITLE

The body shall be called Masters Australian Football-SA Division Inc. Hereinafter referred to as AFL Masters SA.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of AFL Masters SA are to:

1. Promote, control, manage and encourage Australian Rules football in SA. for players over 35 years of age
2. Promote, control. Manage and encourage football matches and competitions in and between the States and Territories of Australia and elsewhere
3. Promote, stage and encourage or develop any other appropriate leisure or recreational activity pertaining to the AFL Masters SA
4. Promote the concept of fellowship amongst participants in AFL Masters.

3. AFFILIATION

AFL Masters SA shall affiliate with “MASTERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL INCORPORATED” and abide by the constitution of that body.

4. POWERS

AFL Masters SA shall have the following powers:

1. Operate the day to day functions to enable the objectives of the AFL Masters SA
2. To purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire and maintain any real or personal property and any rights and privileges in relation thereto
3. To appoint, employ and remunerate employees and servants and to dismiss or suspend an officer or servant
4. To do all such other things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its objects

5. INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the AFL Masters SA shall be applied solely to the promotion of its objects and not part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of individual bonus or otherwise by way of pecuniary profit to the member provided that remuneration may be paid in good faith to officers and servants of AFL Masters SA or other persons in return form services actually rendered by AFL Masters SA.

6. FINANCE

AFL Masters SA finances shall be managed as such:

1. The financial year shall commence on the first day of November and finish on the 31st day of October each year
2. As deemed necessary each member club shall pay such fees as are determined at the Annual Meeting by 31st May the following year or financial penalties may apply.
3. All monies of AFL Masters SA must be paid into such bank, as the Committee shall direct.
4. All cheques drawn or EFT's on the AFL Masters SA banking accounts shall be signed or approved online by any two of the following: President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary
5. The President and Treasurer shall be responsible for the keeping of a record of:
 - a. all sums of money received and expended by AFL Masters SA
 - b. All sales and purchases by AFL Masters SA
 - c. The assets and liabilities of AFL Masters SA
6. At least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting the Secretary/Treasurer shall supply Financial Statements that adequately summarises the financial records of AFL Masters SA to the Committee and shall present those financial statements to the AGM

7. MEMBERSHIP

Club and Player membership shall adhere to the following:

1. Membership shall be restricted to:
 - a. Registered clubs accepted by the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee and supported by two thirds of the existing registered clubs
 - b. Honorary members appointed by the Committee
 - c. Life members appointed hereinafter
2. Any club application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary.
3. Any club application for membership may be approved or rejected by the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee and may be rejected without assigning any reason in which case the return of the application shall be considered sufficient advice

8. OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AFL Masters SA shall appoint officers as follows:

1. The Officers of the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer and two Executive Officers (or up to a maximum of 4), which will form the Executive Committee.
2. The Officers of the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall be appointed annually by the member clubs by way of nomination and if necessary, a vote of member club delegates
3. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees, which shall have the power to co-opt
4. Any office becoming vacant can be filled by the Committee
5. Any officer may have direct affiliation with any football club
6. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee can suspend or expel any officer of AFL Masters SA provided that at least two thirds of the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee and delegates agree to such suspension or expulsion
7. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall have the power to determine exemptions to Affiliated Clubs in the duties of day to day functions. In some cases, this may require a vote to be put to the Delegates. Such exemptions shall be recorded by the Secretary.

9. PATRONS

A patron or patrons may only be appointed at the AGM and shall hold office of such period, as the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall from time to time determine.

10. AFFILIATION OF CLUBS

AFL Masters SA shall manage club affiliation as such:

1. Clubs wishing to affiliate with AFL Masters SA shall apply to the Secretary for admission in writing
2. Acceptance of new Club Affiliation is determined by a vote of currently affiliated Clubs once the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee is satisfied all the necessary Acceptance Criteria have been met, with a minimum 2/3 vote by Delegates for the affiliation of the new Club
3. Upon Acceptance by the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee, affiliated Clubs shall pay an annual registration fee as set by AFL Masters SA
4. New Clubs shall pay a one-off deposit of not less than \$1500 by 31st Dec of that year. This deposit is held in trust for 5 years and refundable only on satisfactory full membership over the initial 5-year period
5. An annual special levy is to be paid by each Affiliated Club as an incentive to promote the National Carnival and assist in covering costs. However Affiliated Clubs will be refunded an amount for players who attend the National Carnival proportionately.
6. Each club accepted for affiliation by AFL Masters SA shall also pay other fees, as determined as necessary by AFL Masters SA Executive Committee

11. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

AFL Masters SA shall manage player registration as such:

1. No player shall be permitted to play within AFL Masters SA unless they are a registered member of an affiliated club within AFL Masters SA
2. Player's registration with a club shall be via the registration system utilised by AFL Masters SA
3. New Players may register on game day by way of paper-based registration forms however their registration must be via the registration system imposed by AFL Masters SA as soon as practicable thereafter
4. Failure to register players via the registration system after being formally cautioned by the Executive Committee may incur a fine to the offending club of up to \$100 per unregistered player
5. Registered Players are to be 35-years-old by the 31st of December of that year. Teams may also play one 33-year-old and one 34-year-old registered player, providing they are not playing other competitive football, concurrently
6. No Player may represent S.A. at the National Carnival unless he/she is both registered and financial

12. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

AFL Masters SA. may award up to three honorary life memberships in any one year to any persons in recognition of outstanding service by an individual:

1. Nomination Process:
 - a. Nominations shall be in writing using the published nomination form with all details provided
 - b. Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary no later than 14 days after the last round of that season
 - c. The AFL Masters SA. Executive Committee will evaluate and decide on successful applications
 - d. The decision of the appointment will be by the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee and is final, a list of successful awardees will be presented to the Club Delegates for ratification at the AGM
 - e. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee will determine the place and time successful nominations are presented to nominees
2. Guidelines & Assessment Criteria:
 - a. Outstanding service that is defined as above normal expectations. &/Or
 - i. Demonstrated commitment to AFL Masters SA. That is sustained over a significant time frame
 - b. Players, umpires, administrators and supporters are eligible for nomination.
 - c. There is no restriction on the number of times a person can be nominated
 - d. No nominations will be made by the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee.
 - e. Nominees must have at least a minimum of 10 years' service
 - f. Life Membership is an award not a right or a milestone
 - g. Life Members may attend any meeting of the AFL Masters SA but shall have no voting rights at meetings

13. MEETINGS

AFL Masters SA shall manage meeting as such:

1. The AGM shall be held no later than December 31st as may be determined by the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee. At least 14 day's notice shall be given to each officer and member club of AFL Masters SA. The annual reports of AFL Masters SA shall be submitted to members at the Annual Meeting
2. Quorum of AGM is to be two thirds of the votes of club delegates
3. Affiliated club representation at Meetings or the AGM shall consist of Max. 2 Delegates
4. Visitors from clubs are welcome at meetings but may only speak with the direct permission of the Chairman and have no voting rights
5. The AGM may pass by-laws necessary for the proper administration of AFL Masters SA and such by-laws shall be recorded by way of minutes
6. A special meeting may be convened at any time
 - a. by a minimum of 3 AFL Masters SA Executive Committee Members or
 - b. Upon written requisition of at least 10 delegates, stating the purposes for which the meeting is required, and the resolutions proposed.

The Secretary shall convene a special meeting within 21 days, and he/she shall give all officers and member clubs 14 days' notice of such a meeting.
7. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee may call regular meetings to conduct business of AFL Masters SA, notice of these meetings will be given at least 14 days prior to Delegates
8. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall meet as required to conduct the business of AFL Masters SA, The President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary shall have the Power to call a Committee meeting
9. The President shall act as Chairman at all meetings and in his absence the vice-President. Should neither be present then the Committee shall be empowered to elect a Chairman.
10. To undertake necessary business. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and confirmed at each subsequent meeting
11. An agenda shall be circulated to member clubs 14 days prior to all meetings
12. With the exception of an amendment to the constitution, a notice of motion shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to a meeting
13. The Chairman may suspend, abandon or postpone any meeting but in the event of a quorum not being present within 30 minutes of the scheduled commencement time of any meeting, such meeting shall lapse

14. CLUB DELEGATE ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

It is desirable that each club is represented by at least one delegate at each meeting. Should a club not provide a delegate at a meeting, a note shall be made in the minutes. If no apologies have been received, a call will be made to that club by either the President or the Secretary to determine the reason for the Non-attendance and the Club warned of potential penalties.

15. VOTING

AFL Masters SA shall conduct voting as such:

1. At any meeting each eligible person shall have one vote only except the Chairman who may exercise a casting vote to break an otherwise even vote
2. Other than that, the Executive are ineligible to vote at any meetings.
3. Affiliated club Delegates shall have a Max of 2 votes per club
4. A resolution shall be determined by a show of hands unless the Chairman, or not less than one third of those present, demands a ballot
5. If a ballot is demanded, it shall be taken as the Chairman directs
6. Delegates whose club is not fully financial after 31st May are ineligible to vote. Any such deficiencies may be corrected on the spot

16. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS & PENALTIES

The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee have a range of disciplinary actions and penalties it can apply to Affiliated Club(s), Player(s), Administrator(s), Official(s), Spectator(s) if found guilty of a breach upon completion of any necessary tribunal/investigations.

1. Non- Attendance at Meetings by Affiliated Club Delegates:
 - a. First offence within a season will be a financial fee determined by the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee
 - b. Second offence within a season the club will in the next season forfeit 1 home game
 - c. Third offence within a season the club will in the next season forfeit 2 home games
2. Code of Conduct Breaches:
 - a. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall determine and employ any disciplinary actions and/or penalties that it determines necessary if any Affiliated Club(s), Player(s), Administrator(s), Official(s), Spectator(s) is found guilty of breaching the Code of Conduct
 - i. Penalties may range from minor breaches resulting in a Club, Player, Administrator or Official being suspended for a number of games. Major breaches may result in a Club, Player, Administrator or Official being deregistered permanently from affiliation with AFL Masters SA
 - b. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall determine and employ any disciplinary actions and/or penalties that it determines necessary if a complainant's report is found to be frivolous, unjust, spiteful or intended to unfairly injure or discriminate against any person or persons
3. Match Rules & General Breaches:
 - a. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee shall determine and employ any disciplinary actions and/or penalties that it determines necessary if any Affiliated Club(s), Player(s), Administrator(s), Official(s), Spectator(s) is found guilty of brining AFL Masters SA into disrepute through their actions or behaviors
 - i. Penalties may range from minor breaches resulting in a Club, Player, Administrator or Official being suspended for a number of games &/or financial penalties through to major breaches resulting in a Club, Player, Administrator or Official being deregistered permanently from affiliation with AFL Masters SA

17. RIGHT OF APPEAL

Any Club, Player, Administrator or Official which has received a penalty, shall have the right of appeal. They may, by notice in writing, given or delivered to the Secretary of AFL Masters SA. The appeal shall be heard and determined by a special meeting of the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee. The aggrieved Club, Player, Administrator or Official shall be entitled to attend the meeting to put their case. No other business shall be conducted at this meeting. The AFL Masters SA Executive Committee's decision will be final.

18. RESOLUTION

AFL Masters SA may be dissolved or wound up by a resolution passed at a special meeting called for such purposes, providing that the resolution passed by a majority of at least three-fourths of the votes of all present and voting at the meeting and provided further, that at least one calendar month prior to writing of such meeting, had first been given to the members. In the event of dissolution, the meeting deciding such dissolution shall appoint three trustees in whom the assets of AFL Masters SA shall then be entrusted until deposition of such assets has occurred.

19. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution or winding up of AFL Masters SA, the Assets of AFL Masters SA shall be realised and converted to cash. All monies from such realisation and any other monies held by AFL Masters SA shall be applied to the payment of all debts and liabilities of AFL Masters SA and residue shall be distributed by the AFL Masters SA Executive Committee to some other Australian Football body or bodies whose objects are consistent with the objects of AFL Masters SA.

20. AMEDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

AFL Masters SA shall manage amendments to the Constitution as such:

1. Written notice of the intention to propose such alteration, variation, addition, amendment or repeal is given to the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the date of the AGM so that it can be included in the Agenda for the Annual Meeting
2. Any addition, repeal or amendment is met with the approval of at least a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at the AGM