

SPORT CLIMBING QUEENSLAND INC

RULES OF ASSOCIATION



**SPORT CLIMBING
QUEENSLAND**

(incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*)

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ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981 (QUEENSLAND)
SPORT CLIMBING QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED -
RULES

PART I – NAME, INTERPRETATION, OBJECTS, AND POWERS

1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the incorporated association is *Sport Climbing Queensland Inc* (the "**Association**", **SCQ**).

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 In these rules:

- a. **Act** means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*.
- b. **ADR** (Alternative Dispute Resolution) means a process other than judicial for the determination of a dispute, and in which an impartial person assists those in the dispute to resolve the issues between them.
- c. **Intellectual Property Rights** (IPRs) means all rights or goodwill subsisting in copyright, business names, names, trademarks, signs, logos, designs, patents or service marks (whether registered or registrable) and know-how relating to the Association SCQ, including in any event, competition, championship, meeting or sporting activity conducted, promoted or administered by or under the control of the Association, SCQ.
- d. **Present** means:
 - i. at a Management Committee meeting; or
 - ii. at a general meeting.
- e. **Proxy vote** means the vote of an Ordinary Member that is transferred to another representative of the Ordinary Member and the representative must be a member of SCQ.

- 2.2 A word or expression that is not defined in these rules, but is defined in the Act has, if the context permits, the meaning given by the Act.

3 . Objects

The objects of the Association are to:

- 3.1 Promote climbing as a sporting activity throughout Queensland within each calendar year;
- 3.2 Act as the peak body in Queensland for the sport of competition climbing in all its forms, both indoor and outdoor, on artificial surfaces and rock;
- 3.3 Encourage wider community involvement in the total development of the sport of climbing and create awareness for greater participation in the sport;
- 3.4 Affiliate with Sport Climbing Australia and support Sport Climbing Australia's objectives, and where appropriate, liaise and affiliate with compatible organised persons for the purpose of furthering the objects of the Association.
- 3.5 Offer participants through membership and affiliations with recognised bodies access to a range of participation, training and competition opportunities in artificial climbing and rock environments;
- 3.6 Administer, run and control the conduct and administration of State Title competitions and other Queensland titled events including so-called "friendly competitions";
- 3.7 Ensure equity in all aspects of sport climbing athletics, including the provision of rewards and incentives, coaching, officiating and administration;
- 3.8 Formulate, implement and adopt appropriate policies for the promotion of equal opportunity and equity, the prohibition of drugs and other banned substances in the sport, maintain positive initiatives including the creation of junior programs, and such other matters concerning public interest;
- 3.9 Ensure that SCQ activities are carried on in a manner which reasonably and practicably affords safety of participants, officials, spectators and the public by adopting appropriate standards and operating procedures, and that which allow the sport to be competitive and fair.
- 3.10 To participate in such interstate activities as may be initiated by other affiliated bodies and as are sanctioned by Sport Climbing Australia;
- 3.11 Seek appropriate sponsorship, development opportunities by way of grants and marketing opportunities in order to further these Objects;
- 3.12. Facilitate the resolution of disputes involving any Member or any other person in any way associated with SCQ.

4. Powers

- 4.1 As the recognised association for sport climbing in Queensland, SCQ may:
- a. Enter into contracts;
 - b. Also issue secured and unsecured notes, debentures and debenture stock for the association;
 - c. Acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of property;
 - d. Make charges for services and facilities it supplies;
 - e. Act alone or with the other representative bodies in the interests of sport climbing in accordance with the rules;
 - f. Suspend, disqualify or otherwise discipline any association member who has committed any breach of these rules or directives of the QCA or whose actions may in the opinion of the Management Committee bring into disrepute the Association or official or member thereof;
 - g. engage consultants and professionals advisers for the purposes of the Association subject to such terms and conditions as shall be deemed by the Committee appropriate and to terminate any contract for services;
 - h. To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the proper management of and/or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Association;
 - i. do other things necessary or convenient to be done in carrying out its affairs
- 4.2 The Association has the power to impose and collect subscriptions, fees and other charges from bodies, clubs, institutions, associations and individuals or to borrow or raise money with or without security for the attainment of the Objects of the Association.
- 4.3 The Association has the power to apply the income and property of the Association whencesoever derived, to the promotion of the Objects of the Association.
- 4.4 The Association has the power to send teams of athletes or other persons to represent the Association at those meetings, competitions, tournaments as are deemed necessary by the Management Committee of Management.
- 4.5 The Association has the power to establish and maintain rules for the governance of sport climbing in Queensland.
- 4.6 The Association has the power to delegate responsibilities and duties any or all of these powers to any sub-committee of the Association provided always that the Association may withdraw such authority at any time.
- 4.7 The Association has the power to interpret these rules as required from time to time.
- 4.8 The Association may take over the funds and other assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated association known as Queensland Sport Climbing (the ***unincorporated association***).
- 4.9 The association may also issue secured and unsecured notes, debentures and debenture stock for the association.

- 4.10 The Association has the power to build, protect and exploit any IPRs it creates for the promotion of these objects.

PART II – MEMBERSHIP

5. Class of Members

- 5.1 The membership of the association consists of ordinary members; and
- 5.2 The number of ordinary members is unlimited.
- 5.3 Competitors of any age competing in a sanctioned SCQ competition must be members of the association, unless otherwise specified.
- 5.4 Persons owning or operating a climbing facility may be a member of the association under this category.
- 5.5 The minimum age for a member eligible to vote at any meeting is 15 years.

6. Automatic Membership

- 6.1 A person who, on the day the association is incorporated, was a member of the unincorporated association and who, on or before a day fixed by the Management Committee, agrees in writing to become a member of the incorporated association, must be admitted by the Management Committee:
- to the equivalent class of membership of the association as the member held in the unincorporated association; or
 - if there is no equivalent class of membership—as an ordinary member.

7. New Membership

- 7.1 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*).
- 7.2 An application for membership must be:
- In writing in an approved form; and
 - Signed by the applicant and the applicant's proposer and seconder; and
 - In the form decided by the Management Committee.

8. Membership Fees

- 8.1 The membership fee for each ordinary membership and for each other class of membership (if any):
- Is the amount decided by the members from time to time at a general meeting; and

- b. Is payable when, and in the way, the Management Committee decides
- 8.2 A member of the incorporated association who, before becoming a member, has paid the member's annual subscription for membership of the unincorporated association on or before a day fixed by the management committee, is not liable to pay a further amount of annual subscription for the period before the day fixed by the Management Committee as the day on which the next annual subscription is payable.

9. Admission and Rejection of New Members

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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 person's 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.
- 9.3 The Management Committee must decide at the meeting whether to accept or reject the application.
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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

- 10.1 A member may resign from the association by giving a written notice of resignation to the Secretary.
- 10.2 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.

- 10.3 The Management Committee may terminate a member's 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.
- 10.4 Before the Management Committee terminates a member's membership, the committee must give the member a full and fair opportunity to show why the membership should not be terminated.
- 10.5 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

- 11.1 A person whose application for membership has been rejected, or whose membership has been terminated, may give the Secretary written notice of the person's intention to appeal against the decision.
- 11.2 A notice of intention to appeal must be given to the Secretary within 1 month after the person receives written notice of the decision.
- 11.3 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

- 12.1 The general meeting to decide an appeal must be held within 3 months after the Secretary receives the notice of intention to appeal.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 An appeal must be decided by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the meeting.
- 12.5 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

- 13.1 The Management Committee must keep a register of members of the association.
- 13.2 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. any other particulars the Management Committee or the members at a general meeting decide.
- 13.3 The register must be open for inspection by members of the association at all reasonable times.
- 13.4 A member must contact the Secretary to arrange an inspection of the register.
- 13.5 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

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Subrule (1) does not apply if the use or disclosure of the information is approved by the association.

PART III - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FUNCTIONS OF SECRETARY

15. Membership of Management Committee

- 15.1 The Management Committee of the association consists of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and no less than five (5) other members the association members elect at a general meeting.

- 15.2 A member of the Management Committee, other than a Secretary appointed by the Management Committee under rule 16(1)(b)(iii), must be a member of the association.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 A member of the association may be appointed to a casual vacancy on the Management Committee under Rule 18.

16. Electing the Management Committee

- 16.1 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. 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;
 - d. if, at the start of the meeting, there are not enough candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 If required by the Management Committee, balloting lists must be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order.
- 16.5 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.

17. Resignation, Removal or Vacation of Office of Management Committee Member

- 17.1 A member of the Management Committee may resign from the committee by giving written notice of resignation to the Secretary.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 A member has no right of appeal against the member's removal from office under this rule.
- 17.6 A member immediately vacates the office of member in the circumstances mentioned in section 64(2) of the Act.

18. Vacancies on Management Committee

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 The continuing members of the Management Committee may act despite a casual vacancy on the Management Committee.
- 18.3 However, if the number of committee members is less than the minimum number fixed under rule 15.1 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.

19. Functions of Management Committee

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 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.

19.3 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.

19.4 For subrule 19.3.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.

20. Management Committee Conflict of Interest

20.1 Management Committee members shall disclose any conflict of interest they have in a deliberation of the Management Committee and;

- a. shall not vote on any matter they have a conflict of interest in,
- b. may be asked to be absent from Management Committee discussions in which the Management Committee considers they have a conflict of interest,
- c. a register shall be kept by the Secretary of any conflicts of interest disclosed, or considered to exist by the Management Committee.

21. Appointment or Election of Secretary

- 21.1 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 association's Management Committee;
 - ii. another member of the association;
 - iii. another person.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.1 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.
- 21.4 If the Management Committee appoints a person mentioned in subrule 21.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.
- 21.5 However, if the Management Committee appoints a person mentioned in subrule 21.1.b.ii as Secretary to fill a casual vacancy on the Management Committee, the person becomes a member of the Management Committee.
- 21.6 If the Management Committee appoints a person mentioned in subrule 21.1.b.iii as Secretary, the person does not become a member of the Management Committee.
- 21.7 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.

22 Removal of Secretary

- 22.1 The Management Committee of the association may at any time remove a person appointed by the committee as the Secretary.
- 22.2 If the Management Committee removes a Secretary who is a person mentioned in rule 21.b.i, the person remains a member of the Management Committee.

- 22.3 If the Management Committee removes a Secretary who is a person mentioned in rule 21.b.ii and who has been appointed to a casual vacancy on the Management Committee under rule 21.5, the person remains a member of the Management Committee.

23 Functions of Secretary

The Secretary's functions include, but are not limited to:

- 23.1 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
- 23.2 Keeping minutes of each meeting; and
- 23.3 Keeping copies of all correspondence and other documents relating to the association; and
- 23.4 Maintaining the register of members of the association.

PART IV - MEETINGS

24 Meetings of Management Committee

- 24.1 Subject to this rule, the Management Committee may meet and conduct its proceedings as it considers appropriate.
- 24.2 The Management Committee must meet at least once every 4 months to exercise its functions.
- 24.3 The Management Committee must decide how a meeting is to be called.
- 24.4 Notice of a meeting is to be given in the way decided by the Management Committee.
- 24.5 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.
- 24.6 A committee member who participates in the meeting as mentioned in subrule 24.5 is taken to be present at the meeting.
- 24.7 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.
- 24.8 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.

- 24.9 The president is to preside as chairperson at a Management Committee meeting.
- 24.10 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 members may choose 1 of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

25 Quorum for, and Adjournment of, Management Committee Meeting

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 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.
- 25.3 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.
- 25.4 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.

26 Special Meeting of Management Committee

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 If the Secretary is unable or unwilling to call the special meeting, the president must call the meeting.
- 26.3 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.
- 26.4 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.

26.5 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.

27 Minutes of Management Committee Meetings

27.1 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.

27.2 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.

28 Appointment of Subcommittees

28.1 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.

28.2 A member of the subcommittee who is not a member of the Management Committee is not entitled to vote at a Management Committee meeting.

28.3 A subcommittee may elect a chairperson of its meetings.

28.4 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.

28.5 A subcommittee may meet and adjourn as it considers appropriate.

28.6 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.

29 Acts not Affected by Defects or Disqualifications

29.1 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.

29.2 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.

30 Resolutions of Management Committee without Meeting

- 30.1 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.
- 30.2 A resolution mentioned in subrule (1) may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by 1 or more members of the committee.

31 First annual General Meeting

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

32 Subsequent annual general meetings

- 32.1 Each subsequent annual general meeting must be held:
 - a. At least once each year; and
 - b. Within 6 months after the end date of the association's reportable financial year.

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

- 33.1 This rule applies only if the association is:
 - a. a level 1 incorporated association; or
 - 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.
- 33.2 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;
 - 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.

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

- 34.1 This rule applies only if the association is a level 2 incorporated association to which section 59A of the Act applies.
- 34.2 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;
 - d. appointing an auditor, an accountant or an approved person for the present financial year.

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

- 35.1 This rule applies only if the association is a level 3 incorporated association to which section 59B of the Act applies.
- 35.2 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.

36 Notice of general meeting

- 36.1 The Secretary may call a general meeting of the association.
- 36.2 The Secretary must give at least 14 days notice of the meeting to each member of the association.
- 36.3 If the Secretary is unable or unwilling to call the meeting, the president must call the meeting.
- 36.4 The Management Committee may decide the way in which the notice must be given.
- 36.5 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.

36.6 A notice of a general meeting must state the business to be conducted at the meeting.

37. Quorum for, and Adjournment of, General Meeting

37.1 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.

37.2 However, if all members of the association are members of the Management Committee, the quorum is the total number of members less 1.

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

37.4 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.

37.5 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.

37.6 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.

37.7 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.

37.8 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.

37.9 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.

38 Procedure at General Meeting

38.1 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.

- 38.2 A member who participates in a meeting as mentioned in subrule (1) is taken to be present at the meeting.
- 38.3 At each general meeting:
- a. the president is to preside as chairperson; and
 - 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 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.

39 Voting at General Meeting

- 39.1 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.
- 39.2 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.
- 39.3 A member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting if the member's annual subscription is in arrears at the date of the meeting.
- 39.4 The method of voting is to be decided by the Management Committee.
- 39.5 However, if at least 20% of the members present demand a secret ballot, voting must be by secret ballot.
- 39.6 If a secret ballot is held, the chairperson must appoint 2 members to conduct the secret ballot in the way the chairperson decides.
- 39.7 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.

40 Special general meeting

- 40.1 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.

- 40.2 A request mentioned in subrule 41.1.b must state:
 - a. why the special general meeting is being called; and
 - b. the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- 40.3 A special general meeting must be held within 3 months after the Secretary:
 - a. is directed to call the meeting by the Management Committee; or
 - b. is given the written request mentioned in subrule 41.1.b; or
 - c. is given the written notice of an intention to appeal mentioned in subrule 41.1.c.

40.1 If the Secretary is unable or unwilling to call the special meeting, the President must call the meeting.

41 Proxies

41.1 An instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing and be in the following or similar form:

Sport Climbing Queensland Inc:
 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

- 41.2 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.
- 41.3 A proxy may be a member of the association or another person.
- 41.4 The instrument appointing a proxy is taken to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot.
- 41.5 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.

- 41.6 Unless otherwise instructed by the appointor, the proxy may vote as the proxy considers appropriate.
- 41.7 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—

Queensland Sport Climbing Inc:

*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]*

42 Minutes of General Meetings

- 42.1 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.
- 42.2 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.
- 42.3 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.
- 42.4 The association may require the member to pay the reasonable costs of providing copies of the minutes.

PART V - MISCELLANEOUS

43 By-laws

- 43.1 The Management Committee may make, amend or repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with these rules, for the internal management of the association.
- 43.2 A by-law may be set aside by a vote of members at a general meeting of the association.

44 Resolution of Internal Disputes

- 44.1 A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the association, or a dispute between a member or members and the association, are to be referred to a recognised form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) at recognised dispute resolution centre (see www.justice.qld.gov.au/justice-services/dispute-resolution community justice centre for mediation)

Example of ADR, mediation

- 44.2 By way of further ADR, if a dispute is not resolved as set out in 45.1 within 3 months of the referral to ADR, dispute is to be referred to arbitration as governed by the *Commercial Arbitration Act 2013*

45. Disciplinary matters concerning members

- 45.1 A complaint may be made to the Management Committee where it is alleged a member of the association:
- a. has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these Rules;
 - b. has persistently acted in a manner detrimental or prejudicial to the objects and interests of the Association.
- 45.2 The Management Committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be unfounded, trivial or vexatious in nature.
- 45.3 If the Management Committee decides to deal with the complaint, the Management Committee:
- a. must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and
 - b. must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the Management Committee in connection with the complaint, and
 - c. must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in

connection with the complaint.

- 45.4 The Management Committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the association or suspend the member from membership of the association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.
- 45.5 If the Management Committee expels or suspends a member, the Secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the Management Committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal.
- 45.6 The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
- (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
 - (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution under clause 14, whichever is the later.

46. Right of appeal of disciplined member

- 46.1 A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the Management Committee under clause 12, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the Secretary a notice to that effect.
- 46.2 The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
- 46.3 On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1), the Secretary must notify the Management Committee which is to convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 28 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- 46.4 At a general meeting of the association convened under subclause (3):
- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and
 - (b) the Management Committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
 - (c) the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- 46.5 The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the association.

47 Alteration of Rules

- 47.1 Subject to the Act, these rules may be amended, repealed or added to by a special resolution carried at a general meeting.
- 47.2 However an amendment, repeal or addition is valid only if it is registered by the chief executive registered by the Chief Executive of the Queensland Government department responsible for the registration of rules governing the association the Act.

48 Common seal

- 48.1 The Management Committee must ensure the association has a common seal.
- 48.2 The common seal must be:
- a. kept securely by the Management Committee; and
 - b. used only under the authority of the Management Committee.
- 48.3 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.

49 Funds and Accounts

- 49.1 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.
- 49.2 Records and accounts must be kept in the English language showing full and accurate particulars of the financial affairs of the association.
- 49.3 All amounts must be deposited in the financial institution account as soon as practicable after receipt.
- 49.4 A payment by the association of \$100 or more must be made by cheque or electronic funds transfer.
- 49.5 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 of 3 other members of the association who have been authorised by the Management Committee to sign cheques issued by the association.

49.6 However, 1 of the persons who signs the cheque must be the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer.

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

49.8 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.

49.9 All expenditure must be approved or ratified at a Management Committee meeting.

50. General Financial Matters

50.1 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.

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

51 Documents

51.1 The Management Committee must ensure the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the association.

51.2 The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the association at any reasonable time and place:

- a. Records, books and other financial documents of the association;
- b. These rules;
- c. Minutes of all Management Committee meetings and general meetings of the association.

51.3 A member of the association may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in 51.2 on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.

52. Insurance

52.1 The association may effect and maintain insurance.

53 Funds Source

- 53.1 The funds of the association are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, such other sources as the Management Committee determines.
- 53.2 All money received by the association must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the association's bank or other authorised deposit-taking institution account.
- 53.3 The association must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

54. Funds management

- 54.1 Subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, the funds of the association are to be used in pursuance of the objects of the association in such manner as the Management Committee determines.
- 54.2 All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by any 2 members of the Management Committee or employees of the association, being members or employees authorised to do so by the Management Committee.

55 Financial year

- 55.1 The end date of the association's financial year is 31 March in each year.

56 Distribution of Surplus assets to another Entity

- 56.1 This rule applies if the association:
- a. is wound-up under part 10 of the Act; and
 - b. has surplus assets.
 - c.
- 56.2 The surplus assets must not be distributed among the members of the association.
- 56.3 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.
- 56.4 In this rule— **surplus assets** see section 92(3) of the Act.