**The Western Australian National Football League Umpires' Association (Inc.)**

# CONSTITUTION

# and

# RULES

**Constitution of the Western Australian National Football League Umpires'**

**Association (Inc.)**

# NAME

1. The name of the Association is the Western Australian National Football League Umpires' Association (Inc.).

# DEFINITIONS

2. (a) The "Association" or "Club" shall mean the Western Australian National Football League Umpires' Association (Inc.) as constituted.

   (b) The "League" shall mean the West Australian Football League (Inc.) and the Australian Football League.

   (c) 'Umpire" shall mean any person who is appointed by the League to umpire and shall include Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires.

   (d) "Membership" as defined in this Constitution shall be from the 1st April to the following 31st March.

# OBJECTS

3. The objects of the Association shall be.

   (a) to foster, encourage and promote Australian Football in conjunction with the League

   (b) to foster, encourage and promote Umpiring of Australian Football.

   (c) to foster the good fellowship and further the interest of Umpires generally.

# POWERS

4. The Association shall have the following powers:

(a) to purchase, take on or lease or in exchange hire or otherwise acquire and maintain any real or personal property and any rights and privileges in relation thereto;

(b) the construction, maintenance and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects of the Association,

(c) the accepting of any gift, whether subject to a special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Association;

(d) to sell, exchange, lease, mortgage, hire, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the real and personal property of the Association;

(e) to borrow or raise money or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Association thinks fit with power to issue debentures, grant mortgages, charges or any other class of security on or charging all or any of the property real or personal (both present and future) of the Association and to redeem or pay off any existing or future security;

(f) to invest and deal with the moneys of the Association not immediately required for the purposes of the Association in such manner as may from time to time be determined;

(g) to amalgamate, cooperate, officiate and enter into reciprocal arrangements with any other club or association having objects wholly or in part similar to those of the Association;

(h) to appoint, employ and pay officers and servants and to dismiss or suspend any officer or servant;

(i) to apply for, obtain and renew from time to time a licence under the Liquor Licensing Act 1988;

(j) to apply for, receive and administer any grant or loan made to the Association under any Federal, State or municipal legislation or from individuals or private associations or foundations;

(k) to acquire books, journals, literature, films, tapes, photographs and other equipment relating to umpiring;

(1) to publish and print newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets or other documents;

(m) to make, amend and rescind by-laws not inconsistent with these rules for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Association and the conduct of members;

(n) to exercise all powers conferred on the Association by the Associations. Incorporation Act 1987 as amended;

(o) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its objects.

# MEMBERSHIP

5. There shall be four (4) grades of membership namely, Active Member, Social Member, Life Member and Honorary Member.

(a) Active Member- every person who is appointed to act as an umpire by the League, subject to Clause 5(a)(i) and to payment of subscriptions in accordance with Clause 19 shall become a member of this Association.

(i) All applications shall be posted on the notice board of the Club for a period of not less than seven (7) days before election, provided that an interval of not less than two (2) weeks shall elapse between nomination and election.

(b) Social Member- subject always to the discretion of the Management Committee any person who has made application in the required form and has been nominated and seconded by Active and or Life members may be granted Social Membership subject to payment of subscriptions in accordance with Clause 19 PROVIDED THAT a Social Member:

(i) must take or have taken an active part in the fostering of umpiring and/or the welfare of this Association;

(ii) Shall be permitted to attend the Management Committee meetings as an observer but shall have no vote. Said member shall not speak unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

(c) Life Member-

(i) Life Membership may be granted to any person in accordance with Clause 21;

(ii) Life Members shall not pay any Membership Fees but shall have all rights and privileges of Active Members.

(d) Honorary Member-

(i) Appointed training staff who provide physiotherapy and ancillary services to Umpires during the membership year and any other person(s) approved by the Management Committee;

(ii) Honorary Members shall have the same rights as Social Members except as specified in Clause 15(a) hereof.

(e) Register of Members- the Club shall keep an up-to-date register of members in respect of each class of membership. The register must be continually available for inspection at the Club premises.

# PATRON

6. The Management Committee of the Association may appoint a patron of the Association and such number of vice patrons of the Association as the majority of those present shall decide and the appointed person or persons shall hold his or her office or respective offices for one (1) year.

# AFFILIATION

7. (a) Affiliation may, at the discretion of the Management Committee, be granted to any umpiring body.

(b) The Association must approve of the Local Rules of the umpiring body seeking affiliation. The affiliation fee shall be an annual payment fixed from year to year by the Management Committee.

(c) Each such umpiring body on affiliation shall be provided with a copy of the Association's Constitution and shall have the opportunity of sending two accredited representatives to meetings of the Association as observers who may speak but shall have no vote thereat.

(d) The Management Committee may cancel the affiliation of any Affiliated body. If any action or conduct taken by that said body justifies such cancellation, no fee or part thereof will be refunded.

# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8. (a) The business and affairs of the Association shall be under the

management and control of a Management Committee. The Management Committee may, subject to the decisions made at general meetings, exercise all the powers of the Association and do all such acts and things as may be done by the Association or which it considers necessary or expedient to carry out the objects of the Association.

(b) The Management Committee shall consist of Eleven (11) persons namely a:

President

Vice President

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Assistant Secretary/Social Secretary

(Hereinafter called "the office bearers")

Six (6) members of the Association.

(c) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

(d) Urgent matters that arise between meetings may be decided by the agreement of three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

(e) All matters dealt with at an Executive Committee Meeting must be ratified at the next Management Committee Meeting.

(f) For appointment to the Management Committee persons must be a Life Member or be an Active Member of the Association. Nomination of any person who is not an Active Member or Life Member of the Association, in accordance with this subsection, for any position on the Management Committee must be by the recommendation of the Management Committee and be approved by members at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting and notwithstanding Clause 5(b)(ii) all persons so approved shall be entitled to move motions and vote at any Management Committee Meeting.

(g) The Management Committee shall meet as often as may be required to conduct the business of the Association. A quorum of not less than five (5) members shall be required. The President or five (5) members of the Committee shall have the power to call a meeting of the Management Committee.

(h) Any members of the Management Committee who absent themselves from two consecutive meetings of the Committee without furnishing satisfactory explanation may be removed from office by the Management Committee who shall be entitled to place other members in their stead.

(i) Should any vacancy occur in the Management Committee or office bearers of the Association other than in the normal course of elections, the Management Committee shall appoint a member to fill such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

(j) Any member of the Association shall be permitted to attend the Management Committee Meetings as an observer, but shall have no vote. Said member shall not speak unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

(k) The Management Committee shall maintain a Register of members in which shall appear the name and address of each member.

# ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

9. (a) All nominations for the election of members to the Management

Committee at the time of the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted in writing signed by the member standing for election and their proposer, who must be an Active or Life Member of the Association. All nominations shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at least TWENTY ONE (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Voting shall be by secret ballot. The balloting material shall be forwarded by post to each Active and Life Member, complete with nominations, and must be returned to the nominated Returning Officer not less than three (3) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(c) All positions on the Management Committee shall be open for election at each Annual General Meeting SAVE AND EXCEPT THAT the six (6) ordinary members shall be elected for a term of two (2) years with three (3) of such members retiring at each Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for reelection.

(d) If a lesser number of members than is required nominate for any position, those nominated shall be declared elected and the vacancies filled by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

(e) In the event of two or more candidates securing an equal number of votes for election to any office, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

(f) All offices shall be honorary. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary /Social Secretary may receive an honorarium at the discretion of

the Management Committee, subject to the Members' approval at the Annual General Meeting.

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

10. (a) The Life Membership Committee shall consist of five (5) Life Members who will be appointed by the Management Committee.

(b) Active Life Members and Life Members serving on the Management Committee will be ineligible to be appointed to the Life Membership Committee.

(c) When the Life Membership Committee meets to consider Nominations one (1) member will be appointed as the Chairman to preside over the meeting.

(d) A quorum for a meeting of the Life Membership Committee shall be five (5).

(e) Chairman's Vote - The Chairman votes only to break a tie, but is not compelled to do so, as a tied motion is lost unless the Chairman casts his vote to pass it.

# DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

11. (a) The President shall be Chairman at all meetings of the Association and shall on all ceremonial occasions represent the Association.

(b) In the absence or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall be Chairman at all meetings of the Association and represent the Association on all ceremonial occasions.

(c) The Secretary shall carry out duties under the direction of the Management Committee and keep a true and correct record of all Minutes of all meetings, attend to correspondence, issue notices for meetings, keep records and carry out such duties as the Management Committee may from time to time direct.

(d) The Treasurer shall receive all moneys payable to the Association, give receipts for same and keep proper books of account for all moneys received and disbursed and maintain an assets register. The Treasurer

shall present at each Committee Meeting a balance of the finances of the Association. The financial year of the Association shall be from the 1st November to the next following 31st October inclusive. All monies received for and on behalf of the Association shall be paid to the credit of the Association into such bank as the Management Committee may determine and all moneys paid by or on behalf of the Association shall be paid by cheque drawn against the funds of the Association on such bank and be signed by any two (2) of the President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary/Social Secretary and Treasurer.

# LIQUOR

12. (a) No member under the age of eighteen (18) years may be admitted to the premises of the Association that are the subject of a licence or permit under the Liquor Licensing Act 1988 as amended or reenacted unless expressly permitted by the Management Committee or they are in the company of an adult person with authority over him or her.

(b) Liquor shall be sold for consumption on the premises only.

(c) No liquor shall be sold or supplied to any juvenile (i.e. any person under the age of eighteen years).

(d) No payment or part payment to any Secretary, Treasurer, Manager 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.

(e) No stranger shall be permitted to use the Club premises and no member or other person shall admit a stranger to use the Club premises.

(f) The Club shall only open for the sale of liquor during such hours (within the hours permitted under the Liquor Licensing Act 1988) as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

(g) No liquor shall be sold or disposed of on Christmas Day, Good Friday or Anzac Day except as permitted under the provisions of the Liquor Licensing Act 1988.

(h) The Club shall nominate a person as the approved manager pursuant to the provisions of Section 100 of the Liquor Licensing Act 1988.

(i) Where the approved manager is absent in excess of two (2) days (forty eight hours), the Club shall appoint a temporary manager and the relevant application shall be lodged with the Director of Liquor Licensing.

(j) Guests- A member may introduce to the Association during the trading hours of any licence or permit held by the Association, guests not exceeding three (3) in number in a member's company.

(i) Names of guests and of the members introducing them shall be entered into a book provided which will remain open for inspection at all times.

(ii) A guest shall not be supplied with liquor in the Club premises except on the invitation and in the company of the member.

(iii) A guest shall be supplied with liquor to be consumed on the Club premises only.

(iv) The member introducing the guest shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the guest whilst on Club premises.

(v) Any person who has been refused membership of the Club or who shall be under suspension or expulsion from the Club, shall not be admitted as a guest of any member of the club.

(vi) A member may, at their expense, and with the approval of the Club Committee, supply liquor to guests, without limitation as to number, at a function held by or on behalf of that member, at the Club premises.

# NOTICES

13. All notices which are required to be given to a Member may be sent by prepaid post in an envelope addressed to the Member at his address appearing in the Register Book of the Association and such notice shall be deemed to be received by the member at the expiration of forty-eight (48) hours after posting thereof. The Certificate of the Secretary or Treasurer of the Association stating that a notice was duly posted on a certain day and at a certain time shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

# MEETINGS

14. (a) Annual General Meeting –

(i) The Annual General Meeting of members shall be held within 4 months of the end of the financial year.

(ii) The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be forty (40) or 30% of members present in person or by proxy, whichever is the lesser.

(b) Ordinary General Meeting –

(i) Ordinary General Meetings shall be held from time to time as deemed necessary by the Management Committee.

(ii) The quorum for the Ordinary General Meeting shall be twenty (20) or 20% of members present in person or by proxy, whichever is the lesser.

(c) Special General Meeting -

(i) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Management Committee or on the written request of not less than twenty (20) or 20% of members, whichever is the lesser, and stating the matters to be considered at such meeting is required.

(ii) The quorum for the Special General Meeting shall be forty (40) or 30% of members present in person or by proxy, whichever is the lesser.

(d) Seven (7) days notice in writing of each Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting and Special General Meeting shall be given to

every member.

# VOTING

15. (a) At meetings of the Association no Honorary Member and no Social Member shall be entitled to vote.

(b) At all meetings of the Association each Active Member and each Life Member either in person or by proxy shall have only one vote.

(c) Voting by proxy shall only be permitted in accordance with Clause 16.

(d) Postal voting shall only be permitted in accordance with Clause 9(b).

(e) No member may vote at any meeting who is not a paid up financial member.

(f) President's Vote – The President votes only to break a tie, but is not compelled to do so, as a tied motion is lost unless the President casts his vote to pass it.

**PROXIES OF MEMBERS**

16. An Active Member and Life Member (in this clause called “the appointing member”) may appoint in writing another member who is a natural person to be the proxy of the appointing member and to attend and vote on behalf of the appointing member at any Ordinary, Special or Annual General Meeting.

# STANDING ORDERS AT MEETINGS

17. (a) At Ordinary General Meetings, the order of business shall be as follows:

(i) Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting

(ii) Business arising out of the Minutes

(iii) Correspondence

(iv) Apologies

(v) Secretary's Report

(vi) Treasurer's Report

(vii) Social Secretary's Report

(viii) General Business

(b) At the Annual General Meeting, the order of business shall be as follows:

(i) Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

(ii) Business arising out of the Minutes

(iii) Correspondence

(iv) Apologies

(v) Adoption of the Annual Report and audited Balance Sheet and Financial Statement

(vi) Notice of Motion (if any)

(vii) Election of Officers

(viii) Report from Life Membership Committee

(ix) General Business (To include Subscriptions, Honoraria and Honorary Auditor)

(c) At a Special General Meeting, the order of business shall be as follows:

(i) Apologies

(ii) Business as defined under Clause 14(c)

(d) At the Annual General Meeting, Ordinary and Special General Meetings and at all Committee Meetings, the following rules will apply:

(i) At all meetings the ordinary rules of debate shall be observed. No member shall speak to a motion more than once without permission from the Chairman, except the mover of the motion, who shall have the right of reply.

(ii) No more than two amendments shall be accepted at one time, but notice of further amendments may be given.

(iii) A motion "that the question be now put" cannot be debated and if seconded such a motion shall be submitted without delay.

(iv) In dealing with the correspondence, every letter after having been read shall be taken as formally received unless a motion to the contrary be submitted and every letter shall be dealt with immediately after the contents have been known to the Committee.

(v) No discussions shall take place except on a motion or amendment moved, seconded and put into writing, if so demanded by the Chairman.

(vi) If the amendment be carried it shall become the substantive motion, the original motion lapsing and there will be no necessity to put the original motion to the Meeting. It will be competent, whether the amendment is carried or not, to receive other amendments one at a time, to be decided in like manner until the subject before the Chair is finally disposed of.

(vii) (1) No member shall speak more than once upon the same question without permission from the Chairman, except the mover of the amendment to the motion. Thereupon all discussions shall cease and questions shall be put.

(2) Any member seconding a motion or amendment without remark, shall not be held to have spoken thereon.

(3) In case of amendments being lost, the Chairman shall put the original motion to the vote without further discussion.

(viii) When a motion is moved and seconded that the Chairman's ruling be disagreed with, the Chairman shall forthwith leave the Chair and the debate on the original question then before the Chair be suspended. The next Senior Officer present will occupy the Chair and the question of the Chairman's ruling be disagreed with shall be decided, after which the former Chairman shall resume the Chair and the debates on the original question shall be proceeded with as if the same had not been suspended.

(ix) A motion or amendment having been moved and seconded, debate may ensue, but not more than two other speakers shall follow successively on the same side of the question. If two speakers having so spoken, there be no other speaker to take the opposite view, the question shall be then put forth.

(x) Any member, with the consent of the Chairman may offer an explanation of any particular expression used by that member, but must confine them self strictly to such.

(xi) No member shall enter or leave the meeting whilst a vote or division is being taken.

(xii) In all cases where a Point of Order is raised, the member raising the same shall state their Point of Order clearly and distinctly and, if a member is speaking, such member shall take their seat until the Point of Order is decided, the Chairman to decide the matter and not allow discussion.

# NON PROFIT

18. The income and property of the Association whensoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Association, provided that, nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association, or to any member of the Association in return for any services actually rendered to the Association; or reasonable and proper rent for premises let by any member of the Association.

# SUBSCRIPTIONS

19. The annual subscriptions for Membership shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting and shall be payable in the case of an Active Member immediately on notification of appointment as an Umpire and in all other cases no later than the 31st of May each year.

# AUDITOR

20. There shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Association an

Honorary Auditor of the Association who shall not be a member of the Committee but shall submit an audited report of the Treasurer's accounts to the Annual General Meeting each year.

# LIFE MEMBERS

21. (a) Life Membership will be granted to any current or former Active Member who has-

(i) umpired two hundred (200) games at League level; or

(ii) completed fifteen (15) years service as an Active Member;

and the Member's behaviour has been consistent with the Code of Conduct of the Association as set out in the Regulations.

Where the member's behaviour has not been consistent with the Code of Conduct full details shall be forwarded to the Life Membership Committee who may approve or reject the granting of Life Membership or forward it to the membership to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Life Members may be elected from current or former Active Members who have rendered a minimum of five (5) years dedicated service to the Association and completed a minimum of ten (10) years service as an Active Member.

(c) Life Members may be elected from Honorary and Social Members who have rendered a minimum of twelve (12) years of dedicated service to the Association.

(d) Nominations, in writing, proposed and seconded by either Life or Active Members shall be forwarded to the Management Committee for initial endorsement prior to submission to the Life Membership Committee.

(e) All nominations endorsed by the Management Committee shall be considered by the Life Membership Committee in accordance with the Life Membership Policy and they may either approve or reject the nomination(s).

(f) If approved by a majority of the Life Membership Committee, the nomination(s) including details of service shall be forwarded to the membership in the Notice calling the Annual General Meeting.

(g) Voting on a nomination at the Annual General Meeting shall be by secret ballot and requires the endorsement of a simple majority of those attending and entitled to vote either in person or by Proxy.

# COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

22. Members who feel aggrieved regarding any matter in connection with the Association's administration may submit their complaint of grievance in writing to the Secretary, who shall refer them to the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall convey its decision to the next General Meeting of the Association, which after giving the aggrieved member a right to state their case shall accept or reject the finding of the Management Committee. The complainant shall be advised in writing as soon as practicable after a decision is reached.

# POWERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

23. (a) Should any matter or issue arise which is not provided for in these rules, or as to the interpretation thereof, the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for decision. The Management Committee may seek an outside opinion on any matter so raised. The Management Committee's decision may be ratified or rejected by a General Meeting.

(b) The Management Committee shall deal with members guilty of:

(i) Adverse comment on the ability or skill of a fellow member acting as an umpire in any match in any grade if such comment is made in public or made to anyone outside the members of this Association.

(ii) Conduct which is likely to bring discredit to this Association.

(iii) Any breach of the Constitution and/or of any Rules of this Association from time to time.

(iv) Who are unfinancial and remain so for thirty (30) days.

In the exercise of its powers the Committee may after giving the allegedly guilty members a right to state their case censure, suspend, fine or in grave cases, expel a member. The members shall be entitled to overrule any decision of the Management Committee at a Special General Meeting specially called for the purpose by a three quarters (3/4) majority of those present and voting at the same.

# RESCISSION OF RESOLUTIONS

24. (a) No resolution previously passed by an Annual, Special or Ordinary General Meeting of the Association shall be rescinded unless Notice of Motion is given at a General Meeting of the Association prior to the General Meeting at which such motion is to be discussed.

(b) Every member giving such Notice of Motion shall read it aloud and hand to the Secretary such motion in writing, together with their name and the date proposed for bringing on such Notice.

(c) No previous resolution of the Association shall be rescinded unless the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs are complied with and three quarters (3/4) of the members voting assent to the rescission.

# INDEMNITY

25. Every member of the Management Committee of the Association and every auditor and other officer or servant of the Association shall be indemnified from the funds of the Association against all damages and costs that may be recovered against them or any one or more of them in any legal proceedings that may be instituted against them or any one or more of them in consequence of the performance of their duties and also against all costs that may be incurred by them or any one or more of them in defending such proceedings.

# ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

26. (a) No alteration or amendment to this Constitution or these Rules shall be made except by a three quarters (3/4) majority of Active and Life Members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Association or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

(b) Within fourteen (14) days after the making of any amendment or alteration to the Constitution of the Association, the Management Committee shall send or deliver to the Director of Liquor Licensing a certified copy of the amendment or alteration.

# COMMON SEAL

27. The Common Seal of the Association shall be in the custody of the Secretary and shall be affixed to any document only pursuant to a resolution of the Committee. The affixation of the Seal shall be witnessed by the President or the Vice President and the Secretary.

The Sealing Clause shall read: "The Common Seal of the Western Australian National Football League Umpires' Association (Inc.) is hereunto affixed by authority of the Committee in the presence of (President's or Vice President's signature) and (Secretary's signature)".

# DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

28. (a) The Association shall be deemed to have dissolved if a resolution in favour of dissolution shall be carried by a three quarters (3/4) majority of

the Association specially convened for the purpose of considering such resolution.

(b) If upon dissolution of winding up of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to such other association or institution having objects similar wholly or in part to the objects of the Association (which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members) or to some other charitable object or objects determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution or winding up. If effect cannot be given to such determination then such payment or distribution shall be determined by a judge of the Supreme Court.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Constitution of the Western Australian National Football League Umpires' Association (Inc.).

SIGNED by Dwyer and Durack

Per:

Solicitors for the Western Australian National Football League Umpires' Association (Inc.).

# REGULATIONS

The following Regulations represent the Code of Conduct applicable to all members of the WANFL Umpires' Association.

1 The spirit of these Regulations is to promote a professional image for umpires of Australian football and to foster good fellowship and mutual respect amongst members of the WANFLUA.

2 Behaviour:

- A professional standard of behaviour and conduct is expected of all members both on and off the field.
- All members of this Association shall be considered equal and each member is required to respect and uphold the rights of other members.
- Umpires shall conduct themselves in an impartial manner and shall uphold the laws of the game and the reputation of the WANFLUA.

3 A professional standard of attire is required at all in-season games and official functions, unless officially stated otherwise. Pre-season games attire may be casual, however neat.

4 It is incumbent on all umpires to familiarise themselves with The Laws of Australian Football and the WANFL Umpires Association Constitution and Rules which form the basis of this Association.

5 Members shall respect and adhere to directions from the Coaching Staff and other officials appointed by the WAFC or other controlling bodies or Commissions. The only exceptions permitted from this regulation shall be in the instance of decisions endorsed by the Management Committee or the membership of the WANFLUA.

6 Written complaints regarding alleged breaches of these regulations may be lodged with the Management Committee which may then exercise its powers in accordance with Clause 22 of the Constitution and Rules.

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

**Life Membership**

Life Membership will be acknowledged by the awarding of a Life Membership Badge at the Annual General Meeting and a Certificate of Life Membership which will be presented at the next Life Members' Dinner.

While free membership is provided to Life Members, recipients will be encouraged to donate their regular subscriptions to the Association for the period that they remain as an Active Member.

**Assessment Criteria**

Consideration for Life Membership must be beyond any aspects of personality or past conflict. It must reflect a true appreciation of the whole contribution made to the Association over the period of membership and service being considered. Each nomination for Life Membership must be considered on its individual merits.

In considering the nominations for Life Membership under Clauses 21(b) and (c) the Management Committee and the Life Membership Committee shall have regard to the following criteria:

***Attitude***

The member must have demonstrated:

- an active and positive participation in the activities of the Association during the period of service; and
- behaviour consistent with the Code of Conduct as set out in the Regulations.

***Service to the Association***

The member must have rendered dedicated service to the Association that is over and above that which would ordinarily be expected, both as an umpire and Active Member, or as an honorary or social member of the Association.

In determining whether a member nominated under Clause 21(b) has rendered dedicated service to the Association, the Management Committee and the Life Membership Committee must consider the contributions made by the member in all aspects of the on-going running and administration of the Association, including:

- **Service on the Management Committee or as the Bar Manager**

  The types of positions held, the demands of those positions and the contributions made by the member will all be taken into account. Simply being an elected member of the Management Committee will not be enough.

- **Service in a Support Role**

  Contributions made by the member in a Supporting Role will also be taken into account, which includes:

  - Website maintenance
  - Writing articles for the website
  - Assistance to the Social Secretary and the Bar Manager
  - Preparation of the year book
  - Preparation of the newsletter
  - Honour Board Maintenance, Trophies, Certificates, Merchandise, Photography and Statistics
  - Any other relevant contributions