



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

CONSTITUTION of the MCC BRIDGE CLUB  
a Special Interest Group formed under the auspices of the  
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1. The name of the Special Interest Group is MCC Bridge Club.
2. In this constitution unless the contrary intention appears:
  - “the Club” means the MCC Bridge Club;
  - “the MCC” means the Melbourne Cricket Club;
  - “the Committee” means the Committee of the Club;
  - “AGM” means the Annual General Meeting of the Club;
  - the singular includes the plural, the masculine includes the feminine and vice versa.
3. The aim of the Club is to foster the playing of Contract Bridge among members of the MCC.
4.
  - (a) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 7 members of the Club.
  - (b) The Committee shall appoint a Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary from its members.
  - (c) The first members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Committee of the MCC.
  - (d) Thereafter the members of the Committee shall be elected by the members of the Club at the AGM and shall hold office until the next AGM but shall be eligible for re-appointment.
  - (e) Any member of the Club may stand for election to the Committee by notifying the Secretary in writing of his intention to do so not less 14 days prior to the AGM. Such notice must be signed by the member and by two other members as proposer and seconder.
  - (f) Notwithstanding (e) the existing members of the Committee shall be deemed to be standing for re-election and shall not be required to notify the Secretary in the terms of that sub-clause.
  - (g) In the event that no member of the Club gives notice to the Secretary pursuant to (e), the then present members of the Committee shall be deemed to be re-elected.
  - (h) The Committee may appoint a member of the Club to fill any casual vacancy on the Committee. Such appointee shall hold office until the next AGM.
  - (i) Any 3 members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.
  - (j) The Secretary shall keep Minutes of all meetings of the Committee.
5.
  - (a) All members of the MCC shall be entitled to be members of the Club.
  - (b) Members of the Club shall pay an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.
  - (c) The Committee shall maintain a register of members of the Club.
  - (d) Application for membership must be made to the Committee on the prescribed form and must be accompanied by payment of the annual subscription which may be reduced proportionately for applications made during the course of the year.
6.
  - (a) If the Committee is of the opinion that a member of the Club has behaved in a manner unbecoming of a member, the Committee may suspend that member from membership of the Club for a specified period or indefinitely.
  - (b) Any member so suspended may appeal against that suspension by way of a re-hearing to an appeal committee appointed by the Committee of the MCC and comprising 3 members of the MCC Committee.

7.
  - (a) An AGM shall be held each calendar year, not more than 15 months after the preceding AGM.
  - (b) All members of the Club shall be given notice in writing of the date, time and place of the AGM not less than 21 days prior to the date of the AGM.
  - (c) The business of the AGM shall be:
    - to confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM;
    - to consider the financial report which shall be presented by the Treasurer;
    - to elect the Committee for the ensuing year;
    - to consider such other matters the Committee may deem appropriate;
    - to consider such other matters as the members attending may, by a majority, deem appropriate.
  - (d) The AGM shall be chaired by the Committee Chairman. If the Chairman is not present, the members personally present shall elect a Chairman.
  - (e) No business shall be conducted at the AGM unless a quorum is present. 10 members personally present shall constitute a quorum.
  - (f) A member of the Club may appoint another member of the Club to act as his proxy at the AGM. Such appointment shall be in writing, signed by the appointor, and be given to a member of the Committee prior to the start of the meeting.
8.
  - (a) In addition to the AGM, the Committee, in its absolute discretion, may convene other General Meetings (called "Special General Meetings") to consider and resolve such matters as may be determined by the Committee.
  - (b) The necessary changes having been made, the provisions of Clauses 7(b), 7(d), 7(e) and 7(f) shall apply to Special General Meetings.
9.
  - (a) At meetings of the Committee, at the AGM and at Special General Meetings (but subject to Clause 12) questions shall be decided by a simple majority of votes.
  - (b) In the event of a tied vote at any such meeting, the person chairing the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
10.
  - (a) The Committee may open such bank accounts in the name of the Club as it shall from time to time decide.
  - (b) The Treasurer must collect all monies received by the Club, make payments authorized by the Committee and keep accurate records of the financial affairs of the Club.
  - (c) All cheques must be signed by 2 members of the Committee. Any 1 member of the Committee may endorse cheques and other financial instruments.
11.
  - (a) The Committee shall appoint an auditor who must be a practising accountant (not being a member of the Committee) who shall each year audit the financial affairs of the Club and present a written report of that audit to the Committee.
  - (b) The auditor's report shall be submitted to the AGM.
12.
  - (a) This Constitution may be changed by 75% of members of the Club present personally or by proxy at an AGM or Special General Meeting where details of the proposed change have been included in the Notice of Meeting referred to in Clause 7(b).
  - (b) Any such change shall have no effect unless approved by the MCC Committee.
13. If the Club be wound up, its assets shall be given to the MCC.
14. Any notice may be given to a member of the Club by handing it to that member or by posting it to him by prepaid post at his address shown in the Club's register of members or by sending it to the member at his email address recorded as such in the register of members.