

THE HENTY RIDING CLUB INC.

CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. The name shall be "The Henty Riding Club Inc." (hereinafter called "the Club").

OBJECTS

2. The objects for which the Club is formed are:
 - (a) To encourage all people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.
 - (b) To provide instruction in horse riding and horsemanship and to instill in members the proper care of their animals and gear.
 - (c) To promote the highest ideals of horsemanship and loyalty thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.
 - (d) To encourage and assist all those who are interested in horses and ponies in their endeavours to improve their knowledge of, and to promote the welfare of and the demand for horses and ponies.
 - (e) To disseminate information on all matters relating to horses and general utility of horses and ponies.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Club shall apply in writing to the Committee.
4. The Committee shall have the right to grant or decline any application for membership without stating a reason.
5. General membership shall be given to persons of any age.
6. Honorary Life membership shall be granted by the Committee only to individuals who, in the opinion of the Committee, have given outstanding service to the Club.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

7.
 - (a) Any member of the Club who shall fail in the observance of any rule, regulation or by-law of the Club, or whose conduct in any respect shall be derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, may be removed from membership of the Club, by a majority of at least two thirds of such of the members of the Committee as shall be present in person and vote at a special meeting of the Committee, of which not less than seven days prior notice specifying the intention to propose such resolution shall have been sent to all members of the Committee and at which not less than the majority of the members of the Committee shall be present.
 - (b) The Secretary shall in writing notify any member expelled pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph of his/her expulsion and such member shall be entitled within fourteen (14) days after receipt of such notice to appeal against

such expulsion to a General Meeting of members specially called by the Secretary for such purpose. Such special meeting shall be held within twenty-eight (28) days after written requisition by the member whose membership is the subject of the appeal to the Secretary and the General Meeting shall decide whether to allow or disallow such appeal on a simple majority vote taken by secret ballot.

- (c) Any member who shall be expelled from the Club or who shall for any other reason whatsoever cease to be a member of the Club, shall have no claim to or interest in the property or funds of the Club.

THE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE CLUB SHALL COMPRISE:

- 8. (a) Patron
- (b) President
- (c) Vice-President
- (d) Secretary
- (e) Assistant Secretary
- (f) Treasurer
- (g) Five committee members

The Offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

Only members of 17 years of age or over shall be eligible to hold office.

AUDITOR

- 9. An Honorary Auditor shall be appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting for the ensuing year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 10. The annual subscriptions to be paid by all members shall be as fixed from time to time at any Annual General Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- 11. (a) All Office Bearers set out in Clause 8 and the Honorary Auditor shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.
- (b) Should there be more nominations than there are vacancies a secret ballot by the simple majority method shall be taken to decide who shall hold office.
- (c) Should there be an equal number of nominations and vacancies the Chairman shall declare all nominees duly elected.
- (d) Should there be a lesser number of nominations than there are vacancies the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancies or vacancy.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS

- 12. Nominations of Office Bearers shall be received verbally at the Annual General Meeting at which such election is to take place.

MANAGEMENT

13. The control and management of the income and expenditure of the Club, the entire management and superintendence of all the Club's other affairs and concerns and the appointment and management of its servants shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Office Bearers set out in Clause 8 hereof with the exception of the Patron and the Auditor.

QUORUMS

14. At the General Meeting of members seven (7) shall form a quorum and at a Committee Meeting five (5) shall form a quorum. If at the expiration of 30 minutes after the time specified for the commencement of the, General Meeting a quorum is not present, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting to such time and place as the Executive Committee thinks fit and those present at the reconvened meeting shall constitute a quorum.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS

15. In the case of a General Meeting, ten days notice shall be given to members of the intention to hold such a meeting and in the case of a Committee Meeting seven days notice shall be given to each Committee man of the intention to hold such meeting. Committee Meetings shall be held as and when the President and Secretary deem necessary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

16. The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at such time and place as the President and Secretary may determine. There shall not be more than fifteen months between any two Annual General Meetings. The financial year shall commence on the first day of October and terminate on the last day of September in the following calendar year.

GENERAL MEETINGS

17. The President or Secretary may call an ordinary or special general meeting at such time and place as they may determine and shall call a special meeting if requested in writing by five (5) financial members 17 years and over. Such meeting shall be held within one calendar month of the written request reaching the Secretary at such time and place as shall be determined by the President or Secretary.

VOTING

18. At the meetings of the club only members and honorary life members of the age of thirteen (13) years and over shall be eligible to vote.

SPECIAL VACANCIES

19. In the event of any vacancy occurring in any office from any cause whatever between Annual General Meetings, such vacancy shall be filled by the Committee as soon as convenient after the vacancy occurs and the person so appointed to such vacancy shall hold office only for the remainder of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES

20. No new rule, alteration, addition or amendment to this Constitution shall be made unless and until carried by 75% of members voting at a General or Special Meeting of the Club nor unless a copy of the proposed addition, alteration or amendment shall have been posted by the secretary to every member residing in the state of Western Australia at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

DUTIES

21. Secretary

The Secretary Shall:

- (a) Take and keep and maintain proper minutes of all meetings of the Club and of the Committee.
- (b) Attend to all correspondence.
- (c) Maintain an up-to-date record of club membership.
- (d) Carry out such other duties as the Club, Committee or President may from time to time prescribe.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Maintain accurate books of account in which shall be entered details of all Club revenue and expenditure.
- (b) Issue receipts for all fees, subscriptions and other funds paid to the club.
- (c) Compile and issue a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure duly audited and certified by the honorary Auditor which shall be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the club.
- (d) Present at each General Meeting of the Club and at each Committee Meeting a summarised statement of revenue and expenditure since the previous meeting.

BANKING

22. (a) All revenue received by the Club shall be deposited in a Bank account in the name of the Club.
- (b) All cheques drawn on behalf of the Club shall be signed by the Treasurer or Treasurer/Secretary in the case of a combined appointment together with the President or Vice President or any appointed member of the Committee.
- (c) Any one of the Treasurer, Secretary/Treasurer if any, or President or Vice President may endorse cheques payable to the club.

AFFILIATION

23. The Club may co-operate with, become a member of or affiliate to any body or bodies having objects similar in whole or in part to its own objects or any of them provided that a two-thirds majority of the Committee is in favour of such affiliation.

POWERS

24. The Club may purchase, take on lease or in exchange or on hire or dispose of any real or personal property either solely or in partnership and shall enjoy all such rights, powers and privileges and do all such things as may be necessary or expedient for these purposes. The Club may invest and deal with the monies of the club not immediately required for the purpose of the Club in such manner as may from time to time be determined. The Club may operate any account with any bank, building society or credit union.
25. The Club shall have power to appoint a delegate or delegates as its representative/s to any other body or bodies. Such delegate or delegates shall enjoy such powers and privileges as may be determined by the committee from time to time and shall hold office for such term or terms as shall be decided by the Committee.

INTERPRETATION

26. Any question whatsoever arising for which no specific rule is herein provided shall be decided by the Committee whose decision shall be final and binding without recourse.

INCOME AND PROPERTY

27. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely for the promotion of its objects and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise by way of pecuniary profit to the members or any of them provided that remuneration may be paid in good faith to servants of the club or other persons in return for services actually rendered to the Club notwithstanding that such servant or other person is a member of the Club.

DISSOLUTION

28. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same must not be paid to or distributed among the members, or former members. The surplus property must be given or transferred to another association incorporated under the Act which has similar objects and which is carried out for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual members, and which association shall be determined by resolution of the members.

COMMON SEAL

29. The Club shall have a Common Seal, which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary. There shall be two seal holders for the purpose of affixing a seal who shall be the President and the Secretary from time to time. The seal shall not be affixed to any document except by authority of the Committee and the affixing of the seal shall be counter-signed by both the President and the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of all documents to which the Seal shall be affixed.