



## OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION CONSTITUTION

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## **1. NAME**

- 1.1. The organisation shall be called “The Oceania Squash Federation” (hereafter referred to as “The Federation”).
- 1.2. The officially approved abbreviation of The Federation’s title shall be “OSF”.

## **2. OBJECTS**

The objects of The Federation are:

- 2.1. To promote and encourage the growth and general welfare of the sport of squash in the Oceania Region;
- 2.2. To uphold the objects and decisions prescribed by the World Squash Federation (hereafter referred to as the “WSF”);
- 2.3. To uphold the rules of the game. The playing rules of The Federation shall be those of the WSF;
- 2.4. To maintain the authority and autonomy of its Members;
- 2.5. To co-ordinate and circulate a Calendar incorporating all OSF championships and major events;
- 2.6. To collect, collate and circulate information amongst its Members;
- 2.7. To control, use or authorize the title “Oceania” in connection with squash events held by or within member countries;
- 2.8. To encourage, promote and delegate the organisation of any Oceania sanctioned competitions, tournaments and/or championships, both for teams and individuals, in accordance with the rules of such competitions, tournaments and/or championships;
- 2.9. To co-ordinate international matches between member countries including tours of National Representative teams;
- 2.10. To settle disputes between Members as delegated by the WSF or within the rules of OSF;
- 2.11. To arrange for representation of The Federation on any body formed for the purpose of promoting the sport of squash or furthering its interests in the region;
- 2.12. To promote such other sports, games and recreations as The Federation may consider appropriate for advancing the sport of squash;
- 2.13. To support the WSF in its objectives for the advancement of squash generally and in the Oceania region in particular;
- 2.14. To encourage its members to maintain high ethical standards within their squash community and ensure adherence to the World Anti-Doping Agency requirements; and
- 2.15. To undertake such other responsibilities or activities as the Federation may decide.

## **3. POWERS**

The Federation shall:

- 3.1. Prescribe, make and adopt such rules, regulations and resolutions as necessary to carry out the objects of The Federation and to conduct its business;
- 3.2. Enter into contracts, charges for services and facilities, and anything necessary to carry out its affairs;
- 3.3. Decide the fees to be paid by Members;
- 3.4. Expel, suspend, fine or otherwise discipline any Member who breaches any provision of the rules, regulations and resolutions prescribed in 3.1;
- 3.5. Engage, employ, remove or suspend any Member, Officer or employee as necessary;
- 3.6. Delegate powers to the President or Officers of The Federation, either individually or collectively, as it may consider appropriate;
- 3.7. Admit new Members to The Federation;
- 3.8. Establish Committees as it considers necessary to undertake the work of The Federation;
- 3.9. Employ and deal with the funds of The Federation as it considers appropriate in the interests of The Federation;
- 3.10. Invest and deal with the monies of The Federation;

- 3.11. Subscribe to or become a member of and cooperate with any other organisation whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of The Federation provided that The Federation shall not subscribe to or support any organisation which does not prohibit the distribution of its income and/or property among its Members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on The Federation by the organisation;
- 3.12. Enter into any arrangements with any Government or Authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of The Federation; to obtain from any such Government or Authority any rights, privileges and concessions which The Federation may consider appropriate; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;
- 3.13. Print and publish any material that The Federation considers appropriate for the promotion of its objects; and
- 3.14. Do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of The Federation.

#### 4. **MEMBERS**

- 4.1. The membership of The Federation shall consist of Full Members, Affiliate Members, Life Members and the Officers of The Federation.
- 4.2. All Members shall abide by this Constitution and any rules, regulations and resolutions of The Federation.
- 4.3. Full Members and Affiliate Members may be admitted to membership on application in writing to the Executive Officer of The Federation.

##### 4.4. **Provisional Membership**

- 4.4.1. Provided an applicant produces relevant supporting information and pays the appropriate membership subscription, it may be accepted provisionally as a Member by the Officers subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting.
- 4.4.2. There, the resolution must be carried by those Members present and entitled to vote at the General Meeting, on the following basis:
  - two-thirds or more of the Members, and
  - a majority of all votes cast by the Members.
- 4.4.3. Until such General Meeting takes place, the provisionally accepted Member shall enjoy the same privileges as though they were a Full Member or Affiliate Member, except that they shall not be permitted to vote at General Meetings.
- 4.4.4. If the General Meeting does not confirm the application for membership, subscriptions paid shall be returned to the applying member.

##### 4.5. **Full Members**

- 4.5.1. Full Members shall be those National Associations or Federations who comply with all the following criteria:
  - 4.5.1.1. they are the principal authority responsible for all matters relating to the administration, organisation and playing of squash in the country or territory they represent, and are recognized by the Oceania National Olympic Committee of that country or territory; and
  - 4.5.1.2. they operate under the provisions of a constitution or equivalent governing document; and
  - 4.5.1.3. they provide a list of the names and addresses of their Officers; and
  - 4.5.1.4. they provide a financial document indicating that they are solvent and a statement of the number of squash courts they represent.  
(Financial documentation shall include copies of their Annual Accounts.)
- 4.5.2. Full Members shall have the right to attend, speak and vote at General Meetings.
- 4.5.3. Full Members shall have the right to participate in OSF events.

#### **4.6. Affiliate Members**

- 4.6.1. Affiliate membership shall be open to any group, association or organisation in the Oceania Region whose ideals are considered compatible with those of The Federation.
- 4.6.2. Affiliate Members shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings, but shall not have the right to vote.
- 4.6.3. Affiliate Members shall be required to comply with all of the following criteria:
  - 4.6.3.1. they operate under the provisions of a constitution or equivalent government document; and
  - 4.6.3.2. they provide a list of the names and addresses of their Officers; and
  - 4.6.3.3. they provide a financial document indicating that they are solvent.
- 4.6.4. Affiliate Members that are National Associations or Federations shall not be eligible to remain Affiliate Members for more than four (4) years and at the expiration of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year must apply for Full Member status, unless the majority of Full Members agree at a General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting to extend the period of Affiliate Membership, in which case such extended period shall be reviewed annually.

#### **4.7. Resignation of Members**

- 4.7.1. Any Member may resign from The Federation at any time.
- 4.7.2. Such resignation shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer.
- 4.7.3. Any such resignation shall not release the Member from any membership fees or other charges owed to The Federation unless otherwise agreed by the Members.

#### **4.8. Representatives of Full and Affiliate Members**

- 4.8.1. Every Full Member and Affiliate Member shall designate in writing to the Executive Officer the name and address of the individual who shall serve as the Member's Representative to The Federation.
- 4.8.2. Such designation shall be deemed to continue until a notice in writing is given by the Member, and received by the Executive Officer, terminating the appointment of the Member's Representative and designating another Representative.
- 4.8.3. All Member Representatives shall be entitled to attend and address General and Extraordinary General Meetings of The Federation and be entitled to vote at these meetings.
- 4.8.4. In the event that a Member Representative is unable to attend a General or Extraordinary General Meeting, the Member that appointed the Representative, or in the case of emergency the Representative may appoint an alternate to attend the meeting in the Representative's place. Such authorisation and the appointment thereunder shall be made in a form satisfactory to the Chairperson of the meeting. An Alternate shall have the same powers as the appointed Member or Member's Representative.
- 4.8.5. At no time may an individual serve as a Member's Representative of more than one Member.

#### **4.9. Life Members**

- 4.9.1. Life Membership may be granted to individuals who have given outstanding service to The Federation or to squash in the Oceania Region over an extended period of time.
- 4.9.2. A Life Member may only be elected by Special Resolution at an annual General Meeting and supported by three quarters (3/4) or more of those Members present and entitled to vote at the meeting.
- 4.9.3. Nominations for Life Membership must be submitted in writing through an Officer or Full Member and must be received by the Executive Officer at least 30 days prior to the annual General Meeting.

- 4.9.4. Life Members shall have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings, but shall not have the right to vote at these meetings.

#### 4.10. Termination of Membership

- 4.10.1. The Officers may terminate a membership if the Member:
- 4.10.1.1. does not comply with any of the provisions of these rules; or
  - 4.10.1.2. has membership fees in arrears for a period greater than two (2) years; or
  - 4.10.1.3. is considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the interests of The Federation.
- 4.10.2. Before the Officers terminate a Member's membership, the Officers must give the Member a fair opportunity to show why the membership should not be terminated.
- 4.10.3. If, after considering all representations made by the Member, the Officers decide to terminate the membership, the Executive Officer must give the Member a written notice of the decision.
- 4.10.4. A Member whose membership has been terminated may give the Executive Officer written notice of the Member's intention to appeal against the decision. The notice of intention to appeal must be given to the Executive Officer within one (1) calendar month after the Member receives written notice of the decision.
- 4.10.5. If the Executive Officer receives a notice of intention to appeal, the Executive Officer must, within one (1) calendar month after receiving the notice, call an Extraordinary General Meeting to decide the appeal.
- 4.10.6. An Extraordinary General Meeting to decide an appeal must be held within two (2) calendar months after the Executive Officer receives the notice of intention to appeal.
- 4.10.7. At the meeting the appealing Member shall be given a full and fair opportunity to show why their membership should not be terminated. Also the Officers shall be given a full and fair opportunity to show why the membership should be terminated.
- 4.10.8. The appeal must be decided by a majority of the Members present and eligible to vote.
- 4.10.9. No further appeals shall be available to the Member should the appeal be rejected.

### 5. OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION

#### 5.1. Officers

- 5.1.1. Officers of The Federation shall consist of the following positions:
- President
  - 2 x Vice Presidents
  - Executive Officer \*\*
  - Immediate Past President.

*\*\* Only when the position is to be filled in a voluntary capacity.*

- 5.1.2. The Immediate Past President shall automatically become an Officer and have the same powers and voting rights as other Officers.
- 5.1.3. All other Officers shall be elected to a position for a period of two (2) years at an annual General Meeting; except if the Executive Officer is engaged by the Officers under a contract for a period on a paid or part-paid basis.
- 5.1.4. To ensure rotational terms, each even year the President and one (1) Vice President shall retire; and in odd years the other Vice President and the Executive Officer shall retire.
- 5.1.5. An Officer shall not hold more than one (1) Officer position at any given time.
- 5.1.6. An officer may only hold a specific position for two (2) consecutive terms and will be ineligible to re-nominate for that position for two (2) years.

- 5.1.7. The President and Executive Officer shall not be a representative of a Member during their period of office.
- 5.1.8. The President shall represent The Federation on any other organisation unless otherwise determined by the Officers.
- 5.1.9. Both Vice Presidents shall not reside in the same country or territory.
- 5.1.10. At the request of the President, or in the President's absence or disability, one of the Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the Officers to perform all of the duties of the President in a capacity of Acting President.

## 5.2. Roles of the Officers

- 5.2.1. Subject to these rules or a resolution of the Members of The Federation carried at a General Meeting, the Officers shall have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of The Federation.
- 5.2.2. The Officers shall have the authority to interpret the meaning of these rules and any matter relating to The Federation on which the rules are silent, but any interpretation must have regard to any *Act* or regulations under such *Act*.
- 5.2.3. The Officers may appoint employees or agents as may be required and shall determine the remuneration of such services.

## 5.3. The President

- 5.3.1. The President shall be responsible to the Members for the general supervision of The Federation's activities and affairs and of its Officers, agents or employees.
- 5.3.2. The President shall preside at all General Meetings of The Federation and shall be empowered to permit observers to attend, address, but not vote at such General Meetings.
- 5.3.3. The President shall chair all meetings of the Officers.

## 5.4. Executive Officer

- 5.4.1. The Executive Officer shall be elected at a General Meeting in a voluntary capacity unless the position is filled on a part-time or full-time contract basis.
- 5.4.2. The Executive Officer shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the organisation including the role of Federation Treasurer.
- 5.4.3. In the absence of the Executive Officer, the President and Vice Presidents shall be responsible for ensuring that the activities of The Federation continue to function until another appointment to the position is made.

## 5.5. Election of Officers

- 5.5.1. Nominations for a position of Officer can only be made by a Member.
- 5.5.2. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer at least thirty (30) days before the date of a General Meeting at which such elections are due to take place and the Executive Officer shall include the nominations in the agenda of the meeting.
- 5.5.3. Nominations must be accompanied by a statement signed by the nominee that he/she is willing to stand for the nominated position.
- 5.5.4. Nominations received after 30 days prior to such meeting may be submitted at the meeting if approved by all the Members present at the meeting.
- 5.5.5. A Member or its Representative shall have the power to withdraw its nominee at any time.
- 5.5.6. In the event of there being no candidate nominated, any Member shall be entitled to nominate candidates at the meeting.
- 5.5.7. If there is only one (1) candidate for a position, then that candidate shall be declared elected.
- 5.5.8. Where there are two (2) or more candidates for a position voting shall be by secret ballot.

- 5.5.9. Such ballots shall be counted by two (2) scrutineers appointed by the President. A scrutineer shall not be a candidate nor be entitled to vote.
- 5.5.10. In the event of no candidate receiving a majority of votes, a second ballot shall be taken with the least successful candidate from the first ballot eliminated.
- 5.5.11. The above process shall be repeated until a candidate receives the required majority of the votes cast.
- 5.5.12. In the event of a tie, a further ballot shall be conducted between the two (2) remaining candidates.

#### 5.6. **Replacement of Officers**

- 5.6.1. Any Officer may be removed at any General Meeting of The Federation by a resolution.
- 5.6.2. In the event of the death, resignation or removal from office of the President, one of the Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the Officers to become President until the next General Meeting of The Federation. The members may at any time elect an interim Vice President on the recommendation of the remaining Officers.
- 5.6.3. In the event of the death, resignation or removal from office of any other elected Officer, the Members may at any time elect a replacement until the next General meeting of The Federation.

### 6. **MEETINGS**

#### 6.1. **General Meetings**

- 6.1.1. General Meetings of The Federation shall be held annually within four (4) calendar months of the end of the financial year of The Federation at a date and venue determined by the Officers.
- 6.1.2. The Executive Officer shall give notice to each Member and their Representative of the place, date and time of the General Meeting not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 6.1.3. The agenda and any comments on matters to be considered at the meeting shall be transmitted to each Member and their Representative at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting.
- 6.1.4. The Officers, subject to majority consent by such Officers and/or any Member, shall be entitled to have included on the agenda of the General Meeting any matters they may wish to raise or any motion or proposal they may wish to make.
- 6.1.5. Matters to be placed on the agenda must be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting and should be accompanied by an explanatory statement.
- 6.1.6. A motion not on the agenda may be submitted to vote only with the majority consent of those attending and entitled to vote at the meeting.
- 6.1.7. The Executive Officer shall prepare the agenda of the General meeting with the approval of the President, and include all matters, proposals and motions submitted in accordance with 7.4, as well as covering:
  - President's Report
  - Statement of Audited Financial Accounts
  - Statement of the most recent financial information of The Federation
  - Proposed budget for the following financial period;
  - Setting of membership fees;
  - Reports from any Committees and/or Sub Committees
  - Member Reports
  - Defeated Resolutions; and
  - Nominations and associated information for election of Officers.

## 6.2. **Voting**

- 6.2.1. A quorum at a General Meeting shall consist of not less than half of the financial Full Members.
- 6.2.2. If a quorum is not reached the unanimous support of all financial Full Members, present and entitled to vote, may agree that the General Meeting should proceed provided at least three (3) financial Full Members are present and entitled to vote at the Meeting.
- 6.2.3. Full Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote each, except for those matters concerning the Constitution and membership fees, whereupon the following voting structure shall apply:
- |            |                  |          |
|------------|------------------|----------|
| Category A | 1 – 5 courts     | 1 vote   |
| Category B | 6 – 9 courts     | 2 votes  |
| Category C | 10 – 99 courts   | 3 votes  |
| Category D | 100 – 999 courts | 4 courts |
| Category E | 1000+ courts     | 5 courts |
- 6.2.4. Officers shall be entitled to one (1) vote each at General Meetings.
- 6.2.5. The adoption of any resolution to alter the Constitution, any Rules or membership criteria of The Federation, shall require at the General Meeting (i) two-thirds or more of those Members present and entitled to vote; and (ii) a majority of all votes cast by those members present and entitled to vote.
- 6.2.6. The adoption of any other resolution at a General Meeting shall require a simple majority of all votes cast by those Members or Officers present and entitled to vote.
- 6.2.7. In the event of a tied vote at a General Meeting the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.
- 6.2.8. Unless otherwise specially provided by the Chairperson or requested by a Member present and entitled to vote at the General Meeting, votes shall be by voice.
- 6.2.9. A Member in arrears for any Membership fees, or other charges owed to the Federation, shall not be entitled to vote.
- 6.2.10. A Representative of a Full Member shall not be allowed to hold a proxy vote for more than one other Full Member.
- 6.2.11. Proxy voting must be in writing and endorsed by the Member President.

## 6.3. **Extraordinary General Meetings**

- 6.3.1. At any time the President shall, upon written requests of three (3) Full Members and/or the majority consent of the Officers, call an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 6.3.2. The Executive Officer shall notify each Member, and their representative, at least twenty-one (21) days prior to such meeting.
- 6.3.3. The agenda and any comments shall accompany such notice.
- 6.3.4. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the term “General Meeting” shall be deemed to apply to “Extraordinary General Meetings”.

## 6.4. **Action Without Meeting**

- 6.4.1. Any Full Member or the Officers may propose a motion for action without a meeting.
- 6.4.2. Such motions shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer.
- 6.4.3. After consideration by the Officers, the Executive Officer shall forward copies of the motion received to each Member within twenty-one (21) days, with a copy to its Representative.
- 6.4.4. The responding vote by each Full Member must be received in writing by the Executive Officer no later than twenty-one (21) days after the date of notice.
- 6.4.5. No later than fourteen (14) days after the closing date for voting the Executive Officer must advise the Members in writing of the outcome of the vote.



6.4.6. The provision of voting at General Meetings shall apply to any action of the Members without a meeting.

#### **6.5. Meeting of Officers**

- 6.5.1. The Officers shall meet at such times and places as the President, in consultation with the other Officers, shall determine.
- 6.5.2. At such meetings they shall deal with the routine business of The Federation, prepare agendas for General Meetings, propose items for action by the Members between General Meetings, call Extraordinary General Meetings if so requisitioned and fix the agendas.
- 6.5.3. At such meetings they shall perform other duties as may be specifically assigned to them from time to time by the Members.
- 6.5.4. Minutes shall be taken of the meeting and sent to Members.
- 6.5.5. Meetings of the Officers shall be in a form determined by the President, which may include electronic communication.
- 6.5.6. At any meeting of the Officers, a quorum shall be three (3).
- 6.5.7. At meetings of the Officers, each attending Officer shall have one (1) vote, while the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie during voting on any matter.
- 6.5.8. An Officer shall not vote in respect of any motion in which he/she has a vested interest.

### **7. COMMITTEES**

Committees of The Federation shall be Standing Committees and Special Committees.

#### **7.1. Standing Committees**

- 7.1.1. Standing Committees shall be formed on the recommendation of the Officers.
- 7.1.2. The Convenors of Standing Committees shall be nominated by the Officers.
- 7.1.3. The work of Standing Committees shall be co-ordinated by the Executive Officer.
- 7.1.4. Standing Committees may include, but not be limited to similar Standing Committees designated by the WSF.
- 7.1.5. A report of the work of each Standing Committee shall be produced for each General Meeting either in writing or in person by the Convenor.

#### **7.2. Special Committees**

- 7.2.1. Special Committees shall be designated by the President to perform specific duties.
- 7.2.2. The Convenor and members of Special Committees shall be appointed by the President following consultation with the Officers.
- 7.2.3. A report of the work of any Special Committee shall be produced for the Officers either in writing or in person by the Convenor.
- 7.2.4. Special Committees shall meet at such times and places as determined by the Convenor in consultation with the Executive Officer.
- 7.2.5. Meetings may also be conducted by electronic means.

### **8. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **8.1. Financial Year**

The financial year of The Federation shall be 1 July to 30 June of the following year.

#### **8.2. Membership Fees**

- 8.2.1. Membership fees shall be set by the Members at the General Meeting.
- 8.2.2. Such fees shall be deemed to be due on 1 January of each year and paid not later than 31 March of the same calendar year.
- 8.2.3. All fees to be paid by Members upon being admitted to membership shall be due and payable immediately upon their admission.

- 8.2.4. Lapsed Members shall pay the current year's membership fee and the previous year's membership fee, unless otherwise determined by the financial Full Members upon the recommendation of the Officers that the penalty be waived.
- 8.2.5. The waiving of such penalty shall only be based on the grounds of extenuating circumstances, and a commitment by the lapsed Member to its future support and membership of The Federation.

### 8.3. **Annual Audit**

- 8.3.1. The Accounts of The Federation shall be subject to annual audit by a qualified Accountant or Auditor and prepared for presentation to the Members at each annual General Meeting.
- 8.3.2. The Accountant or Auditor shall be appointed by the Officers each financial year.
- 8.3.3. Within 90 days from the date of the annual General Meeting advice of the appointed person shall be circulated to Members.

### 8.4. **Official Currency**

- 8.4.1. The official currency of The Federation shall be determined by the Officers
- 8.4.2. The presentation of the annual accounts shall be in the currency of The Federation's Bank Account.

- 8.5. Officers may be reimbursed for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 8.6. The Officers may appoint a suitably qualified person to oversee the finances of The Federation and provide advice on financial matters.

## 9. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 9.1. Any dispute or difference arising under or concerning the interpretation of this Constitution, the management or rules and regulations of The Federation shall, in the first instance, be resolved by mutual agreement.
- 9.2. If an agreement cannot be reached the dispute shall be resolved by following the procedures as set down in the Oceania Squash Federation Member Protection Policy.

## 10. **INCORPORATION**

- 10.1. In the event of The Federation becoming an incorporated Association, every Member of the unincorporated body who is a member on the day The Federation is incorporated and agrees in writing to become a Member of the incorporated body shall be admitted to the equivalent class of membership as the Member held in the unincorporated body.
- 10.2. In accordance with Incorporation rules, the Officers shall appoint a Secretary who resides in the country or territory in which incorporation is executed.
- 10.3. The Secretary's role shall be to ensure legal compliance under the particular *Incorporation Act* is adhered to by The Federation.
- 10.4. The Secretary shall have no voting rights on The Federation.
- 10.5. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Secretary, the Officers must ensure the position is filled within one (1) month.

## 11. **INDEMNIFICATION**

The Federation shall indemnify each representative, each Officer, their heirs, executors and administrators against all costs, expenses and liabilities, including settlements approved by the Members, reasonably incurred or imposed upon the Representative, Officer or Alternate in connection with, or resulting from, any action, suit or proceeding or the settlement or comprise thereof prior to final adjudication to which the Representative, Officer or Alternate

is, or may be, a party by reason of their being, or having been, a Representative, and Officer or Alternate of The Federation, except in relation to matters as to which the Representative, Officer or Alternate is finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have been derelict in the performance of their duty as a Representative, and an Officer or Alternate.

**12. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language of The Federation shall be English.

**13. FEDERATION OFFICE**

The office of The Federation shall be located in a country or territory determined by the Officers.

**14. COMMON SEAL**

14.1. The Officers shall provide for a Common Seal and for its safe custody by the Executive Officer.

14.2. The Common Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Officers and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by an Officer and shall be countersigned by a second Officer or by some other person appointed by the Officers for that purpose.

**15. PROHIBITION OF USE OF INFORMATION**

A member of The Federation must not:

15.1. use information obtained from The Federation to contact, or send material to another Member of The Federation for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes; or

15.2. disclose information obtained from The Federation to someone else, knowing that the information is likely to be used to contact, or send material to, another Member of The Federation for the purpose of advertising for political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes.

15.3. Clause 14.1 does not apply if the use or disclosure of the information is approved by The Federation.

**16. AMENDMENTS**

Any resolution having the effect of amending or repealing in whole or in part of this Constitution, its rules or regulations shall only be adopted at General Meetings.

**17. LAWS**

This Constitution shall operate under the Laws of the country or territory where The Federation is incorporated, or if not incorporated, in the country or territory where the Office of The Federation is located.

**18. DISSOLUTION**

18.1. The Federation may be dissolved provided such resolution is put to a General Meeting and the resolution is supported at the General Meeting by:

18.1.1. Two thirds or more of those Members present and entitled to vote; and

18.1.2. A majority of all votes cast by those Members present and entitled to vote.

18.2. The net assets of The Federation at the time of dissolution shall be distributed as decided by the Members present at the same meeting at which the dissolution was adopted.

18.3. No individual shall be entitled to any of these assets and Members shall give priority to an Incorporated Society with similar objects to those of The Federation.