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REGISTERED CLUBS ACT 1976 - SECT 30

Rules of registered clubs

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(1) The rules of a [registered club](#) shall be deemed to include the following rules:

(a) The governing body of the club responsible for the management of the business and affairs of the club is to be elected:

(i) annually, or

(ii) if a rule of the club so provides-biennially, or

(iii) if a rule of the club so provides-in accordance with Schedule 4,

at an election in respect of which the [full members](#) only of the club (or a subclass of [full members](#) determined by a rule of the kind referred to in subsection (9)) are entitled to vote.

(b) A person shall not hold office as a [member](#) of the governing body of the club unless the person is a [full member](#) of the club.

(c) The governing body of the club shall hold a meeting at least once in each month of the year and minutes of all proceedings and resolutions of the governing body shall be kept and entered in a book provided for the purpose.

(d) A person shall not:

(i) attend or vote at any meeting of the club or of the governing body or any committee of the club, or

(ii) vote at any election of, or of a [member](#) of, the governing body of the club,

as the proxy of another person.

(f) A person shall not be admitted to [membership](#) of the club except as an [ordinary member](#) (whether or not persons may be admitted as different classes of [ordinary members](#)), [provisional member](#), [life member](#), [honorary member](#) or [temporary member](#).

(g) A person shall not be admitted as a [member](#) of the club, other than as a [provisional member](#), [honorary member](#) or [temporary member](#), unless the person is elected to [membership](#) at a meeting of the [full members](#) of the club or at a duly

convened meeting of the governing body or election committee of the club, the names of whose [members](#) present and voting at that meeting are recorded by the [secretary](#) of the club.

(h) An [employee](#) of the club shall not vote at any meeting of the club or of the governing body of the club, or at any election of the governing body of the club, or hold office as a [member](#) of the governing body of the club.

(h1) An [employee](#) of the club must not vote at any election of the governing body of another club or association if any [member](#) of that governing body would, as the result of that election, be entitled or qualified to be appointed (or be nominated for appointment) to the governing body of the [registered club](#).

(i) Any profits or other income of the club shall be applied only to the promotion of the purposes of the club and shall not be paid to or distributed among the [members](#) of the club.

(j) The fee payable by, or by any class of, [ordinary members](#) for [membership](#) of the club shall be an amount, not being less than \$2 per annum, specified in the rules of the club other than the rules contained in this subsection or subsection (2) and be payable annually or, if the rules of the club other than the rules contained in this subsection or subsection (2) so provide, by monthly, quarterly or half-yearly instalments, and in advance, or for more than 1 year in advance.

(2) The rules of a [registered club](#) shall be deemed also to include the following rules:

(a) The names and addresses of persons proposed for election as [ordinary members](#) of the club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises of the club for at least 1 week before their election.

(b) An interval of at least 2 weeks shall elapse between the proposal of a person for election as an [ordinary member](#) of the club and his or her election.

(c) A person shall not be admitted as an [honorary member](#) or as a [temporary member](#) of the club unless:

(i) the person is admitted in accordance with the rules of the club, and

(ii) subsection (3A) is complied with in the case of an [honorary member](#) or subsection (3B) is complied with in the case of a [temporary member](#).

(d) [Liquor](#) must not be sold, supplied or disposed of on the premises of the club to any person who is not a [member](#) of the club except:

(i) on the invitation and in the company of a [member](#) of the club, or

(ii) if the person is attending a [function](#) in respect of which a club [functions](#) authorisation under section 23 is in force.

(e) A person under the age of 18 years must not be admitted as a [member](#) of the club unless the purpose of [membership](#) is to enable the person to take part in regular sporting activities organised by the club.

- (f) A person under the age of 18 years shall not propose or second a person for admission as a [member](#) of the club.
- (g) [Liquor](#) shall not be sold, supplied or disposed of on the premises of the club to any person under the age of 18 years.
- (h) A person under the age of 18 years shall not use or operate [approved gaming machines](#) on the premises of the club.
- (i) A register of persons who are [full members](#) of the club shall be kept in accordance with section 31.
- (j) A register of persons who are [honorary members](#) of the club (other than [honorary members](#) referred to in section 30A) is to be kept in accordance with section 31.
- (j1) A register of persons who are [honorary members](#) of the club, being persons referred to in section 30A, who attend the club on any day is to be kept in accordance with section 31 as a separate register from the register referred to in paragraph (j).
- (k) A register of persons of or above the age of 18 years who enter the premises of the club as [guests](#) of [members](#) shall be kept in accordance with section 31.
- (l) A register of persons who are [temporary members](#) of the club (other than [temporary members](#) referred to in subsection (10)) is to be kept in accordance with section 31.
- (m) A register of [temporary members](#) of the club (other than [temporary members](#) referred to in subsection (10)) who attend the club each day is to be kept in accordance with section 31 either as a separate register or as part of the register referred to in paragraph (l).
- (2A) If the rules of a club provide for the admission of [honorary members](#) or [temporary members](#), the rules are taken also to include a rule that there is to be prominently displayed at all times at each entrance on the club premises at which [members](#) and [guests](#) are permitted to enter:
- (a) subject to any exception created by the regulations under subsection (3C), a map that clearly shows the limits of the area within which an ordinary resident of the area is not eligible for [temporary membership](#) otherwise than under section 30 (10), and
 - (b) the rules of the club that relate to [temporary membership](#) of the club, and
 - (c) a copy of section 30 (10), unless the rules of the club provide that the provisions of that subsection do not apply to the club, and
 - (d) a copy of the definition of "guest" in section 4.
- (3) A rule referred to in subsection (1), (2) or (2A) has effect notwithstanding the provisions of any other law except a provision of this section.
- (3A) The rules of a [registered club](#) may not provide for a person to be an [honorary member](#) of the club unless the person holds office as a patron of the club or is a prominent citizen or local dignitary.

(3B) A person whose ordinary place of residence is in New South Wales and is within a radius of 5 kilometres from the premises of a [registered club](#) (in this subsection referred to as "the host club") is not eligible for admission as a [temporary member](#) of [the host club](#) unless the person is:

(a) a [member](#) of another [registered club](#) with similar objects to those of [the host club](#),
or

(b) a [member](#) of another [registered club](#) who is attending [the host club](#) as provided by subsection (10).

(3C) The regulations may create exceptions to subsection (3B).

(4) The provisions of subsection (1) (a) and (g) do not apply in respect of any club while:

(a) a person is acting in a capacity referred to in section 41 (1) in respect of that club, and

(b) that club does not, as a result of a person having been appointed so to act, have a governing body.

(5) Subsections (1) (a) and (g) and (2) (a) and (b) do not apply in respect of any club declared under section 13 (1) (b) to be an exempt club for the purposes of section 10 (5).

(5A) Subsection (1) (d) does not apply in respect of a [registered club](#) that is:

(a) a race club registered or licensed by Racing New South Wales, or

(b) a harness racing club registered by Harness Racing New South Wales, or

(c) a greyhound racing club registered by Greyhound Racing New South Wales.

(6) Subsection (2) (d) does not apply:

(a) in respect of the Sydney Cricket Ground Club, the Australian Jockey Club Limited (ACN 130 406 852), the Newcastle International Sports Centre Club referred to in [clause](#) 9 of Schedule 5 to the [Sporting Venues Authorities Act 2008](#) or any other club declared under subsection (7) to be an exempt club for the purposes of this paragraph, or

(b) in respect of the sale, supply or disposal of [liquor](#) to any person, other than a [member](#), in any part of the premises of a [registered club](#) while a reception is being held in that part where that person has been invited to the reception by a person entitled to issue the invitation.

(7) The Governor may, by order published in the Gazette, declare any club to be an exempt club for the purposes of subsection (6) (a).

(8) Any rule of a [registered club](#) (except a rule that is deemed by subsection (10) to be included in the rules of the club) that is inconsistent with any rule specified in subsection (1) or (2) is to the extent of the inconsistency of no force or effect.

(9) For the purposes of subsection (8) a rule of a club is not inconsistent with a rule specified in subsection (1) or (2) by reason only that:

(a) in relation to the election of the governing body of the club, referred to in subsection (1) (a), the rules of the club provide that the [members](#) of the club entitled to vote at that election consist of such class or classes of [full members](#) specified in those rules as comprises or comprise not less than 25% of the [full members](#) of the club,

(c) in relation to the age of any person, it specifies an age that is higher than the age specified in a rule contained in subsection (2), or

(d) the fee payable by, or by any class of, [ordinary members](#) for [membership](#) of the club is an amount specified or determined in accordance with the rules of the club that exceeds \$2 per annum and is payable, as may be provided by the rules of the club other than the rules contained in subsection (1) or (2), annually or by quarterly or half-yearly instalments.

(10) The rules of a [registered club](#) (in this subsection referred to as "the host club") shall, unless its rules provide that the provisions of this subsection do not apply to that club, be deemed to include a rule that a [full member](#) of any other [registered club](#) or any interstate club (as defined in subsection (13)) who, at the invitation of the governing body or of a [full member](#) of [the host club](#), attends on any day at the premises of [the host club](#) for the purpose of participating in an organised sport or competition to be conducted by [the host club](#) on that day shall be a [temporary member](#) of [the host club](#) from the time on that day when he or she so attends the premises of [the host club](#) until the end of that day.

(11) Any person who is a [temporary member](#) of a [registered club](#) under the rule deemed by subsection (10) to be a rule of a [registered club](#) shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have been admitted as a [temporary member](#) of that club in accordance with its rules.

(12) The provisions of:

(a) subsection (2) (c) do not apply to a [temporary member](#) referred to in subsection (10) of a [registered club](#), and

(b) subsection (10) do not affect the right of a [registered club](#) to make rules with respect to the admission of persons as [temporary members](#) of the club.

(13) For the purposes of subsection (10), an interstate club is a club that is:

(a) incorporated in a Territory or in a State other than New South Wales, and

(b) licensed, permitted or otherwise authorised under the law in force in the Territory or State to sell [liquor](#), and

(c) licensed, permitted or otherwise authorised under the law in force in the Territory or State to keep and to operate poker machines within the meaning of the [Gaming Machines Act 2001](#) .

For the purposes of subsection (10), a [full member](#) of an interstate club is a [member](#) of an interstate club who has full voting rights at general meetings of the interstate club.