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Rules

1 Interpretation

(1) In these rules—

Act means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Qld).

Centrals Juniors means Central ASA Junior Rugby League Incorporation IA10266.

Centrals Seniors means Central ASA Senior Rugby League Incorporation IA10926.

Liquor Act means the *Liquor Act 1988* (Qld) and includes any amendment or re-enactment of it or any legislation passed in substitution of it.

ordinary members means non-playing members (except in the case of senior players who hold both senior player membership and ordinary (senior) membership who have paid their annual membership fees and who hold the ordinary members (junior) or ordinary member (senior) membership classes.

present—

- (a) at a management committee meeting, see rule 23(6); or
- (b) at a general meeting, see rule 37(2).

special resolution means a resolution passed at a meeting:

- (a) being a meeting of which at least 14 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given; and
- (b) by a majority of at least 75% of those persons as, being entitled to do so, vote in person, or where proxies are allowed, by proxy, at that meeting.

(2) A word or expression that is not defined in these model rules, but is defined in the Act has, if the context permits, the meaning given by the Act.

2 Name

The name of the incorporated association is **CENTRALS ASA RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB INCORPORATED** (*the association*).

3 Objects

The objects of the association are—

(1) to encourage, foster and promote the game of Rugby League football ("the Game") throughout the local area of Townsville;

(2) to operate as an affiliated body of the Townsville District Junior Rugby League ("the Junior League"), Townsville District Senior Rugby League ("the Senior League") and the National Rugby League;

(3) to provide and maintain grounds, playing fields, materials, equipment and other facilities for the Game;

(4) to aid and support players of the Game; and

(5) to do all things necessary for or incidental to the advancement of the objects set out in this rule.

3A Application of Income and Property

(1) The income and property of the association, from wherever it is derived, must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the association as set out in rule 3.

4 Powers

(1) The association has the powers of an individual.

(2) The association may, for example—

(a) enter into contracts;

(b) acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of property;

(c) make charges for services and facilities it supplies;

(d) to appoint, employ, remove or suspend coaches, managers, team officials, team executives, league safe officers, trainers, clerks, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary of the association; and

(e) do other things necessary or convenient to be done in carrying out its affairs.

(3) Intentionally deleted.

(4) The association may also issue secured and unsecured notes, debentures and debenture stock for the association.

5 Classes of members

(1) The membership of the association consists of ordinary members (junior), ordinary members (senior), and any of the following classes of members—

(a) junior player members;

(b) senior player members;

(c) social members; and

(d) life members.

(2A) Junior Player Member

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 7, 8 and 9, the management committee may in its absolute discretion, by way of majority resolution, resolve that any person under

the age of 18 years who represents the association in the Junior League, be appointed as a Junior Player Member.

(b) A Junior Player Member shall have no voting rights.

(c) A Junior Player Member must pay the membership fee as determined under rule 8.

(2B) Senior Player Member

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 7, 8 and 9, the management committee may in its absolute discretion, by way of majority resolution, resolve that any person over the age of 18 years who represents the association in the Senior League, be appointed as a Senior Play Member.

(b) A Senior Player Member shall have no voting rights.

(c) A Senior Player Member must pay the membership fee as determined under rule 8.

(2C) Ordinary Member (Junior)

(a) In addition to the requirements of the provisions of rule 7, 8 and 9, an Ordinary Member (Junior) must be over the age of 18 years and be affiliated with a player of the association's Junior League team.

(b) An Ordinary Member (Junior) shall have a voting right.

(c) An Ordinary Member (Junior) must pay the membership fee as determined under rule 8.

(2D) Ordinary Member (Senior)

(a) In addition to the requirements of the provisions of rule 7, 8 and 9, an Ordinary Member (Senior) must be over the age of 18 years and be affiliated with a player of the association's Senior League team.

(b) An Ordinary Member (Senior) shall have a voting right.

(c) An Ordinary Member (Senior) must pay the membership fee as determined under rule 8.

(3) Social Member

(a) In addition to the requirements of the provisions of rule 7, 8 and 9, a Social Member must be over the age of 18 years and not represent the association in any divisional sporting activities.

(b) A Social Member shall have no voting rights.

(c) A Social Member is not required to pay any membership fee.

(4) Life Member

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 7, 8 and 9, the management committee may in its absolute discretion, by way of special resolution, resolve that any person who has in the management committee's opinion rendered conspicuous and exceptional services to the association and/or the Game, be appointed as a Life Member.

(b) A Life Member shall have the same voting rights as an ordinary member.

(c) A Life Member is not required to pay any membership fee.

(5) The number of members in each class is unlimited.

(5A) A person must only hold 1 class of membership at a time, except for a senior player who can hold the following class of membership at the same time:

(a) senior player member; and

(b) ordinary member (senior) or life member.

(6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these rules and in addition to the requirement of rules 7, 8 and 9, an organisation or entity other than a person may be a member of the association if:

- (a) the organisation agrees with the objects of the association;
- (b) the organisation is a not for profit, non government organisation; and
- (c) the organisation has a mission or purpose of reducing alcohol and drug related harm to individuals, families and the community and holds a level 3 accredited from Good Sports (or a similar organisation).

6 Automatic membership

(1) A person who, on the day the association is incorporated, was a member of Centrals ASA Junior Rugby League Inc or Centrals ASA Senior Rugby League Inc (including but not limited to life members) and who, on or before a day fixed by the management committee, agrees in writing to become a member of the association, must be admitted by the management committee—

- (a) to the equivalent class of membership of the association as the member held in the unincorporated association; or
- (b) if there is no equivalent class of membership—as an ordinary member of the relevant class.

7 New membership

(1) Subject to the provisions of rule 5, an applicant for membership of the association must be proposed by 1 member of the association (the *proposer*) and seconded by another member (the *seconder*).

(2) An application for membership must be—

- (a) in writing; and
- (b) signed by the applicant and the applicants proposer and seconder; and
- (c) in the form decided by the management committee.

(3) Once a general meeting has been called, an application for membership must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date of the general meeting.

8 Membership fees

(1) The membership fee for each ordinary membership and for each other class of membership (if any)—

- (a) is the amount decided by the management committee from time to time; and
- (b) is payable when, and in the way, the management committee decides.

(2) If no membership fee is decided by the management committee, it shall be \$10.00 per annum, payable on the 1st of October each year, for members required to pay a membership fee under rule 5.

9 Admission and rejection of new members

- (1) The management committee must consider an application for membership at the next committee meeting held after it receives—
 - (a) the application for membership; and
 - (b) the appropriate membership fee for the application,Except for Honorary Member positions which are determined by the members.
- (2) The management committee must ensure that, as soon as possible after the person applies to become a member of the association, and before the management committee considers the persons application, the person is advised—
 - (a) whether or not the association has public liability insurance; and
 - (b) if the association has public liability insurance—the amount of the insurance.
- (3) The management committee must decide at the meeting whether to accept or reject the application.
- (4) If a majority of the members of the management committee present at the meeting vote to accept the applicant as a member, the applicant must be accepted as a member for the class of membership applied for.
- (5) The secretary of the association must, as soon as practicable after the management committee decides to accept or reject an application, give the applicant a written notice of the decision.

10 When membership ends

- (1) A member may resign from the association by giving a written notice of resignation to the secretary.
- (2) The resignation takes effect at—
 - (a) the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
 - (b) if a later time is stated in the notice—the later time.
- (3) The management committee may terminate a members membership if the member—
 - (a) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - (b) does not comply with any of the provisions of these rules; or
 - (c) has membership fees in arrears for at least 2 months; or
 - (d) conducts himself or herself in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association (including but not limited to such conduct on social media).
- (4) Before the management committee terminates a members membership, the committee must give the member a full and fair opportunity to show why the membership should not be terminated.

(5) If, after considering all representations made by the member, the management committee decides to terminate the membership, the secretary of the committee must give the member a written notice of the decision.

11 Appeal against rejection or termination of Membership

(1) A person whose application for membership has been rejected, or whose membership has been terminated, may give the secretary written notice of the persons intention to appeal against the decision.

(2) A notice of intention to appeal must be given to the secretary within 1 month after the person receives written notice of the decision.

(3) If the secretary receives a notice of intention to appeal, the secretary must, within 1 month after receiving the notice, call a general meeting to decide the appeal.

12 General meeting to decide appeal

(1) The general meeting to decide an appeal must be held within 3 months after the secretary receives the notice of intention to appeal.

(2) At the meeting, the applicant must be given a full and fair opportunity to show why the application should not be rejected or the membership should not be terminated.

(3) Also, the management committee and the members of the committee who rejected the application or terminated the membership must be given a full and fair opportunity to show why the application should be rejected or the membership should be terminated.

(4) An appeal must be decided by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the meeting.

(5) If a person whose application for membership has been rejected does not appeal against the decision within 1 month after receiving written notice of the decision, or the person appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the secretary must, as soon as practicable, refund the membership fee paid by the person.

13 Register of members

(1) The management committee must keep a register of members of the association.

(2) The register must include the following particulars for each member—

- (a) the full name of the member;
- (b) the postal or residential address of the member;
- (c) the date of admission as a member;
- (d) the date of death or time of resignation of the member;
- (e) details about the termination or reinstatement of membership;
- (f) the class of membership; and

(g) any other particulars the management committee or the members at a general meeting decide.

(3) The register must be open for inspection by members of the association at all reasonable times.

(4) A member must contact the secretary to arrange an inspection of the register.

(5) However, the management committee may, on the application of a member of the association, withhold information about the member (other than the members full name) from the register available for inspection if the management committee has reasonable grounds for believing the disclosure of the information would put the member at risk of harm.

14 Prohibition on use of information on register of members

(1) A member of the association must not—

(a) use information obtained from the register of members of the association to contact, or send material to, another member of the association for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes; or

(b) disclose information obtained from the register to someone else, knowing that the information is likely to be used to contact, or send material to, another member of the association for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes.

(2) Subrule (1) does not apply if the use or disclosure of the information is approved by the association.

15 Appointment or election of secretary

(1) The secretary must be an individual residing in Queensland, or in another State but not more than 65km from the Queensland border, who is—

(a) a member of the association elected by the association as secretary; or

(b) any of the following persons appointed by the management committee as secretary—

(i) a member of the associations management committee;

(ii) another member of the association;

(iii) another person.

(2) If the association has not elected an interim officer as secretary for the association before its incorporation, the members of the management committee must ensure a secretary is appointed or elected for the association within 1 month after incorporation.

(3) If a vacancy happens in the office of secretary, the members of the management committee must ensure a secretary is appointed or elected for the association within 1 month after the vacancy happens.

(4) If the management committee appoints a person mentioned in subrule (1)(b)(ii) as secretary, other than to fill a casual vacancy on the management committee, the person does not become a member of the management committee.

(5) However, if the management committee appoints a person mentioned in subrule (1)(b)(ii) as secretary to fill a casual vacancy on the management committee, the person becomes a member of the management committee.

(6) If the management committee appoints a person mentioned in subrule (1)(b)(iii) as secretary, the person does not become a member of the management committee.

(7) In this rule— *casual vacancy*, on a management committee, means a vacancy that happens when an elected member of the management committee resigns, dies or otherwise stops holding office.

(8) If the management committee appoints a secretary in accordance with subrule (1)(b), the secretary must call a meeting of the members of the association within 1 month to ratify the appointment or alternatively to appoint a member of the association elected by the association's members as secretary.

16 Removal of secretary

(1) The management committee of the association may at any time remove a person appointed by the committee as the secretary.

(2) If the management committee removes a secretary who is a person mentioned in rule 15(1)(b)(i), the person remains a member of the management committee.

(3) If the management committee removes a secretary who is a person mentioned in rule 15(1)(b)(ii) and who has been appointed to a casual vacancy on the management committee under rule 15(5), the person remains a member of the management committee.

17 Functions of secretary

The secretary's functions include, but are not limited to—

- (a) calling meetings of the association, including preparing notices of a meeting and of the business to be conducted at the meeting in consultation with the president of the association; and
- (b) keeping minutes of each meeting; and
- (c) keeping copies of all correspondence and other documents relating to the association; and
- (d) maintaining the register of members of the association.

18 Membership of management committee

(1) The management committee of the association consists of a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, junior registrar, senior registrar and any other members the association members elect at a general meeting such as an assistant treasurer.

(2) A member of the management committee, other than a secretary appointed by the management committee under rule 15(1)(b), must be a member of the association and must have held membership in the association or previously held membership in Centrals Juniors or Centrals Seniors as an ordinary member for at least 12 months prior to his or her appointment to the management committee.

(2A) Except within the first 3 years from the incorporation of the association, the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, other than a secretary appointed by the management committee under rule 15(1)(b), must before their appointment to such positions have previously served on the association's management committee for at least 12 months.

(3) At each annual general meeting of the association, the members of the management committee must retire from office, but are eligible, on nomination, for re-election.

(4) A member of the association may be appointed to a casual vacancy on the management committee under rule 21.

(5) The management committee of the association must at all times consist of no less than 6 committee members and no more than 12 committee members, unless the members of the association resolve otherwise by way of a special resolution.

19 Electing the management committee

(1) Except for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, a member of the management committee may only be elected as follows—

(a) any 2 members of the association may nominate another member (the *candidate*) to serve as a member of the management committee;

(b) the nomination must be—

(i) in writing; and

(ii) signed by the candidate and the members who nominated him or her; and

(iii) given to the secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held;

(c) unless resolved by a special resolution to the contrary, each member of the association present and eligible to vote at the annual general meeting may vote for 1 candidate for each vacant position on the management committee; and

(d) if, at the start of the meeting, there are not enough candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

(1A) For the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, a member of the management committee may only be elected as follows—

(a) in years ending in odd numbers:

(i) any 2 Ordinary Members (Junior) of the association may nominate another member (the *candidate*) to serve as a President or Treasurer;

- (ii) any 2 Ordinary Members (Senior) of the association may nominate another member (the ***candidate***) to serve as a Vice President or Secretary;
 - (b) in years ending in even numbers:
 - (i) any 2 Ordinary Members (Senior) of the association may nominate another member (the ***candidate***) to serve as a President or Treasurer;
 - (ii) any 2 Ordinary Members (Junior) of the association may nominate another member (the ***candidate***) to serve as a Vice President or Secretary;
 - (c) the nomination must be—
 - (i) in writing; and
 - (ii) signed by the candidate and the members who nominated him or her; and
 - (iii) given to the secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held;
 - (d) unless resolved by a special resolution to the contrary, each member of the association present and eligible to vote at the annual general meeting may vote for 1 candidate for each vacant position on the management committee. ; and
 - (e) if, at the start of the meeting, there are not enough candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.
- (2) A person may be a candidate only if the person—
- (a) is an adult; and
 - (b) is not ineligible to be elected as a member under section 61A of the Act.
- (3) A list of the candidates names in alphabetical order, with the names of the members who nominated each candidate, must be posted in a conspicuous place in the office or usual place of meeting of the association for at least 7 days immediately preceding the annual general meeting.
- (4) If required by the management committee, balloting lists must be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order.
- (5) The management committee must ensure that, before a candidate is elected as a member of the management committee, the candidate is advised—
- (a) whether or not the association has public liability insurance; and
 - (b) if the association has public liability insurance—the amount of the insurance.

20 Resignation, removal or vacation of office of management committee member

- (1) A member of the management committee may resign from the committee by giving written notice of resignation to the secretary.
- (2) The resignation takes effect at—
- (a) the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
 - (b) if a later time is stated in the notice—the later time.
- (3) A member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the association if a majority of the members present and eligible to vote at the meeting vote in favour of removing the member.

(4) Before a vote of members is taken about removing the member from office, the member must be given a full and fair opportunity to show cause why he or she should not be removed from office.

(5) A member has no right of appeal against the members removal from office under this rule.

(6) A member immediately vacates the office of member in the circumstances mentioned in section 64(2) of the Act.

21 Vacancies on management committee

(1) If a casual vacancy happens on the management committee, the continuing members of the committee may appoint another member of the association to fill the vacancy until the next annual general meeting.

(2) The continuing members of the management committee may act despite a casual vacancy on the management committee.

(3) However, if the number of committee members is less than the number fixed under rule 24(1) as a quorum of the management committee, the continuing members may act only to—

- (a) increase the number of management committee members to the number required for a quorum; or
- (b) call a general meeting of the association.

22 Functions of management committee

(1) Subject to these rules or a resolution of the members of the association carried at a general meeting, the management committee has the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the association.

(2) The management committee has authority to interpret the meaning of these rules and any matter relating to the association on which the rules are silent, but any interpretation must have regard to the Act, including any regulation made under the Act.

Note—

The Act prevails if the associations rules are inconsistent with the Act—see section 1B of the Act.

(3) The management committee may exercise the powers of the association—

- (a) to borrow, raise or secure the payment of amounts in a way the members of the association decide; and
- (b) to secure the amounts mentioned in paragraph (a) or the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the association in any way, including by the issue of debentures (perpetual or otherwise) charged upon the whole or part of the associations property, both present and future; and
- (c) to purchase, redeem or pay off any securities issued; and
- (d) to borrow amounts from members and pay interest on the amounts borrowed; and
- (e) to mortgage or charge the whole or part of its property; and

- (f) to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the association; and
- (g) to provide and pay off any securities issued; and
- (h) to invest in a way the members of the association may from time to time decide.

(4) For subrule (3)(d), the rate of interest must not be more than the current rate being charged for overdrawn accounts on money lent (regardless of the term of the loan) by—

- (a) the financial institution for the association; or
- (b) if there is more than 1 financial institution for the association—the financial institution nominated by the management committee.

(5) The management committee has the authority to appoint a bookkeeper and/or records officer for the association on terms the management committee considers appropriate.

23 Meetings of management committee

(1) Subject to this rule, the management committee may meet and conduct its proceedings as it considers appropriate.

(2) The management committee must meet at least once every 2 months to exercise its functions.

(3) The management committee must decide how a meeting is to be called.

(4) Notice of a meeting is to be given in the way decided by the management committee.

(5) The management committee may hold meetings, or permit a committee member to take part in its meetings, by using any technology that reasonably allows the member to hear and take part in discussions as they happen.

(6) A committee member who participates in the meeting as mentioned in subrule (5) is taken to be present at the meeting.

(7) A question arising at a committee meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of members of the committee present at the meeting and, if the votes are equal, the question is decided in the negative.

(8) A member of the management committee must not vote on a question about a contract or proposed contract with the association if the member has an interest in the contract or proposed contract and, if the member does vote, the members vote must not be counted.

(9) The president is to preside as chairperson at a management committee meeting.

(10) If there is no president or if the president is not present within 10 minutes after the time fixed for a management committee meeting, the vice president will preside as chairperson at the meeting however if there is no vice president or if the vice president is not present within 10 minutes after the time fixed for a management committee meeting, the members may choose 1 of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

(11) A member of the management committee may attend a management committee meeting by telephone, video conference or any similar means of audio or audio-visual communications.

24 Quorum for, and adjournment of, management committee meeting

(1) At a management committee meeting, more than 50% of the members elected to the committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the members form a quorum.

(2) If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a management committee meeting called on the request of members of the committee, the meeting lapses.

(3) If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a management committee meeting called other than on the request of the members of the committee—

(a) the meeting is to be adjourned for at least 1 day; and

(b) the members of the management committee who are present are to decide the day, time and place of the adjourned meeting.

(4) If, at an adjourned meeting mentioned in subrule (3), there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting, the meeting lapses.

25 Special meeting of management committee

(1) If the secretary receives a written request signed by at least 33% of the members of the management committee, the secretary must call a special meeting of the committee by giving each member of the committee notice of the meeting within 14 days after the secretary receives the request.

(2) If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the special meeting, the president must call the meeting.

(3) A request for a special meeting must state—

(a) why the special meeting is called; and

(b) the business to be conducted at the meeting.

(4) A notice of a special meeting must state—

(a) the day, time and place of the meeting; and

(b) the business to be conducted at the meeting.

(5) A special meeting of the management committee must be held within 14 days after notice of the meeting is given to the members of the management committee.

26 Minutes of management committee meetings

- (1) The secretary must ensure full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of each management committee meeting are entered in a minute book.
- (2) To ensure the accuracy of the minutes, the minutes of each management committee meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next management committee meeting, verifying their accuracy.

27 Appointment of subcommittees

- (1) The management committee may appoint a subcommittee consisting of members of the association considered appropriate by the committee to help with the conduct of the associations operations.
- (2) A member of the subcommittee who is not a member of the management committee is not entitled to vote at a management committee meeting.
- (3) A subcommittee may elect a chairperson of its meetings.
- (4) If a chairperson is not elected, or if the chairperson is not present within 10 minutes after the time fixed for a meeting, the members present may choose 1 of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
- (5) A subcommittee may meet and adjourn as it considers appropriate.
- (6) A question arising at a subcommittee meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting and, if the votes are equal, the question is decided in the negative.

28 Acts not affected by defects or disqualifications

- (1) An act performed by the management committee, a subcommittee or a person acting as a member of the management committee is taken to have been validly performed.
- (2) Subrule (1) applies even if the act was performed when—
 - (a) there was a defect in the appointment of a member of the management committee, subcommittee or person acting as a member of the management committee; or
 - (b) a management committee member, subcommittee member or person acting as a member of the management committee was disqualified from being a member.

29 Resolutions of management committee without meeting

- (1) A written resolution signed by each member of the management committee is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a committee meeting that was properly called and held.

(2) A resolution mentioned in subrule (1) may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by 1 or more members of the committee.

30 First annual general meeting

The first annual general meeting must be held within 6 months after the end date of the association's first reportable financial year.

31 Subsequent annual general meetings

Each subsequent annual general meeting must be held—

- (a) at least once each year; and
- (b) by the earlier of:
 - (i) 6 months after the end date of the association's reportable financial year; and
 - (ii) 1 November each year.

Notwithstanding the above, each annual general meeting must be held prior to the earlier annual general meeting of the Townsville District Rugby League and the Townsville and District Junior Rugby League each year.

32 Business to be conducted at annual general meeting of level 1 incorporated associations and particular level 2 and 3 incorporated associations

(1) This rule applies only if the association is—

- (a) a level 1 incorporated association;
- (b) a level 2 incorporated association to which section 59 of the Act applies; or
- (c) a level 3 incorporated association to which section 59 of the Act applies.

(2) The following business must be conducted at each annual general meeting of the association—

- (a) receiving the association's financial statement, and audit report, for the last reportable financial year;
- (b) presenting the financial statement and audit report to the meeting for adoption;
- (c) electing members of the management committee;
- (d) for a level 1 incorporated association—appointing an auditor or an accountant for the present financial year; and
- (e) for a level 2 incorporated association, or a level 3 incorporated association, to which section 59 of the Act applies—appointing an auditor, an accountant or an approved person for the present financial year.

33 Business to be conducted at annual general meeting of other level 2 incorporated associations

- (1) This rule applies only if the association is a level 2 incorporated association to which section 59A of the Act applies.
- (2) The following business must be conducted at each annual general meeting of the association—
 - (a) receiving the association's financial statement, and signed statement, for the last reportable financial year;
 - (b) presenting the financial statement and signed statement to the meeting for adoption;
 - (c) electing members of the management committee; and
 - (d) appointing an auditor, an accountant or an approved person for the present financial year.

34 Business to be conducted at annual general meeting of other level 3 incorporated associations

- (1) This rule applies only if the association is a level 3 incorporated association to which section 59B of the Act applies.
- (2) The following business must be conducted at each annual general meeting of the association—
 - (a) receiving the association's financial statement, and signed statement, for the last reportable financial year;
 - (b) presenting the financial statement and signed statement to the meeting for adoption; and
 - (c) electing members of the management committee.

35 Notice of general meeting

- (1) The secretary may call a general meeting of the association.
- (2) The secretary must give at least 14 days notice of the meeting to each member of the association.
- (3) If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the meeting, the president must call the meeting.
- (4) The management committee may decide the way in which the notice must be given.
- (5) However, notice of the following meetings must be given in writing—
 - (a) a meeting called to hear and decide the appeal of a person against the management committee's decision—
 - (i) to reject the person's application for membership of the association; or
 - (ii) to terminate the person's membership of the association;
 - (b) a meeting called to hear and decide a proposed special resolution of the association.

(6) A notice of a general meeting must state the business to be conducted at the meeting.

36 Quorum for, and adjournment of, general meeting

(1) The quorum for a general meeting is at least the number of members elected or appointed to the management committee at the close of the association's last general meeting plus 1.

(2) However, if all members of the association are members of the management committee, the quorum is the total number of members less 1.

(3) No business may be conducted at a general meeting unless there is a quorum of members when the meeting proceeds to business.

(4) If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a general meeting called on the request of members of the management committee or the association, the meeting lapses.

(5) If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time fixed for a general meeting called other than on the request of members of the management committee or the association—

(a) the meeting is to be adjourned for at least 7 days; and

(b) the management committee is to decide the day, time and place of the adjourned meeting.

(6) The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which there is a quorum, and must if directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.

(7) If a meeting is adjourned under subrule (6), only the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place may be conducted at the adjourned meeting.

(8) The secretary is not required to give the members notice of an adjournment or of the business to be conducted at an adjourned meeting unless a meeting is adjourned for at least 30 days.

(9) If a meeting is adjourned for at least 30 days, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given in the same way notice is given for an original meeting.

(10) Where a proxy holder is present at a general meeting, each proxy held by the proxy holder will count towards the quorum requirement.

37 Procedure at general meeting

(1) A member may take part and vote in a general meeting in person, by proxy, by attorney or by using any technology that reasonably allows the member to hear and take part in discussions as they happen.

(2) A member who participates in a meeting as mentioned in subrule (1) is taken to be present at the meeting.

(3) At each general meeting—

(a) the president is to preside as chairperson;

(b) if there is no president or if the president is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting or is unwilling to act, the vice president will preside as chairperson however if there is no vice president or if the vice president is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting or is unwilling to act, the members present must elect 1 of their number to be chairperson of the meeting; and

(c) the chairperson must conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly way.

38 Voting at general meeting

(1) At a general meeting, each question, matter or resolution, other than a special resolution, must be decided by a majority of votes of the members present.

(2) Each member present and eligible to vote is entitled to 1 vote only and, if the votes are equal, the chairperson has a casting vote as well as a primary vote.

(3) A member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting if the member's annual subscription has not been paid at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

(4) The method of voting is to be decided by the management committee.

(5) However, if at least 20% of the members present demand a secret ballot, voting must be by secret ballot.

(6) If a secret ballot is held, the chairperson must appoint 2 members to conduct the secret ballot in the way the chairperson decides.

(7) The result of a secret ballot as declared by the chairperson is taken to be a resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was held.

(8) If a member holds multiple membership classes pursuant to rule 5(5A), that member is only entitled to one vote for each question, matter or resolution (including special resolutions) at a general meeting.

39 Special general meeting

(1) The secretary must call a special general meeting by giving each member of the association notice of the meeting within 14 days after—

(a) being directed to call the meeting by the management committee; or

(b) being given a written request signed by—

(i) at least 33% of the number of members of the management committee when the request is signed; or

- (ii) at least the number of ordinary members of the association equal to double the number of members of the association on the management committee when the request is signed plus 1; or
- (c) being given a written notice of an intention to appeal against the decision of the management committee—
 - (i) to reject an application for membership; or
 - (ii) to terminate a person's membership.
- (2) A request mentioned in subrule (1)(b) must state—
 - (a) why the special general meeting is being called; and
 - (b) the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- (3) A special general meeting must be held within 3 months after the secretary—
 - (a) is directed to call the meeting by the management committee;
 - (b) is given the written request mentioned in subrule (1)(b); or
 - (c) is given the written notice of an intention to appeal mentioned in subrule (1)(c).
- (4) If the secretary is unable or unwilling to call the special meeting, the president must call the meeting.

40 Proxies

- (1) An instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing and be in the following or similar form—

CENTRALS ASA RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB INCORPORATED

I, _____ of _____, being
 a member of the association, appoint _____
 of _____
 as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual) general meeting of the association, to
 be held on the _____ day of _____
 20____
 and at any adjournment of the meeting.
 Signed this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Signature

- (2) The instrument appointing a proxy must—
- (a) if the appointor is an individual—be signed by the appointor or the appointor's attorney properly authorised in writing; or
 - (b) if the appointor is a corporation—
 - (i) be under seal; or
 - (ii) be signed by a properly authorised officer or attorney of the corporation.
- (3) A proxy may be a member of the association or another person.
- (4) The instrument appointing a proxy is taken to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot.
- (5) Each instrument appointing a proxy must be given to the secretary before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.

(6) Unless otherwise instructed by the appointor, the proxy may vote as the proxy considers appropriate.

(7) If a member wants a proxy to vote for or against a resolution, the instrument appointing the proxy must be in the following or similar form—

CENTRALS ASA RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB INCORPORATED

I, _____ of _____, _____ being
a member of the association, appoint _____

_____ of _____
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual) general meeting of the association, to
be _____ held _____ on _____ the _____ day _____ of
20 _____

and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 20 _____.

Signature

This form is to be used *in favour of/*against [*strike out whichever is not wanted*] the
following resolutions—

[*List relevant resolutions*]

41 Minutes of general meetings

(1) The secretary must ensure full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of each general meeting are entered in a minute book.

(2) To ensure the accuracy of the minutes—

(a) the minutes of each general meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next general meeting, verifying their accuracy; and

(b) the minutes of each annual general meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting, or the chairperson of the next meeting of the association that is a general meeting or annual general meeting, verifying their accuracy.

(3) If asked by a member of the association, the secretary must, within 28 days after the request is made—

(a) make the minute book for a particular general meeting available for inspection by the member at a mutually agreed time and place; and

(b) give the member copies of the minutes of the meeting.

(4) The association may require the member to pay the reasonable costs of providing copies of the minutes.

42 By-laws

(1) The management committee may make, amend or repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with these rules, for the internal management of the association.

(2) A by-law may be set aside by a vote of members at a general meeting of the association.

43 Alteration of rules

(1) Subject to the Act, these rules may be amended, repealed or added to by a special resolution carried at a general meeting.

(2) However an amendment, repeal or addition is valid only if it is registered by the chief executive.

44 Common seal

(1) The management committee must ensure the association has a common seal.

(2) The common seal must be—

- (a) kept securely by the management committee; and
- (b) used only under the authority of the management committee.

(3) Each instrument to which the seal is attached must be signed by a member of the management committee and countersigned by—

- (a) the secretary; or
- (b) another member of the management committee; or
- (c) someone authorised by the management committee.

45 Funds and accounts

(1) The funds of the association must be kept in an account in the name of the association in a financial institution decided by the management committee.

(2) Records and accounts must be kept in the English language showing full and accurate particulars of the financial affairs of the association.

(3) All amounts must be deposited in the financial institution account as soon as practicable after receipt.

(4) A payment by the association of \$100 or more must be made by cheque or electronic funds transfer.

(5) If a payment of \$100 or more is made by cheque, the cheque must be signed by any 2 of the following—

- (a) the president;
- (b) the secretary;
- (c) the treasurer;
- (d) any 1 other members of the association who have been authorised by the management committee to sign cheques issued by the association.

(6) However, 1 of the persons who signs the cheque must be the president, the secretary or the treasurer.

(7) Cheques, other than cheques for wages, allowances or petty cash recoupment, must be crossed not negotiable.

(8) A petty cash account must be kept on the imprest system, and the management committee must decide the amount of petty cash to be kept in the account.

(9) All expenditure must be approved or ratified at a management committee meeting.

46 General financial matters

(1) On behalf of the management committee, the treasurer must, as soon as practicable after the end date of each financial year, ensure a financial statement for its last reportable financial year is prepared.

(2) The income and property of the association must be used solely in promoting the association's objects and exercising the association's powers.

47 Documents

The management committee must ensure the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the association.

48 Financial year

The end date of the association's financial year is 30 September in each year.

49 Distribution of surplus assets to another entity

(1) This rule applies if the association—

- (a) is wound-up under part 10 of the Act; and
- (b) has surplus assets.

(2) The surplus assets must not be distributed among the members of the association.

(3) The surplus assets must be given to another entity—

- (a) having objects similar to the association's objects; and
- (b) the rules of which prohibit the distribution of the entity's income and assets to its members.

(4) In this rule— *surplus assets* see section 92(3) of the Act.

50 Liquor Act

(1) All members of the association must observe and comply with the provisions of the Liquor Act.

51 Coaches and Managers

- (1) The management committee may be way of a majority resolution, appoint of coaches and managers of the association on terms decided by the management committee.
- (2) The management committee must use its best endeavours to appoint such coaches and managers as soon as practicable after the annual general meeting of the members each year.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the decision of the management committee in relation to the appointment of coaches and managers is not subject to the review or approval of the members.

52 Gambling

- (1) The clubhouse of the association shall not be used for gambling or for playing any game of chances or other unlawful games. The management committee may from time to time prohibit any games which in their opinion are unlawful games or the playing of which would be injurious to the interests of the association.

53 Indemnity

- (1) All committee members for the time being responsible for the management and control of the association shall be and are hereby indemnified out of the assets of the association against all actions, suits, proceedings, claims or demand whatever which may be brought or made against them, or any one or more of them, and also against all fines, penalties, costs, charges and other expenses which may be paid or incurred by them, or any one or more of them, in consequence of the performance of their official duties or in consequence of any breach of any State or Commonwealth statute or any local government by-law committed on the association's premises or grounds.

54 Queensland Rugby League and League Rules

- (1) This association is bound to act in accordance with the provision of the rules of the Queensland Rugby League ("QRL").
- (2) To the extent of any inconsistencies between these rules and the rules of the QRL, the following order of priority applies to the extent of any inconsistencies:
 - (a) QRL rules; and
 - (b) these rules.
- (3) For the purpose of the QRL rules:
 - (a) the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary of the association are deemed to be the "office bearers";
 - (b) the president is deemed to be the "chairperson"; and
 - (c) the vice president is deemed to be the "vice chairperson".

55 Copy of Rules

(1) Each member of the association shall be entitled to a copy of the rules of the association upon making a written request to the secretary of the association.

56 Prohibited Conduct

(1) No member shall give the address of the association in any advertisement or use the association for business purposes without the prior written permission of the management committee which may be withheld in the management committee's sole discretion.

57 Complaints

(1) All complaints must be made in writing to the secretary. If the secretary is the subject of the complaint, the complaint must be made in writing to the president. All complaints are to be determined by the management committee. The management committee's decision in relation to a complaint is final.

58 Motto

(1) The association's motto is to be "family – friends – footy" and may only be changed by a special resolution of the members.

59 Colours

(1) The association's colours shall be yellow, black and white.

(2) The management committee may from time to time by way of a resolution decide that it is impracticable for teams representing the association to wear the association's colours and elect that teams representing the association wear different colours.

60 Saving Accounts

(1) Unless resolved by a special resolution of the board and the members to the contrary, the association will:

- (a) keep a separate savings account for each of its junior and senior divisions;
- (b) deposit any funds received on account of the Junior Clubhouse into the junior division's saving account;
- (c) consolidate the junior and senior saving accounts on the second general meeting after the association's first annual general meeting.