

# **Gawler Districts AFL Masters Football Club Constitution**

## **1. Name**

The name of the Club is Gawler Districts AFL Masters Football Club.

## **2. Colours**

The colours of the Club shall be black, red and white.

## **3. Interpretation**

In these roles, unless the context otherwise requires, the following interpretations shall operate: -

- a) "The Club" means Gawler Districts AFL Masters Football Club.
- b) "The Rules" means the Rules of the Club in force for the time being.
- c) "The Committee" means the members for the time being of the Committee of Management as constituted in accordance with the Rules.
- d) "Month" means calendar month.
- e) "Year" means the financial year and shall be from the first day of January to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December.
- f) "Member" means any member of the Gawler Districts AFL Masters Football Club.

## **4. Objects**

The objects for which the Club is established are: -

- a) To maintain and conduct a Club of a non-political character and to provide facilities to hold training, play games and other conveniences for the use and recreation of the members at such places as decided by the members.
- b) To promote and encourage Australian Rules Football for men aged 35 years and older.
- c) To raise any monies required for the purposes of running the Club.
- d) To purchase, take, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and other rights and privileges necessary or convenient for the purpose of running the Club.
- e) To alter, add to or maintain property belonging to the Club.
- f) To sell, improve, manage, develop, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all part or any part of the property of the Club.
- g) To do all such things as are incidental or necessary for the purpose of the above objects.

## **5. The Club shall consist of the following classes of members:-**

- a) Full Members
- b) Life Members
- c) Honorary Members

Full and Life Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club and shall be the only Members entitled to vote at Annual or Special General Meetings. Honorary Members shall be entitled to such privileges as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

## **6. Full Membership**

All players who have completed a Player Registration Form in the current year shall be members of the Club and entitled to vote at all meetings.

## **7. Honorary Membership**

Shall be extended to non-players as voted in by the management committee. The management committee may, at its discretion, admit other non-players who serve the club in some way and such membership will be reviewed annually. Honorary members shall be entitled to vote at Club Meetings.

## **8. Life Membership**

The Management Committee at its discretion may offer Life Membership to a person or player in recognition of outstanding services rendered to the club over a period of time not less than ten (10) years. A three-fourths majority vote of the Committee members present is required to elect a Life Member.

## **9. Names, Addresses and Notices**

- a) The Honorary Secretary shall keep a register which will contain the names and addresses of all members of the Club for the time being.
- b) Every Member shall notify his/her address, or any change thereof, to the Honorary Secretary who shall register same.

All notices posted or delivered to such address shall be deemed to have been duly received. If no address be given, notices left at the Clubhouse shall be deemed to have been delivered.

## **10. Annual General Meetings**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of December in each year, when the Chairman shall present the Annual Report, and the Treasurer shall present the Financial Statements. At least (14) days prior notice of this meeting shall be given to each financial member of the previous season.

## **11. Club Officers**

The officers to be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Other Committee Members

Election of all officers shall be conducted through verbal nominations received at the Annual General Meeting.

## **12. Management Committee**

The Management Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) and not more than eight (8) members in total.

## **13. Management Committee Meetings**

The Management Committee shall meet as necessary

## **14. Quorum**

Not less than three (3) committee members shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Management Committee, and not less than one-quarter of the full members shall constitute a quorum for any General Meeting. In the event of a meeting lapsing for the want of a quorum no business shall be conducted there at.

## **15. Special Meetings**

A Special Meeting of either the Club or Management Meeting may be called by the Chairman at any time.

### **16.1 Duties of the Chairman**

The Chairman shall be responsible to the club and shall be its executive officer. The Chairman shall where-ever possible attend all meetings of the club including its Management Committee and shall convene all meetings of the club. The Chairman shall furnish a final report of the season's activities at the Annual General Meeting and shall present progress reports when called upon to do so. He shall in general perform all such duties as shall from time to time be imposed by the Club's Management Committee.

### **16.2 Duties of the Secretary**

The Secretary shall be responsible to the club and where-ever possible attend all meetings of the club including its Management Committee. The Secretary shall assist to conduct the business and keep records of the Club's activities. The Secretary shall record the names and addresses of all members and shall be responsible for all club correspondence. The Secretary shall in general perform all such duties as shall from time to time be imposed by the Club's Management Committee including the minuting of Club Meetings and timely distribution of such.

### **16.3 Duties of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be responsible to the club and where-ever possible attend all meetings of the club including its Management Committee. The Treasurer shall receive the revenue of the Club and shall pay in all sums received to the Club's account at the Club's bank and shall pay all accounts passed for payment by the Management Committee. Withdrawls for the club accounts and/or cheques must be signed by two of the following signatories; Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep accurate books of accounts, which shall be open for inspection by any member, whether at meetings of the Management Committee or General Meeting. The Treasurer shall present progress Financial Reports at each Management Committee Meeting when called upon to do so, and shall present at the Annual General Meeting a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure. The Treasurer shall in general perform all such duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon him by the Club's Management Committee.

### **16.4 Duties of the other Committee Members**

They shall be responsible to the club and where-ever possible attend all meetings of the club including it's Management Committee. They shall in general perform all such duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon them by the Club's Management Committee.

It is a requirement by the state body that two (2) members or delegates must attend the state body meetings once a month.

### **17. Indemnity**

No officer of the Club shall be personally liable for any act, default or omission of any member either for any act done by such officer under the authority or direction of the Committee or for any act which is within the scope of that officer's duties as prescribed by these Rules.

### **18. Account**

No Officer of the Club shall without the prior consent of the Committee enter into any contract in the name of the Club involving the expenditure or more than \$50.00. All claims and accounts against the Club shall before settlement or payment be approved and passed for payment by the Committee.

### **19. Control of Property**

The Management Committee shall have control over all property of the Club.

### **20. Commission or Allowance**

No payment or part payment of any Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or other officer or servant of the Club shall be made by way of commission or allowance from or upon the receipts of the Club for liquor supplied.

### **21. Interpretation of Rules**

In the event of any doubt or difficulty arising as to the meaning of any Rule, by-law or Regulation or should any question arise as to their interpretation, the Chairman and Committee shall have power to pronounce a decision thereon and its decision shall be final and binding on the members, subject only to affirmation or reversal by a Special Meeting called for that purpose. Throughout the rules,

unless otherwise appearing in the context, the singular shall include the plural and the plural include the singular.

## **22. Non-Compliance with Rules**

Non-compliance with any of the Rule shall not render any proceedings void unless the members at an Annual or Special Meeting so direct.

## **23. By\_Laws**

The Management Committee shall have power from time to time to make by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the rules for the efficient working of the Club, and to alter, amend or rescind the same as occasion may require. All by laws shall be entered by the Secretary in a book to be kept for the purpose and be available for inspection by the members.

## **24. Damage to Property**

No members shall remove from the Club property or deface or injure any article the property of the Club. Members removing, breaking or damaging any article, the property of the Club, shall pay for the same at a price fixed by the Committee.

## **25. Application of Profit**

The Club is a non-proprietary Club. The profits and other income of the Club shall be applied to the promotion of the purposes for which the members of the Club are associated together and no payments of any dividends or distribution of profits or income to or amongst the members of the Club shall be made. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment by way of an honorarium or refund of expenses to any officer of the Club for services rendered to the Club.

## **26. Dissolution of the Club**

The Club may be dissolved or wound up at a Special Meeting of the members called for that purpose if a resolution is passed by majority of the members present thereat entitled to vote and voting thereon that the club be dissolved or wound up, provided such resolution shall, at a Special Meeting at which not less than half of the members of the Club shall be present, be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present thereat and voting thereon. Upon such resolution being carried and confirmed, as aforesaid, the Committee shall thereupon or at such future date shall be specified in such resolution proceed to sell and realise the property and assets of the Club, and out of the net proceeds of such sale and realisation to discharge and satisfy all the liabilities of the Club. In the event of the Club being wound up, whether voluntarily or otherwise, the net proceeds of the sale and realisation of the Club's property and assets, both real and personal, after payment of all debts and liabilities of the Club and of all costs, charges and expenses properly payable in connection with such sale and realisation of the Club's property and of the winding up of the Club, shall be divided amongst and between such charitable institutions in such manner and proportions as the Committee in their absolute discretion may decide, and no member shall be entitled to share in or receive any benefit from such net proceeds in the event of the Club being wound up as aforesaid.