CONSTITUTION
Of The
HOBART FOOTBALL CLUB (INC.)

1. CONSTITUTION

(a)

i. The Club is called the Hobart Football Club (Incorporated).
ii. The Club's colours are black and gold.
iii. The Club's motto is "Ex Unitate Vires" meaning "Strength from Unity".
iv. The Club's emblem is a "Tiger's Head" surrounded on the top side with the words "Hobart Football Club" and below "Ex Unitate Vires" within a scroll containing a football.

(b) The Club is not to be dissolved or its name, colours or emblem altered without the concurrence of at least seventy five percent of Financial Members and Honorary Life Members as prescribed in Clause 11 of this Constitution – Members Voting, present at a specially convened meeting called for that purpose.

(c) **Provided** the Club's junior and youth football teams may continue to wear the colours of maroon, blue and gold and maintain the emblem of a "Lion" until such time as may be determined by the Board of Directors of the Club.

2. OBJECTS

(a) Advance, cultivate and foster the Australian Game of Football.

(b) Encourage the personal qualities necessary to play the Australian Game, courage, self-sacrifice (team spirit), initiative, hard work and self-discipline (training), hardiness, determination, sportsmanship (fair dealing) on and off the field.

(c) Promote physical fitness and sound health in all those interested in the game.

(d) Establish a playing ground and club rooms for the achievement of the first two objectives and the following objective.

(e) Encourage fellowship in the community by providing a common meeting ground and avenue of effort for the Club members, and in so doing provide the facilities and amenities of club buildings for all members and their friends. Encourage fellowship by competing against other teams in the T.A.N.F.L and providing a topic of common interest to all members of the community whatever their occupation.

Encourage fellowship by helping and subscribing to any organisation in Tasmania where the main object, is the relief of distress or handicap or the advancement of education or other purpose, beneficial to the community.

3. PURPOSES

In addition to the basic objects of the Club the objects and purpose of the Club shall be deemed to include:-

(a) The purchase, taking on lease or in exchange and the hiring, or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenience for any of the objects or purpose of the Club.
(b) The buying, selling, and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds.
(c) The construction, maintenance, and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purpose of the Club.
(d) The accepting of any gift, whether subject to a special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the Club.
(e) The taking of such steps from time to time as the Board or the members in general meeting may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Club whether by way of donations, subscriptions or otherwise.
(f) The printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets, or other documents as the Board or the members in general meeting may think desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Club.
(g) The borrowing and raising of money in such manner and on such terms as the Board may think fit or as may be approved or directed by resolution passed at a general meeting.
(h) Subject to the provision of The Trustee Act 1898, the investment of any moneys of the Club not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes in such manner as the Board may from time to time determine.
(i) The making of gifts, subscriptions, or donations to any of the funds, authorities or institutions to which paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 78 of The *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1964* of the Commonwealth related.
(j) The establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment and support, of associations, institutions, funds, trusts, schemes, and conveniences calculated to benefit servants or past servants of the Club and their dependants, and the granting of pensions, allowances or other benefits to servants or past servants of the Club and their dependants, and the making of payments towards insurance in relation to any of those purposes.
(k) The establishment and support or aiding in the establishment and support, of any other club formed for any of the basic objects of the Club.
(l) The purchase or acquisition, and undertaking, of all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any association with which the Club may at any time

become amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules of the Club and

(m) The doing of all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects of the Club or of any other objects and purposes specified in the foregoing provisions of this sub-rule.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Any person, on payment of such sum as the Board may from time to time determine, may at the discretion of the Board become a member for a period expiring within twenty four hours after the next Annual General Meeting. A register of the names and addresses of members shall be kept and made available for any member's inspection at such times, place or places as may be appointed by the Board.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in each current year or not later than in the month of February in the following year, and at such place as the Board shall appoint, for the purpose of receiving Report and Balance Sheet electing Office Bearers for the ensuing twelve months, presenting testimonials, and dealing with any other business submitted by the Board or members to the meeting. A printed copy of such Report and Balance Sheet shall be made available to members of the Club prior to the Annual Meeting. Quorum to be 20. At least fourteen days' notice of the Annual General meeting shall be given by the Secretary and publication of such notice in the "Mercury" shall be due and sufficient notice to all members.

6. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

The Public Officer of the Club shall, at least fourteen days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Club, cause to be inserted in at least one newspaper published in this State an advertisement specifying the place, day, and time for the holding of the meeting, and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

7. BUSINESS AND QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) All business that is transacted at the special general meetings and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.

(b) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
(c) Twenty members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote thereat) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
(d) If within one hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved, and in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

8. OFFICE-BEARERS AND BOARD

The office-bearers of the Club shall be a Patron, Patroness, President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom apart from the Secretary or Treasurer shall be elected for 2 years and six Board members who shall be non-players. Three shall be elected for two years and three for one year by ballot at the Annual General Meeting in 1977, and thereafter three such members shall retire at every Annual General Meeting and three shall be elected by ballot for two years at every Annual General Meeting.

Two players' representatives (two to represent the First Eighteen and one to represent the Second Eighteen) shall be elected by the players from the approved playing lists not later than the Thursday before the First Roster Match. During the current playing season these representatives may attend such Board Meetings as may be determined by the Board in order to bring forward any matter they wish and when they have presented their business shall retire.

The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office at the Board's pleasure. Notwithstanding the Secretary and Treasurer shall retain full voting rights and powers.

9. THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The President will preside at Annual and Special Meetings. He shall preside at all Board Meetings and shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees with full voting powers thereon, with the exception of the Selection Committee, whereon he shall not be eligible to vote unless he has been appointed a member of the Selection Committee by the Board.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee called the Board of Directors (herein referred to as the Board) constituted of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Board members elected as aforesaid. The Board shall have the sole management of the affairs and concerns of the Club and shall have power to perform all such acts and deeds as shall appear necessary or essential for the management of the club.

(a) Any casual vacancy occurring among Office-bearers or members of the Board shall be filled by the Board but any person so chosen shall retain such office only until the next Election of Officers. At any meeting of the Board or Sub-Committee half of those members of the Board present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the meeting of the Board or Sub-Committee. No Business shall be transacted unless the quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the time of the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a Special Meeting in which case it lapses.

At meetings of the Board the President or in his absence such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.

11. MEMBERS VOTING

At all meetings of the Club the following only shall be entitled to vote: Financial Members and Honorary Life Members. Any person becoming a member of the Club after the playing season has closed shall not be entitled to vote or to be nominated for any office in connection with the Club at the Annual Meeting next ensuing.

12. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations for Office-bearers must be in writing on official nomination forms signed by the candidate and two members of the Club who must also be qualified to vote, and must be delivered to the Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting. Candidates must be members whose membership commenced during the season preceding the Annual Election. Nominations may be withdrawn in writing three clear days prior to the election. The Board shall appoint two disinterested persons to act as Returning Officers to conduct the Annual Elections. The persons appointed to act must be supplied, by the

Secretary, prior to the Elections, with the Register of all Financial Members of the Club. No candidate shall be eligible to hold more than one office.

13. BOARD MEETINGS

The Board shall meet at least once every 21 days during the playing season, and at such other times as it may be deemed necessary for the transaction of Club Business. The meetings to be convened by the President or Secretary or any four Board Members through the President or Secretary. Quorum to be five. Three days' notice of a Board Meeting shall be given by the Secretary. Such notice may be given orally or in writing to the member personally or sent to him by letter or telegraph addressed to his usual place of residence.

14. NON-ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) Any office-bearer, with the exception of the Patron and the President, absenting himself from three consecutive Board Meetings without the consent of the Board shall be deemed to have vacated his office, and such Board shall fill the vacancy as provided by Rule 10. The Board shall have power to grant leave of absence to any member.

(b) In the event of the Board granting a leave of absence to any member in accordance with the provisions of clause 14(a) hereof then the Board may at its absolute discretion appoint an alternative Director for such member with the alternate Director holding office in accordance with the terms of the Constitution for the term of the member's leave of absence or such shorter time as the Board may determine.

15. ELECTION OF CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN

The players each season may, at the option of the Board elect a Captain and Vice-Captain who shall hold office only during the pleasure of the Board.

16. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Committee, before the commencement of each season shall appoint three non-playing members of the Committee who with the Captain and Vice-Captain shall form the Selection Committee. However where the Coach for the time being has not been appointed Captain of the team, he shall sit upon the Selection Committee instead of the Vice-Captain. Quorum to be as determined by the Selection Committee from time to time.

17. SPECIAL MEETINGS

On a requisition in writing signed by twenty five financial members, requesting the holding of a Special Meeting and setting out the reasons for such request, being delivered to the Secretary, he shall within fourteen days of receiving such requisition call a Special General Meeting of the members of the Club. The Board shall have powder to call a Special General Meeting whenever it considers this necessary.

18. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND OF SUB-COMMITTEES

(a) Questions arising at meetings of the Board or of any sub-committee appointed by the Board or appointed at any General Meeting shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
(b) Each member present at a meeting of the Board or of any sub-committee appointed by the Board (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
(c) Written notice of each Board meeting shall be served on each member of the Board by delivering it to him at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by post in a prepaid letter addressed to him at his usual or last known place of abode in time to reach him in due course of post before the date of the meeting.

19. ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The Board shall appoint two delegates and a Proxy Delegate to represent the Club on the Tasmanian Australian National Football League. Such delegates shall report to the Board the doings and transactions of the respective leagues.

20. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be executive agent of the Board and all Sub-Committees and conduct correspondence. He shall have power with the concurrence of the President in emergencies to act for and on behalf of any Committee and in case of urgency he shall have power to purchase any necessary club material. He shall have power to vote on any Committee except the Selection Committee, unless appointed thereon. The Secretary shall act on an honorary basis by the Board may if it considers it in the interests of the Club to do so pay him such remuneration for this services as it thinks fit.

21. HONORARY TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep account of all receipts expenditure, assets and liabilities of the Club and shall every month submit a report thereof to the Board. All moneys received shall be paid to the credit of the Clubs banking account as soon as practicable after receipt. All disbursements of the Club's funds shall be by cheque. All cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes and/or documents signed on behalf of the Club must be signed by any two of them, the Treasurer, the President and the Secretary.

22. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Board may appoint Sub-Committees for any purpose it may deem advisable and shall have power to alter the Constitution of any such Sub-Committee at any time. Sub-Committee Members may be appointed from Club Members, not necessary members of the Board. Moneys coming into the hands of any Sub-Committee shall be paid into a separate bank account as determined by the Board. Cheques on such accounts shall be signed by any two officers or the Sub-Committee President, Secretary or Treasurer. A working balance, determined by the Board shall be maintained by authorised Sub-Committees and the surplus paid to the Board. The Board may direct any funds held by a Sub-Committee to be paid to the Club Treasurer.
The procedure at meetings of the sub-committee shall be such as is applicable to meetings of the Board.

23. AUDITOR

Once at least in each financial year of the Club the accounts of the Club shall be examined by two Auditors. The Auditors shall certify as to the correctness of the accounts of the Club and shall report thereon to the members present at the Annual General Meeting. In their report and in certifying to the accounts, the auditors shall state:

(a) Whether they have obtained the information required by them
(b) Whether in their opinion, the accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Club according to the information at their disposal and the explanations given to them and as shown by the books of the Club and
(c) Whether the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Club have been observed.

The public officer of the Club shall cause to be delivered to the Auditors a list of all the accounts, books and records of the Club.
The Auditors

(a) Have a right of access to the accounts, books, records vouchers and documents of the Club.
(b) May require from the servants of the Club such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of their duties as Auditors.
(c) May employ persons to assist him in investigating the accounts of the Club and
(d) May in relation of the accounts of the Club examine any member of the Board or any servant of the Club.
(e) The Auditors may only be removed from office by special resolution or members.

24. CAPTAIN ON THE FIELD

The Captain shall have, subject to the Coach, control of the team whilst on the field. The Board may vary this arrangement at any time if it considers that it is in the interest of the Club to do so.

25. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board shall appoint annually a Finance Sub-Committee which shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Chairman of the Social Committee, who has been elected a member of the Board and Chairman of the Revenue Sub-Committee, who also shall have been elected a member of the Board. The Board shall supervise the collection of Club revenue and the proper banking thereof. No money shall be expanded on behalf of the Club without the sanction of the Finance Sub-Committee, and all accounts for payment must be submitted and passed for payment before being disbursed.
The Treasurer may expend on behalf of the Club not more than Twenty Dollars for incidental expenses (Petty Cash) without the prior sanction of the Finance Sub-Committee, but shall report such expenditure to the next succeeding meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee. The workings of the Finance Sub-Committee shall be governed by the resolutions of the Board.

26. VACATION OF OFFICE

For the purposes of these rules the office of an officer of the Club or of any ordinary Board member becomes vacant if the officer or Board member:

(a) Dies;
(b) Becomes bankrupt or applies to take or takes advantage of any law relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors or compounds with his creditors or makes any assignment of his estate for their benefit;
(c) Becomes of unsound mind;

(d) Resigns his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Board;
(e) Ceases to be resident in the State;
(f) Fails without leave granted by the Board to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board;
(g) Ceases to be a member of the Association or;
(h) Fails to pay all arrears of subscription due by him within fourteen days after he has received a notice in writing signed by the public officer stating that he has ceased to be a financial member of the Club.

27. LIFE HONORARY MEMBERS

The Board only may at any Annual General Meeting of the Club recommend to the members any persons for election as an Honorary Life Member who, in the opinion of the Committee has rendered special and outstanding services to the Club. Such election shall be by a show of hands.
An Honorary Life Member shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of a registered member.

28. VICE PRESIDENTS

Appointments to be left to the incoming Board in each season.

29. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

Should any question arise not provided for by these Rules or as to the interpretation thereof the decision of the Board shall be sought and such decision when given shall be final and binding upon all parties.

30. POWERS TO EXPEL BY THE BOARD

The Board shall have power to expel from the Club any member thereof, or member of the Staff, or Player whose presence or actions in the opinion of the Board may be detrimental to the interests of the Club, provided that no member be expelled unless three fourths of the whole of the members of the Board present vote for expulsion, nor until such member shall have been afforded an opportunity of being held by the Board in his defence at a Board meeting specially called for the purpose.

31. BY LAWS

The Board shall have powder to make such By-Laws as may be deemed advisable for carrying out the management or objects of the Club and to vary or rescind such By-laws from time to time as may be deemed necessary by it. Any By-Laws previously in existence prior to March 1960 are hereby repealed.

A separate register of By-Laws will be maintained by the Assistant Secretary.

32. ALTERATION TO RULES

No part of the Constitution shall be altered or rescinded without the concurrence of a three-fourths majority of members present at a meeting specially called for that purpose, or at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. This Rules shall not apply to Rule 1. Any proposed alteration at an Annual General Meeting must be given in writing to the Secretary 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

33. INTERPRETATION

In the foregoing Rules "Board" whenever it occurs shall unless otherwise stated, mean Board of Directors.

34. STANDING ORDER OF DEBATE AT GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a) Any member wishing to move a resolution shall arise and address the Chair respectfully, avoid personality and unbecoming language, and shall take his seat when called upon to do so by the Chairman. The resolution must be seconded before it is debated, and shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the seconder.

(b) No member shall speak more than once to any motion or amendment, excepting the mover of the original motion, who shall have the right to reply.

(c) A motion or amendment having been moved and seconded debate may ensur, but not more than two other speakers shall follow successively on the same side of the question. If two speakers have spoken and there being no speakers to take the opposite view, the question shall be put forthwith.

(d) On any member arising to a point of order during a discussion, the speaker shall resume his seat and the member arising shall state his point of order, when the Chairman shall rule thereon, which ruling may be reviewed by the meeting.

(e) When two or more members arise to speak at the same time the Chairman shall rule who is entitled to precedence.

(f) All voting at Board meetings shall be by show of hands unless a ballot be demanded by not less than three members.

35. Copies of these Rules shall be available to members for perusal upon application to the Secretary.

36. The Liability of the members is limited to one year's subscription.

37. The Common Seal shall remain in the custody of the Secretary and its affixation to any deed of document shall be attested by the President and Secretary or by any other two persons appointed by the Board for this purpose.

38. The Common Seal of the Club shall be in the form of a rubber stamp inscribed with the name of the Club encircling the word "Seal".

39. The custody of the books, documents and other securities of the Club shall be with the Secretary or such other person or persons as may be appointed by the Board for that purpose.