# BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION 

OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

## RULES OF ASSOCIATION

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## DEFINITIONS

1. In these presents unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:
"The Committee" means the committee of management of the Association as hereinafter defined.
"Cue Sports" means all recognised games played with recognised cue sticks on cue sport tables.
"Officers" includes the President, Secretary and Treasurer, but does not include the Auditor or Honorary Solicitor.
"Month" means calendar month.
"Notice" includes any communication in writing.
"In writing" and "written" include printing, typing, lithography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in visible form.

Words including the singular number only include the plural number and vice versa.
Words importing the masculine gender only include the feminine and neuter gender. Words importing persons include corporations, associations, bodies, societies and all other groups of persons.

Words importing associations include corporations, bodies, organisations, societies and all other groups of persons.

## NAME

2. The name of the Association (which is hereinafter referred to as "the Association") is the Billiards and Snooker Association of South Australia Incorporated.

## OBJECTS

3. The objects in general of the Association are to foster encourage and stimulate interests in the game of snooker and cue sports and to endeavour to maintain a high standard of science and sportsmanship in the playing of cue sports and also by the maintenance of libraries reading rooms to provide a centre of information and advice on all matters pertaining thereto and in particular:
(a) To be the accredited representatives of all who play cue sports; to promote the welfare of such games and the players; to take such action thereon as may be deemed expedient and generally to control in the State of South Australia the game of cue sports;
(b) To promote the culture of the game of cue sports in any way the Association shall think proper including the maintenance and support of Associations and Clubs for promoting and playing the said games;
(c) To foster encourage and provide where possible facilities for playing a game of cue sports;
(d) To determine, from time to time, the qualifications of Referees and Officials and to conduct examinations and issue certificates of qualifications accordingly, subject to such conditions as may be determined.
(e) To provide cue sports rooms or club rooms and to obtain any licence or licences for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquor or tobacco or otherwise as may be thought desirable for the same, and to lay out, prepare and maintain the same for cue sports and social purposes of the Association and to provide lavatories, kitchens, bars, refreshment rooms, workshops and other conveniences in connection therewith, and to furnish, conduct and maintain the same and to permit the same to be used by members and other persons either gratuitously or for the payment in accordance with the law applicable thereto.
(f) To purchase, hire, make, provide and maintain furniture, implements, tools, utensils, linen and books, papers, periodicals, stationery, cards, games and other things required or which may be conveniently used in connection with the cue sports and/or club rooms or other premises of the Association by persons frequenting the same whether members of the Association or not.
(g) To buy, prepare, make, supply, sell and deal in all kinds of cue sports tables, cues, balls and all apparatus used in connection with cue sports, and all kinds of provisions and refreshments required or used by the members of the Association or other persons frequenting its premises.
(h) To purchase the freehold of or take on lease or licence, or in exchange, or otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or rights of property, real or personal, which may be requisite for the purposes or conveniently used in connection with the objects of the Association, and to sell, convey, transfer, assign, mortgage, lease, give in exchange or dispose of the same.

To hire, employ and dismiss secretaries, clerks, managers or servants and to pay them and to other persons in return for services rendered to the Association, salaries, wages, gratuities and pensions.
(j) To promote and hold, either alone or jointly with any other Association or persons, cue sports, contests, tournaments, competitions and matches and to offer, give or contribute towards prizes, medals and awards, and to give or guarantee any prize money and expenses whether for members or for professionals or other persons, and by these or like means to encourage the culture of cue sports and to promote, give or support dinners, balls, social gatherings or other entertainments.
(k) To serve as a central organisation of cue sports in the State of South Australia and the Association shall, so long as it desires affiliation with the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council or any other Body, Organisation or Association, do or cause to be done from time to time all such things as shall be necessary to effect and continue such affiliation in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council or such Body, Organisation or Association as the case may be.
(i) The Billiards and Snooker Association of South Australia Incorporated shall be deemed to desire affiliation with the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council and to have duly affiliated until dis-affiliation as hereinafter provided in this clause.
(ii) The Billiards and Snooker Association of South Australian Incorporated shall be deemed to desire affiliation with any other Body, Organisation or Association, as soon as it has passed at a General Meeting, a motion to seek such affiliation.
(iii) If a motion to dis-affiliate shall have been duly passed at a General Meeting of the Billiards and Snooker Association of South Australia Incorporated, the Association shall (subject to the provisions of the constitution of the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council or such other Body, Organisation or Association to which the affiliation relates) be deemed to have ceased to desire such affiliation and to have dis-affiliated as at the end of the said General meeting.
(iv)Following dis-affiliation whether pursuant to this Clause or otherwise, the Billiards and Snooker Association of South Australia Incorporated may at a subsequent General Meeting pass a motion to seek re-affiliation with the relevant Body, Organisation or Association and shall thereafter be deemed to desire affiliation with that Body, Organisation and Association
(1) Subject in the case of games played on an English billiards table to the rules from time to time of the International Billiards and Snooker Federation and the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council to make, adopt, vary, register and copyright, rules, regulations, by-laws and conditions for the regulations of the said game and to fix standards for all or any of the implements used in such games.
(m) To establish, acquire, print, publish or circulate, sell or otherwise deal with any publication on cue sports.
(n) To examine claims for and certify records.
(n) To determine any differences arising between players with regard to the interpretation of the rules of the game and to take all such steps as the Association may deem necessary for enforcing a correct interpretation of the rules and to prevent any infringement thereof or the introduction of improper methods or practices in such games from abuse thereby.
(o) To promote, manage and control matches for state championships and subject as aforesaid to make adopt and vary rules, regulations, by-laws and conditions for the conduct and regulations of such matches.
(q) To organise funds for the working of the Association; to render monetary assistance if considered advisable for the welfare of the Association's employees or persons connected with the playing of cue sports and to subscribe and contribute to any charity or benevolent or useful object of a public character and to employ salaried officers if necessary to work for the Association and to fix and provide for their remuneration.
(r) To manage all funds and assets of the Association and generally to give effect to any other matters incidental or conductive to the furtherance of the objects and the aims of the Association.
(s) Borrowing Powers

The Association may from time to time borrow or secure the payment of sums of money for the purpose of the operation of the Association, from banks or other financial institutions, upon such terms and conditions as the Committee see fit, and may secure the repayments thereof by charging the assets of the Association.

## MEMBERSHIP

(3A) The Association shall consist of Ordinary Members, Associate Members, Life Members, Affiliated Association Club or Institution Members, Honorary Members and Junior Members. Only persons being not less than eighteen (18) years of age shall be eligible for membership other than Junior Membership. Junior Members will be persons being not less than twelve (12) years of age or older than seventeen (17) years of age

## OFFICERS

4. The officers of the Association shall be a President, an Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire. Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election from year to year. Nominations in writing for these Officers duly proposed and seconded by two financial members and accepted by the nominee shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary three clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting to be held in January of each year. The election shall be held by ballot at each Annual General Meeting.

## THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

5. The Committee of Management (hereinafter called "the Committee") shall consist of the President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and not more than six other members. Three members of the Committee shall be a Quorum. Nomination and election of the six other members of the Committee shall be as in rule four for the Officers of the Club. These six members shall be elected to the Committee for a term of two years with one half of the members retiring each year. A retiring member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least once in each calendar month and shall be presided over by the President, but if the President be absent from any meeting, then a nominated committee person.
The Chairman shall on all occasions have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

Should any member absent himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee without leave, his seat may be declared vacant by the Committee

The entire management of the Association (except as otherwise provided by these rules) shall be deputed to the Committee.

Should any vacancy occur during the year in the personnel of the Officers and/or the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to fill such vacancy.

## SEALHOLDERS

6. The Committee shall from time to time appoint any member not exceeding three of the members of the Committee to be Seal holders. The persons so appointed and the survivors of them shall severally continue to be the Seal holders until the Committee shall otherwise appoint. The Common Seal of the Association may be affixed by any two Seal holders to any document which the Committee shall direct to be sealed. Any deed, instrument or document to which the seal shall be affixed shall be counter-signed by two of the Seal holders.

## DUTIES OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY

The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and shall have the custody of all documents of the Association except where otherwise specifically authorised by the Committee. He shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings and records of the Association which shall be the property of the Association, and he shall carry out the directions of the Committee.

## DUTIES OF THE HONORARY TREASURER

The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all monies payable to the Association and shall pay the same into such bank to the credit of the Association as the Committee may from time to time direct and shall also keep correct accounts of the Association and he shall make up the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet of the Association to the last day of January of each year which shall after the audit be copied or printed and a copy shall be sent to each member of the Association with the notice calling the Annual General meeting.

## PAYMENTS

9. All payments shall be made by order of the Committee and all accounts paid by cheque shall be signed by any two of the nominated signatories

## DUTIES OF THE AUDITOR

10. One member shall be appointed Honorary Auditor at the Annual General meeting. He shall audit the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet and shall certify the same before they are made available for inspection by the members. Should no election be made at the Annual General Meeting or should a vacancy occur, the Committee shall have power to elect an Auditor or fill any vacancy.

## PATRON

The Association may in General Meeting appoint one or more Patrons of the Association for the term expiring at the next Annual General Meeting. A Patron shall be entitled to receive notice to attend all meetings of the Association and to the Executive Committee but shall not at such be entitled to vote unless otherwise a member of the Association. The privileges of membership shall be extended to every Patron even if not a member of the Association.

## VICE-PATRONS

12. The Committee may on the recommendation made at any Annual General Meeting of any member appoint any number of Vice-patrons not exceeding twenty, and shall have all the other privileges of membership. A Vice-patron shall have the right to attend any meeting of the Association, but not to vote unless otherwise a member of the Association

## ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

13. The entrance fee (if any) and the annual subscription shall be such amounts as the Committee of the Association shall determine.

## FINANCIAL MEMBERS

14. All annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the first day of the financial year. The financial year of the Association, shall commence on the first day of January in each year. No member who is in arrears with his subscription for one month or more shall vote at any meeting or for the election of any member and if he shall vote his vote shall not be counted. A list of members shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary, and produced to the members when requested. Any member whose subscription is unpaid after a period of two months from the commencement of the financial year in any year, shall cease to be a member of the Association, but the Committee may for what appears to it in its absolute discretion to be a good reason, reinstate any member ceasing to be a member under this rule.. If the Committee shall omit or refuse to reinstate such person it shall not be bound to give any reason for such omission or refusal.

## LIFE MEMBERS

15. On the recommendation of the Committee an ordinary member may be elected a Life Member at any Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall thereafter be entitled to all the privileges of membership without paying the annual subscription or any special payments for such life membership. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting which shall be by ballot, shall be necessary at such election

## HONORARY MEMBERS

16. The Committee may invite as Honorary Members during residence in South Australia such persons as it shall in its discretion think fit; such membership shall expire after a period of three months. Members may send to the Honorary Secretary names suggested for invitation. Honorary Members will not be required to pay any entrance fee or subscription and they shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be entitled to vote at meetings or hold any office in the Association.

## JUNIOR MEMBERS

17. Junior Members may not vote at any meeting of the Associations, nor sign any Notice of Intention to propose any alteration to the Rules of the Association.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

18. Associate members will enjoy all of the privileges of full membership with the exception of voting rights at any general meeting or subsequent extraordinary meetings, nor may they sign any notice of intention to propose any alteration to the rules of the Association. They cannot hold a position on Committee.

## AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION CLUB OR INSTITUTION MEMBERS

18(a). These members as such are to be accepted by the Committee and will enable them to enjoy the facilities of the clubrooms. The annual fee is to be determined by the Committee.

## WITHDRAWING AND RE-JOINING

19. A member may at any time withdraw from the Association by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary and paying all monies due at the date of giving such notice.

## EXPULSION

20. The Association shall have power at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose in accordance with rule Twenty-one and at which not less than ten members shall be present to adopt a resolution to remove the name of any member from the list if in the opinion of two-thirds of the members voting (which shall be ascertained by ballot) he has by his conduct forfeited his right to remain a member Before calling such a meeting the Committee shall communicate to the offending member the charge or complaint alleged against him and he shall be first given the option of withdrawing from the Association. Any member expelled in accordance with the rules or otherwise ceasing to be a member of the Association shall forfeit all such rights to or claim upon the Association or its property or funds as he would The Committee shall have power to suspend have by reason of his membership any member from membership of the Association pending the holding of the Extraordinary Meeting hereinbefore referred to. Provided however that the period of such suspension shall not exceed 21 days.

During the period of any such suspension the member concerned shall not be entitled to exercise or enjoy any of the rights or privileges of membership except that he shall be allowed to attend and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting hereinbefore referred to.

## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

21. Ordinary General Meetings of the members of the Association shall be held regularly at such places and time as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in January and at such time and place as the Committee shall determine. At least ten day's notice thereof shall be given in writing, or email, to each member.

The President when present shall preside at all General Meetings of the Association but if the President be absent, then the members present shall elect a committee person as Chairman. The Chairman presiding at any General Meeting shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote. The Chairman with the consent of the meeting may adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

At all meetings of members (except as otherwise herein provided) the mode of voting shall be by show of hands or if required by three members, by actual division, or by ballot and a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect in the minute book of the proceedings of the Association shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution

The Committee may call an extraordinary General Meeting when any question of urgent importance shall arise and shall be bound to do so on receiving a requisition signed by six members of the Association and specifying the subject to be discussed. At least ten day's notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting specifying the business to be transacted and the day, place and hour of the meeting shall be sent to every member by letter, or email. At all General Meetings of the Association save where otherwise provided by these rules ten members shall be a quorum.

## ALTERATION TO RULES

22. No rule of the Association shall be altered, amended, added to or varied or repealed nor shall any new rule be made except by ballot of all financial members and every financial member shall be given the opportunity and have the right to vote in respect thereof. Notice of the intention to propose any new rule or to make any alteration, amendment, addition to variations or repeal of any existing rule together with the detailed wording thereof and supported by at least six other financial members shall be given to the Honorary Secretary at least twenty-one days before the Annual General Meeting in July in any year. The Honorary Secretary shall send to all financial members a full and complete copy of the proposal together with notice of same at least ten days before the date of the next Annual general Meeting.

## BY-LAWS

23. The Committee are empowered to make, repeal and amend such By-Laws as they may from time to time consider necessary for the management and well-being of the Association which By-Laws repeals and amendments shall have effect until set aside by the Committee of any General Meeting provided they are not in conflict with these Rules.

A copy of the By-Laws shall be supplied to every member as also shall any additions, alterations or amendments thereto.

## ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

24. No member shall take or permit to be taken out of the possession of the Officers of the Association any document, book or other article the property of the Association.

## ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

25. Every member shall on joining, communicate to the Honorary Secretary his address and thereafter notify the Honorary Secretary of any such change to his address. Such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered on the day following the date of posting

## MEMBERS BOUND BY RULES

26. Every member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and By-Laws of the Association. The Committee shall be the sole authority for interpreting the Rules and By-Laws of the Association, and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Association and not provided by these rules or by the Board of By-Laws made there under, shall be final and binding on all members

## BY-LAWS OF ASSOCIATION

## 1. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for the positions of President, Honorary Secretary, or Honorary Treasurer will be accepted only if the nominated person has completed two (2) years continuous membership of the Committee. The nominated person must not be bankrupt, convicted of a felony, or have committed a serious misdemeanour.

## 2. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

The position of President, Honorary Secretary, or Honorary Treasurer may be declared vacant if the occupant of such a position:
becomes bankrupt, is convicted of a felony, becomes incapable of continuing in office for health reasons or, in the opinion of the Committee, has committed a serious misdemeanour; by notice in writing resigns from office;

## 3. NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominations for membership of the Committee of Management will be accepted only if the nominated person has been an Ordinary Member or Life Member of the Association for the preceding twelve (12) months.

## 4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Persons may be ineligible for election to the Committee if they: are bankrupt;
have been convicted of a felony;
have committed a serious misdemeanour.

## 5. CASUAL VACANCIES

Where a position of Officer or Committee member becomes vacant for any reason other than retirement of the end of an appointed term, the position shall be filled by a resolution of the Committee


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