

RIVERTON-SADDLEWORTH MARRABEL UNITED
FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be "RIVERTON-SADDLEWORTH MARRABEL UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED" and for the purpose of this Constitution shall be referred to as the Club and shall consist of members hereinafter provided

2. OBJECTS

- (a) To promote the game of football as played according to the rules of the National Football League of Australia Limited and/or the South Australian National Football League Incorporated. To provide facilities for the members for playing football or any other game or pastime approved by the Committee of Management.
- (b) To do all things which the Club or Committee of Management may think necessary or desirable for promoting the recreation, accommodation and comfort of its members and for the preservation, upkeep and improvement of the Club's property and any other objects and purposes which the Club may decide upon from time to time.
- (c) The association shall have all the powers conferred by section 25 of the Act.

3. AFFILIATION

The Club shall affiliate with the North Eastern Football League Incorporated unless otherwise decided at an Annual General Meeting of the Club or at a Special Meeting of the Club called for the purpose.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any person desirous of being a member of the Club, subject to the approval of the Committee of Management and subject to the following provisions, shall pay a Membership Subscription, payment of which subject to the following provisions shall entitle the member to attend and except for Junior Members to vote at all Meetings of the Club.
- (b) The Membership Subscription or Subscriptions shall be fixed annually by the Committee of Management at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and shall be payable annually, and no later than the end of Round 4 of the season.

- (c) The Club shall have the following types of members
 - (i) Ordinary Members
Being those persons who have been accepted for membership and who shall have paid the Membership Subscription.
 - (ii) Senior Players
Being those Club players who are ineligible to play junior football who shall have paid the Membership Subscription.
 - (iii) Corporate Members
Being those companies or individuals who shall have completed a sponsorship agreement with the Club and paid such Sponsorship Subscription as required by such agreement.
 - (iv) Junior Members
Being those Club players or members eligible for junior football who shall have paid such Junior Membership fee fixed by the Committee of Management.
 - (v) Life Members
Being those persons who shall have been appointed Life Member by the Committee of Management.
- (d) The Committee of Management, without giving any reason, may refuse any person as a member and return the subscription paid by him/her and such person shall not thereafter be a member of the Club notwithstanding the payment of such subscription.

5. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The Committee of Management may create any person a life member of the Club in recognition of services rendered, but shall not create more than three life members in any one year.
- (b) No person shall be made a life member unless he or she has given a minimum of twenty years service as a senior player or official of the Club.
- (c) Life members shall not be required to pay an annual membership subscription.

6. CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee of Management may enter into such Sponsorship Agreements on such terms and conditions as it sees fit. Any company, individual or group of individuals entering into such Sponsorship Agreement shall be deemed a Corporate Member of the Club. For the purposes of voting at Club meetings a Corporate Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. In the event that the Corporate Member shall be a company or shall comprise of

more than one individual, the Corporate Member shall indicate on its Sponsorship Agreement the name of the person who shall be authorized to exercise such vote on behalf of the Corporate Member. A Corporate Member who is also an Ordinary Member, Senior Player Member or Life Member shall only be entitled to one (1) vote.

7. TERMINATION FOR MISCONDUCT

Any member guilty of conduct either on or off the football ground which be deemed derogatory to the interests of the Club may be expelled and membership terminated by the Committee of Management / or suspended. Membership of the Club will cease or suspended at the time of the making of such decision by the Committee of Management, if so decided.

8. MANAGEMENT

8.1 Any matter of whatever kind or nature so-ever, not herein dealt with or provided for, shall be dealt with in such manner as the Committee of Management in its absolute discretion shall think fit.

8.2 OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Football Operations Manager, who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

8.3 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- (a) The Committee of Management shall comprise the President, immediate past-President (for one year only), Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Football Operations Manager, a player's representative for the 'A' Grade and Reserves Grade teams who shall be elected by the members of the teams prior to the first League match, a representative of the Junior Grade teams ("Junior Committee Co-ordinator") who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, the coach of the 'A' Grade team, the coach of the Reserves Grade team, a trainer who shall be elected by the Committee of Management, a representative of the Social Committee who shall be elected by the Social Committee together with six other Club members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and who shall be subject to the provision of sub-clause (c) of this rule.
- (b) The Committee of Management shall have power to frame and make regulations and by-laws for the better government of the Club, such regulations and by-laws shall on passing forth-with be effective until rescinded by the Committee of Management or by the members present at a General Meeting of the Club.
- (c) The Officers of the Club will be elected for one year only, Coaches and Trainers will be appointed on a yearly basis and all other members of the Committee of Management will be elected for two year terms, unless otherwise agreed among themselves. All members are eligible for re-election, should nominations exceed positions, a ballot of members at the AGM will determine the elected positions.

- (d) The Committee of Management may delegate any of its powers to Sub-Committees in such a way as it thinks fit, and may recall such powers without explanation and revoke any appointment made.
- (e) Any vacancy occurring in the Committee of Management shall be filled by the Committee of Management. Any person so appointed shall serve until the following Annual General Meeting of the Club.

8.4 SUB COMMITTEES

8.4.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee of Management may appoint an Executive Committee comprising of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and not more than two other members of the Committee of Management. The Committee of Management may delegate such duties or functions to the Executive Committee as it sees fit.

8.4.2 SELECTION COMMITTEE

- (a) The selection committee for the purpose of selecting teams shall consist of the Captain or Co-Captains of the 'A' Grade, 'A' Grade Coach, Reserves Coach and two non playing selectors, such non-players to be elected by the Committee of Management and appointed Coaches before the start of the first minor round. Any vacancies occurring in any of the positions of the two non-playing members of such Selection Committee shall be filled at a meeting of the Committee to be held on or before the Wednesday prior to the next League match.
- (b) In the event of the Coach being elected captain of the 'A' Grade team the Vice-Captain of the 'A' Grade team shall be a member of the Selection Committee.

8.4.3 JUNIOR COMMITTEE

- (a) The Junior Committee Co-ordinator is to be elected at the Annual General Meeting to chair a Junior Committee to oversee the operation of the Junior Grades. The Junior Committee shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 10 financial members of the Club who shall be appointed by the Committee of Management following the receipt by it of recommendations from the Junior Representative. One of whom will be a minute secretary. The Junior Committee shall be accountable to the Committee of Management for the operation and conduct of the Junior Grades.
- (b) All Junior Coaches are to be part of the Junior Committee.
- (c) The Junior Committee is to meet prior to the commencement of the season, a minimum of three times throughout the season and once more at the completion of the season.

8.4.4 SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- (a) The functions of the Social Committee shall be to promote social activities for the well being and benefit of the Club in general and to raise funds for the furtherance of same.
- (b) The members of the Social Committee may be elected by the Club members at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The members of the Social Committee shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (d) The Chairman shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.
- (e) The members of the Social Committee shall elect one of their members to be a member of the Committee of Management.

8.4.5 RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

The committee of management shall appoint annually a recruitment committee following the Annual General Meeting. The recruitment committee shall consist of not less than 3 and not more than 5 people from the committee of management, one of whom shall be the Player Operations Manager.

The recruitment committee may engage the services of any individual(s) it deems appropriate from outside of the recruitment committee to aid in the recruitment of coaches and/or players. Any such individual(s) shall not to be directly involved with any meetings or discussions with coaches and/or players unless, that individual(s) services are requested by the recruitment committee.

9. NON-ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Any member of the Committee of Management failing to attend without a valid excuse two consecutive Committee of Management meetings, having been previously informed by the Secretary that the meeting had been convened shall be liable to forfeit his position on the Committee of Management.

10. NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

Annual General Meeting

- (a) Any member wishing to nominate for the Committee of Management who will be absent from the Annual General Meeting shall nominate in writing and have his nomination signed by two members of the Club. Such nomination must be delivered to the Secretary before the day appointed for the Annual General Meeting. Further nominations may be received from those present at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Committee of Management shall appoint a returning officer and deputy returning officer to conduct the annual elections.

- (c) At the Annual General Meeting one-half of the six Committee of Management members for the time being shall retire from office. A retiring member shall be eligible for re-election.
- (d) The Committee of Management members to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who became members of the Committee of Management on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

Eligibility To Vote

- (e) No member (other than Life Members) shall be eligible to vote at any Special or Annual General Meeting of the Club unless such person shall at the time of the taking of such vote have been a financial member of the Club for a period of not less than 30 days.
- (f) Junior players who pay a Junior subscription shall be Junior Members of the Club, but will not have any voting power in matters affecting Club policy.
- (g) The President of the Club shall at all meetings of the Club have a deliberate as well as a casting vote.

11. COACH

The Club will advertise all coaching positions for all Grades by the end of October or at the Committee of Management discretion. The coaches for all Grades shall be appointed by the Committee of Management on such terms as it may see fit.

12. TEAM OFFICIALS

All coaches, trainers, runners, team managers and other similar officials whether or not receiving remuneration for their services shall be financial members of the Club.

13. SELECTION OF NON MEMBERS

No unfinancial members shall be selected to play in any match without the consent of the Committee of Management.

14. ELECTION OF CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN

- (a) Captain or Co-Captains, Vice-Captain and Deputy Vice-Captain for the 'A' Grade and Reserves to be appointed by the Committee of Management. The Selection Committee shall recommend to the Committee of Management players for the positions of Captain or Co-Captain, Vice-Captain, and Deputy Vice-Captain for the 'A' Grade and Reserves teams. The Committee of Management shall not be bound to accept such recommendation.
- (b) The Captain of Co-Captains, Vice-Captain and player's representative, shall act until their successors are elected prior to the first League match in the following year.

15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the last Friday in November each year at which meeting the following business shall be transacted:-

- (a) The Annual Report and audited statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the past financial year shall be presented.
- (b) Election of a Patron or Patrons (not exceeding 3 in number) and the Officers of the Club.
- (c) Election of Members of the Committee of Management.
- (d) Appointment of Public Officer
- (e) Appointment of Checker/Checkers.
- (f) Any other business which the Chairman of the meeting may permit.
- (g) A Notice by advertisement in the "Northern Argus" which shall specify the time and place of such Annual General Meeting shall be published for the benefit of all members of the Club. Such notice shall be given at least fourteen days prior to the holding of such meeting. Each financial member to be notified at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

16. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special General Meetings of the Club shall be called by the Secretary whenever directed by the Committee of Management or whenever twenty of the members of the Club shall, by writing, therein setting out the objects of such meeting request him to do so, and the Secretary shall give to the members of the Club 14 days notice by advertisement in "The Northern Argus". Each financial member to be notified 14 days prior to any Special Meeting.

17. QUORUM AT MEETINGS

At the Annual or Special General Meetings of the Club, 20 members, and at all Committee of Management, Sub-Committee and Selection Committee meetings a majority of members shall form a quorum.

18. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The Club shall award Certificates of Service –

- (a) TO PLAYERS who have played 100 games of senior football and for each subsequent 100 games.
- (b) TO OFFICIALS who have given 10 years service to the Club and for each subsequent 10 years of service.

19. CLUB COLOURS

The colours of the Club shall be Navy Blue and White, and the Club to supply players with such uniform costumes as decided by the Committee of Management.

20. BANKING

An account shall be opened with one or more of the banks carrying on business in Riverton and/or Saddleworth to be selected by the Committee of Management, in the name of "Riverton-Saddleworth Marrabel United Football Club Incorporated" such account to be operated upon by the signatures of the President or the Vice-President and countersigned by either the Secretary or Treasurer. A signing officer shall satisfy himself that the payment has been duly authorised by the Committee of Management before signing the cheque for same.

21. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Club shall be first October through to thirtieth September.

22. DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:-

- (a) Receiver the contribution of members and all other monies due to the Club.
- (b) Keep a correct account of income and expenditure.
- (c) Pay all monies received into a bank account in the Club's name.
- (d) Keep correct account books showing the financial affairs of the Club and the particulars usually shown in books of account like nature, and shall submit a monthly summary of the financial affairs of the Club to the Committee of Management and a full statement thereof to the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) All payments made by or on account of the Club shall be by order of the Committee of Management by cheques signed by any two of such persons shall be nominated by the Committee of Management for that purpose.

23. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept current minutes of all meetings of the Committee of Management and of all General Meetings, conduct correspondence under direction of the Committee of Management and in general perform functions usually appertaining to this office.

24. AUDITORS/CHECKERS

The accounts of the Club shall be checked by a person or persons elected at the Annual General Meeting. Checker/Checkers shall not be members of the Committee of Management.

The Checked annual accounts shall be submitted with the report at the following Annual General Meeting

25. COMMON SEAL

There shall be a common seal of the Club with the name of the Club inscribed thereon and such seal shall not be used except with the authority and by direction of the Committee of Management who shall be responsible for the safe keeping the Common Seal. Any document to which the Club seal shall be affixed shall be signed by at least two of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

26. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

The Club, being an amalgamation of the Riverton Football Club and the Saddleworth/Marrabel Football Club, the following provisions are to apply in the event of the Club being dissolved in accordance with the provisions of Clause 28 hereof.

- (a) The property of the Club shall, after satisfaction of all liabilities, be divided into two equal parts by a division committee formed for that purpose and comprising five persons.
- (b) The division committee shall comprise the President and Secretary for the time being of the Riverton Recreation Ground Committee or their respective nominee, the President and Secretary for the time being of the Saddleworth Recreation Ground Committee or their respective nominee and a Licensed Valuer to be nominated by the immediate past President of the Club.
- (c) The decision of the division committee as to the division of the Club property into two equal parts shall be binding on all parties.
- (d) Should there be, at the time of the dissolution of the Club, a Football Club in existence or a Club being formed to promote the game of football in the Riverton District, that Club shall take one part of the property. If no Football Club is in existence or being formed in the Riverton District, then one part of the property shall go to the Riverton Recreation Ground Committee.
- (e) Should there be, at the time of the dissolution of the Club, a Football Club in existence or a Club being formed to promote the game of football in the Saddleworth/Marrabel District, that Club shall take one part of the property. If no Football Club is in existence or being formed in the Saddleworth/Marrabel District, then one part of the property shall go to the Saddleworth Recreation Ground Committee.

27. VARIATION OF RULES

No existing rule shall be repealed or altered, nor shall any of them be added to, or no new rule added except after 21 days notice of the motion thereof given to the Secretary and with the concurrence of a two-thirds majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or a meeting called especially for that purpose. Rules 26 and 28 shall not be altered.

28. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

The Club shall not be dissolved or its name changed without the consenting votes of five-sixths of the members present to be recorded at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

29. INTERPRETATION

In the interpretation of this Constitution

- (a) Words denoting the singular number include the plural number and vice versa and words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa.
- (b) Any notes heading any paragraph of this Constitution are for the sake of more convenient reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof,
- (c) Words denoting individuals or persons include corporations.
- (d) If any matter shall arise for which this Constitution does not provide or if there be doubt as to the interpretation thereof, the direction or opinion as the case may be of the Committee of Management shall be acted upon and shall be conclusive.

30. ADOPTION

This Constitution and Rules of the Riverton-Saddleworth Marrabel United Football Club Incorporated is adopted at a Special Meeting of members of the Club held in the Riverton Clubrooms on the Thirteenth day of November 1998, and any former Constitution, Rules, Regulations or Precedents heretofore subsisting are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Changes to the Constitution on the Twenty Third day of October 2009, have been adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the RSMU members, and form The Constitution of the Riverton-Saddleworth Marrabel United Football Club Incorporated and any former Constitution, Rules, Regulations or Precedents heretofore subsisting are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Changes to the Constitution on the Fourth day of November 2011, have been adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the RSMU members, and form the Constitution of the

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