

SUTHERLANDS PARK SOCCER CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the organisation shall be Sutherlands Park Soccer Club. (Herein after referred to as "The Club")
2. Object of the club - to foster the growth and development of the game of soccer.
3. Affiliation – The Club may be affiliated to any approved organisations associated with the Australian Soccer Association.
4. Non Profit clause – The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the object of the club. No portion of the income or property shall be paid, transferred or distributed directly or indirectly to the member of the club, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith, to any person for services rendered to the club or expenses incurred.
5. Club Year
 - a) The club's financial year shall commence on the first day of October each year.
 - b) Member subscriptions shall entitle membership from February 1st to January 31st of the following year.
6. Membership – The club shall consist of the following types of membership.
 - a. Player members under the age of eighteen (18)
 - b. Player members eighteen (18) years and over
 - c. Parent members
 - d. Social members
 - e. Honorary members
 - f. Honorary life members
7. Eligibility for members.
 - a. Player membership shall be opened to any eligible person to play in junior or senior leagues organised by the associations encompassed in Clause 3.
 - b. Parent membership shall be open to natural parents, legal guardians and their de-facto spouses of player members under the age of eighteen (18) years.
 - c. Social Membership shall be open to any person to whom a majority of the board members shall determine to allow membership.
 - d. Honorary membership may be awarded to any person assisting the club to achieve its objectives. Such membership shall be approved by a majority of board members and cease at the end of the current membership year.
 - e. Honorary life membership maybe awarded to any person nominated and approved unanimously by the board or nominated by fifteen (15) members aloud to vote and agreed to by a majority of voting members present at a general meeting.
8. Conditions of membership
 - a. All members agree to abide by this constitution and the club Bylaws.
 - b. All members shall pay any membership fees set by the board.
9. Cessation of membership
 - a. Any members desiring to resign his or her membership shall notify the secretary in writing. The board shall accept such resignations subject to payment of any outstanding fees.

- b. A member shall cease to be a member if he or she is expelled by a majority decision of the board. He or she may appeal the decision by requesting a special general meeting in the prescribed manner and presenting their appeal to that meeting. A majority of voting members present at that general meeting is required to uphold such an appeal.
- c. If a player member leaves the club any parent membership becomes null and void. Any person ceasing to be a member of the club for any reason whatsoever shall only be entitled to the return of their membership subscription or any portion thereof at the discretion of the board.

10. Eligibility to vote.

- a. Player members under the age of eighteen (18) years shall not be able to vote at general meetings or hold any board position.
- b. Parent members shall be allowed one vote at general meetings
- c. Player members eighteen (18) years and over, social members, honorary members and honorary life members shall be allowed one vote at a general meeting.
- d. No member shall be allowed a vote for more than one type of membership.
- e. No member is entitled to a vote until all membership fees have been paid.

11. Management board.

Subject to the constitution, the management of the club shall be vested in a board of up to twelve (12) members consisting of the following,

Executive of	President
	Treasurer
	Secretary
Directors of	Registrar
	Canteen manager
	Facilities & Equipment Officer
	Social Director
	Uniform Officer
	Fixtures Officer
	Publicity and Sponsorship officer
	Development and Training officer
	Newsletter officer

The board of directors shall be responsible for

- a) Upholding the advancing the object of the club
- b) The proper exercise of the powers of the club
- c) Formulating club policies
- d) The general management and finances of the club
- e) The appointment of officials or sub-committees to assist the board in the discharge of its functions
- f) The board shall meet at least once in every calendar month
- g) Quorum for the board of directors meeting shall consist of the following; two (2) out of three (3) of executive and four (4) out of nine (9) directors.

12. Election of the board.

- a. All candidates, their proposers and seconders must be entitled to vote at club general meetings.
- b. The candidate, their proposer and seconder, must sign nominations for positions on the board. The secretary must receive the nomination five (5) days prior to the annual general meeting. A person may nominate for more than one position.
- c. If no valid nominations are received for any position, nominations may be made during the annual general meeting. Such nominees must be proposed and seconded by two (2) other members

- d. If more than one nomination is received for any position, a vote of members present shall determine which candidate shall fit the position.
- e. If at the end of the annual general meeting any board position remains vacant a nominee subject to a majority vote of the board may fill it.

13. Meetings

- a. The annual general meeting of the club shall be held in the months of September or October on a day to be determined by the board and include on its agenda the annual report of the board, statement of accounts, election of officers and other general business
- b. Special general meetings shall be called by the secretary whenever directed by the president of the board upon receiving a requisition signed by fifteen (15) members, entitled to vote and setting out the objects of the proposed meeting. At any special general meeting no business shall be transacted, other than that specified in the notice conveying such meeting and other matters related there to.
- c. The date and the place of the annual general meeting or special general meeting shall be circulated not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. In the case of a special general meeting this notice must include a detailed agenda.
- d. The quorum for a general meeting shall be fifteen (15) members entitled to vote.
- e. All meetings of the club shall be held in accordance with the Rostrum publication "Take the Chair".

14. Notice of Motions.

- a. Motions for the annual general meeting will be proposed and seconded by two (2) members entitled to vote and must be received by the secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the annual general meeting.
- b. Subject to this constitution any resolution at an annual general meeting, special general meeting and sub committees, which do not effect this constitution in any way, shall be carried by a majority of members entitled to vote present.

15. Banking accounts - All funds shall be deposited to the credit of the club at such bank or building society as maybe approved by the board of directors. All cheques drawn by the club at its bank or other account shall be signed by two members chosen by the board of directors to effect such cheques.

16. The books and accounts of the club shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the board of directors

17. Common seal – The common seal of the club shall be in the custody of the secretary and shall be affixed to any document only pursuant to a resolution of the board of directors. The affixation of the seal shall be witnessed by not less than a quorum of the board of directors.

18. Inspection of the clubs book and constitution – Upon reasonable notice to the secretary in writing, a financial member may inspect the constitution, books and documents of the club.

19. Misconduct and Penalties.

- a. The board may expel from the club or otherwise punish or penalise any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the board, is discreditable or injurious to the character or interest of the club. The board shall enquire into the member's conduct and the member may be given the opportunity to defend himself or herself and explain his/her conduct. Provided that a quorum is established, the majority of the board present when the matter is enquired into is of the opinion of that member has been found guilty of such conduct or action as aforesaid, then the board may expel or suspend him/ her from membership or otherwise punish or penalise the member.

- b. Should any member fail to appear at an inquiry the board may proceed in that member's absence to conduct the said enquiry and make its findings as herein before empowered.
- c. Disputes between members or with an official or coach of the club, in writing. By either disputant to the board whose decision thereon shall be final may refer disputes.

20. Interpretation of the rules and by laws.

Subject to the final authority of a general meeting, the board of directors shall decide upon all questions of interpretation relating to the rules or the by laws of the club.

21. Amendments to the constitution

No rules shall be amended or replaced nor shall any new rule be made except by the vote of the majority of the members present at the annual general meeting or special general meeting duly convened for that purpose. Notice of any propose amendment, repeal or addition must be given in writing to the secretary who will then circulate such proposal to members ten (10) days prior to the meeting convened for that purpose.

22. Dissolution

The club may be concluded by a resolution accepted by seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the club present at a special general meeting summoned for that purpose. If any property of the association remains after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the club and any costs and charges associated with the dissolution, that the property shall be distributed

- A. To another association of similar objects incorporated under the act,
- Or
- B. For charitable purposes.

Which incorporated association or purpose, as the case requires, shall be determined by resolution of the members when authorising and directing the board to prepare distribution of the surplus property of the club