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RAINBOW BEACH AMATEUR ANGLERS INC. CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. **NAME AND CONSTITUTION**
   The name of the Club shall be the Rainbow Beach Amateur Anglers Inc. It shall consist of such Members as shall have been admitted in the manner hereinafter provided; and who shall have signified their consent to be governed by the Rules of the Club and shall have adopted the definition of an Amateur Fisherman hereinafter contained.

2. **DEFINITIONS**
   Whenever in these Rules and By-Laws the words "the Club" appear they shall mean the Rainbow Beach Amateur Anglers Inc. "Member" means a person who complies with the definition of an Amateur Fisherman hereinafter contained. Words of the plural shall include the singular and vice versa. Words of the male gender shallalso include the female gender.

   a) An Amateur Fisherman is one who engages in the sport of angling solely for the pleasure and physical, mental or social benefits he derives therefrom and to whom angling is nothing more than a recreation. In this connection a person exclusively occupied in earning a living as a professional fisherman shall not necessarily be debarred from becoming a Member of the Club. Each such application for membership shall be considered on its merits.

   b) Executive Officers shall mean all members elected to the Management Committee positions.

   c) In the event of any question arising as to the correct interpretation of any of these Rules, or of the definition of Amateur Fisherman or any other question provided herein, such question shall be dealt with by the Management Committee and subsequently approved or otherwise by the next Annual General Meeting.

3. **HEADQUARTERS**
   Official Headquarters shall be located in Rainbow Beach and all correspondence addressed to its Postal Address: PO Box 440, Rainbow Beach QLD 4581.

4. **CLUB COLOURS**
   Navy Blue and White.

5. **OBJECTS**
   a) To take over the funds and other assets and the liabilities of the present unincorporated Club known as the Rainbow Beach Amateur Anglers Inc.
   b) For promotion of good fellowship amongst amateur fishermen, the advancement of the sport of fishing by contests and otherwise, and the reduction of expenses for traveling, boats and sundries.

c) To protect the rights and privileges of its' Members and Amateur Fishermen in general.

d) The income and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its objects and in the exercise of its powers.

e) To enter into any arrangements with any Government or Authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Club, to obtain from any such Government or Authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Club may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.

6. POWERS

The powers of the Club are:

a) To subscribe to, become a member of and co-operate with any other association, club or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Club provided that the Club shall not subscribe to or support with its funds any club, association or Organisation which does not prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on the Club under or by virtue of rule 25.

b) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of articles, commodities and provisions, both liquid and solid, for the members of the Club or persons frequenting the Club's premises.

c) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of the Club. Provided that in case the Club shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Club shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts.

d) To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Club.

e) To remunerate any person or body corporate for services rendered, or to be rendered, and whether by way or brokerage or otherwise in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any unsecured notes or other securities of the incorporated Club, or in or about the incorporated Club or promotion of the incorporated Club or in the furtherance of its' objects.

f) To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Clubs' interests, and to contributeto, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof.

g) To invest and deal with the money of the Club not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit.

h) Take, or otherwise acquire, and hold shares or other securities of any company or body corporate.

i) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to lend and advance money or give credit to any person or body corporate, to guarantee and give guarantees or indemnities for the payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person or body corporate, and otherwise to assist any person or body corporate.

j) To borrow or raise money either alone or jointly with any other person or legal entity in such manner as may be thought proper and whether upon fluctuating advance account or overdraft or otherwise to represent or secure any moneys and further advances borrowed or to be borrowed alone or with others as aforesaid by notes secured or unsecured, or by mortgage, charge, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the incorporated Club's property or assets present or future and to purchase, redeem or pay-off any such securities.

k) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills or other negotiable or transferable instruments.

l) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Club. Provided always that any freehold or leasehold land held by the Club as registered proprietor or lessee shall not be sold unless at least eighty per cent (80%) of the financial members of the Club consent thereto in writing.

m) To take or hold mortgages, liens or charges, to secure payment of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Club's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Club or any money due to the Club from purchasers and others.

n) To take any gift or property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Club but subject always to the proviso in sub-rule (6.c).

o) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Club, in the shape of donations, annualsubscriptions or otherwise.

p) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books, or leaflets that the Club may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.

q) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to amalgamate with any one or more incorporated associations having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Club and which shall prohibit the distribution of its' or their income and property among its' or their members to an extent at least as great as that imposed upon the Club.

r) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the incorporated associations with which the Club is authorised to amalgamate.

s) In furtherance of the objects of the Club to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Club to any one or more of the incorporated associations with which the Club is authorised to amalgamate.

t) To make donations for patriotic, charitable or community purposes.

u) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Club.

7. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

a) The officers of the Club shall be:
Patron
President
Vice President
Hon. Secretary
Hon. Treasurer
Hon. Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer
Hon. Club Captain
Hon. Vice Captain
Hon. Competition Secretary/Recorder
Junior Team Mentor
Media Officer

b) All Officers of the Club, other than the Patron must be Financial Members of the Club and shall be deemed Executive Officers.

8. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer, Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Competition Secretary, Junior Team Mentor and Media Officer; all of whom shall be members of the Club.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall retire in the following year at the Annual General Meeting of such year but may be eligible for re-election.

a) At the Annual General Meeting of the Club all the members of the Management Committee for the time being shall retire from office but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.

b) The election of officers and other members of the Management Committee shall take place in the following manner;

1) Any two members of the Club shall be at liberty to nominate anyother member to serve as an officer or other member of the Management Committee.

2) The nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member and his proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with theSecretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meetingat which the election is to take place.

3) A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the proposers' and seconders' names, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the place of meeting of the Club immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

4) Balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order, and each memberpresent at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies.

5) Should, at the commencement of such meeting, there be an insufficient number of candidates nominated, nominations maybe taken from the floor of the meeting.

6) The Patron is to be invited to take the position.

7) The election of officers at the Annual General Meeting shall be under the control of the appointed Chairman and shall be conducted by two poll clerks, appointed forthe purpose by the Chairman.

8) Members of the Management Committee and candidates for election to the office of Committee shall be ineligible for the position of poll clerk.

9) Where there is more than one nomination for any one office in the Club, theelection shall be by secret ballot.

10) Where an election by secret ballot is necessary in respect of any office, the pollclerks shall collect all ballot papers and count same subsequently advising the Chairman of the result.

11) At the conclusion of the ballot and notification of results, the poll clerks are to beinstructed to destroy all ballot papers.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

10. The President

a) The President shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Club with power to convene Ordinary and Special Meetings in accordance with these Rules, whether it be the Management Committee or General Meetings.

b) He shall preside at all such meetings, superintend the discussion of questions tabled for consideration, preserve order so that business may be conducted in due form and with propriety, and upon the previous minutes being confirmed shall sign same.

c) A casting vote only, shall be given by the Chair whenever voting is equal.

d) He shall be a signatory when required, to financial transactions drawn by the Club.

e) He shall sign all correspondence received and adopted at meetings over which he presides.

f) He shall authorise all statements on major policy as decided by the Management Committee or General Meetings for publicity purposes. In this regard he shall consult with at least two other Executive Officers prior to making statements in the interim between meetings.

11. Vice President

a) The Vice President shall assist the President at all General and Management Committee Meetings. In the absence of the President, he shall occupy the chair withfull powers as vested in the Chair and conduct the business and perform all the duties of the President.

b) He shall have the full powers of the President during that Officer's absence or unavailability, subject to all conditions pertaining to thatoffice.

c) He shall prepare and arrange to dispatch a newsletter on a regular basisto all financial Club members.

12. Hon. Secretary

The Hon. Secretary shall be responsible for the performance of all secretarial duties required by the Club excepting those attributable directly to competitions, which shall be performed by the Hon. Club Captain or Hon. Vice-Captain.

He shall:

a) Produce full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of every Management Committee Meeting and General Meeting to be entered into record to be open for inspection at allreasonable times by any financial member who previously applies to the Secretary for that inspection. For the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of such minutes, the minutes of every Management Committee Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding Management Committee meeting verifying their accuracy. Similarly, the minutes of every General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that Meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding General Meeting, provided that the minutes of any Annual General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that Meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding Annual General Meeting.

b) Conduct all general correspondence and file all documents connected with the Club affairs. Any policy or contentious matters are to be referredto the President and one Executive Officer before being answered.

c) Hand all monies and accounts received by him to the Hon. Treasurer within fourteen days and dispatch relative receipts upon receipt fromthat officer.

d) Compile an Annual Report of the Club's activities incorporating an audited Treasurer's Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. He shall forwardcopies of such report to all members.

e) Be a signatory when required to financial transactions drawn by the Club.

f) Prepare an Agenda Sheet of business for discussions at all meetings of theClub.

(i) Maintain a Register in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the clubband the dates of their admission.

(ii) Particulars shall also be entered into the Register of deaths, resignations, terminations and reinstatement of membership and any further particulars as the management Committee or the members at anyGeneral Meeting may require from time to time.

(iii) The Register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the secretary for such inspection.

g) Convene all General Meetings of the Club by giving not less than 14 days' notice of any such Meeting to the members of the Club. The manner by which such notice shall be given shall be determined by the Management Committee: Provided that notice of any meeting convened for the purpose of hearing and determining the appeal of a member against the termination of his membership by the Management Committee, shall be given in writing. Notice of a General Meeting for that purpose shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.

h) Be responsible for the maintenance of all records of performances by members at competitions conducted by the Club.

13. Hon. Treasurer

(a) Take charge of all monies belonging to the Club and shall within seven (7)days of the receipt of monies belonging to the Club, deposit same to the credit ofthe Club with the approved Bank. He shall issue receipts for same to the Hon. Secretary.

(b) Keep a correct account of all monies received and shall examine all accounts passed for payment to ensure correct payment and disbursement.

(c) Keep his books regularly updated and shall produce them or hand them over on demand whenever required by the Management Committee or Auditors and promptly on vacating his office.

(d) Prepare an audited Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for inclusion in the Annual Report.

(e) Be a signatory when required to financial transactions drawn by theClub.

(f) Invest and deal with the money of the Club not immediately required insuch manner as may from time to time be thought fit by the Management Committee.

(g) Keep all accounting and other records for a period of at least seven (7)years. Upon his retirement or removal from office, he shall hand over all such records to his successor.

(h) Arrange collection of all Trip Fees and all other outstanding monies.

(i) Arrange barge bookings and purchase of barge tickets and access permits when and as deemed required for Club purposes.

14. Hon. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

(a) The Hon. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer shall at all times be responsible to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer for any duties delegated to him.

(b) Officiate in either of these positions if at any time the Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer notifies that they will be absent at a particular meeting.

(c) Liaise at every meeting with the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer tosee if any duties are to be undertaken by him in between meetings.

(d) He shall maintain a register of all attendees at all club meetings.

15. Hon. Captain

(a) The Captain's duties shall commence at point of departure on all trips.

(b) He shall be umpire at all competitions and shall be responsible for the setting of commencing and weigh-in times. These are to be announced at the General Meeting prior to the trips.

(c) He shall set boundaries prior to commencement of the trip. He shall allocate positions in relation to dinghies or launches where necessary and shall weigh and measure all fish in accordance with the provisions of the "Fishing Industries Organisation and Marketing Act 1982-1989 and Fisheries Act 1989" and ensure compliance with relevant sections of those Acts and any amendments thereto. In the event of any dispute arising at any competition he shall refer such dispute to any Management Committee members present for settlement and such decision shall bebinding on all parties thereto. Such decision is to be subject to appeal to the Management Committee Meeting and is to be lodged within three (3) days. He shall notify the Secretary the winners of the competition and all members' points as soon as possible after each outing.

(d) He may call on the Vice Captain or any member of the Management Committee with the exception of the President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer to measureand weigh the fish or assist him in any other capacity.

(e} At the first General Meeting after any trips conducted by the Club the Captain shall furnish to such meeting a complete report either oral or written of complete activities and results of those trips.

16. Hon. Vice Captain

(a) The Vice Captain shall be umpire in the absence of the Captain and shall carry out the duties and have the same privileges and authority as if he were Captain.

(b) He shall weigh in all fish and may call upon any member of the Management Committee as the Captain, to assist him when required. In the event of the Captain being late at the specified weighing-in time, the Vice Captain, Hon. Secretary, or anyother member of the Management Committee may take charge of the competition in his absence.

17. Competition Secretary/Recorder

(a) He shall compile a list of all competition trips for circulation to Club members.

(b) He shall dispatch competition details and Indemnity forms in connection with all trips the Club may be involved in and all affiliated trips i.e., QAFCA and AAA. and arrange collection of completed Indemnity Forms.

(c) He shall maintain a register of all Public Liability and registration details of Club members' boats and ensure they are aware of necessary safety gear requirements.

(c) He shall assist the Captain at the weigh-in by recording information of catches weighed-in.

(d) He is to advise members of special trophies being fished for on the particular trip at starting time.

(e) He shall also keep a record of the conditions under which the competition was fished, information regarding wind, tide, rain, on type of bait used and other conditions, which could influence a future trip.

(f) He shall report the results of trips to the next General Meeting.

(g) He shall give a copy of his report and also an up-to-date report on progressive points and trophies to the Vice President for inclusion in the newsletter.

18. Junior Team Mentor

(a) The Junior Team Mentor shall be representative of all junior members and shall carry out the duties and have the same privileges and authority as if he were Captain with respect to junior members.

(b) He shall coordinate all junior development activities and ensure the junior members are coached and educated in all aspects of club fishing and shall representthe junior membership in all Management Committee.

19. Media Officer

They shall be responsible for coordinating all media activities, ensuring the club maintains a prominent public profile by managing the club's media content including social media and providing regular updates on media initiatives to the Management Committee.

20. Delegates

Delegates to any other Organisation to which the Club is affiliated shall report to the next General Meeting after attending any meetings of such organisations. They shall vote at such meeting in accordance with instructions of General Meetings of the Club. Any elected delegate failing to attend two consecutive meetings of such organisations shall forfeit his position as delegate unless he can furnish to the Club a reasonable excuse for non-attendance. Upon forfeiture of his position, it shall be filled by election at the first meeting of the Club following forfeiture of position or onthe day of forfeiture if the latter occurs on a meeting day.

21. FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

a) The funds of the Club shall be banked in the name of the Club in such bank as the Management Committee may from time to time direct.

b) Proper books and accounts shall be kept and maintained either in written or printed form showing correctly the financial affairs of the Club and the particulars usually shown in books of like nature.

c) All monies shall be banked as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.

d) All amounts of twenty ($20.00) dollars or over shall be paid by electronic funds transfer authorised from time to time by the Management Committee.

e) The Management Committee shall determine the amount of petty cash which shall be kept on hand by the Treasurer.

f) All expenditure shall be approved or ratified at a Management Committee Meeting.

g) As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared a statement containing the particulars of:

(i) The income and expenditure for the financial year just ended.

(ii) The assets and liabilities and of all mortgages, charges and securities effecting the property of the Club at the close of the year.

h) All such statements shall be examined by the auditor who shall present his report upon such audit to the Secretary prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting next following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made.

i) The income and property of the Club whence so ever derived shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its' objects and in exercise of its' powers as set outherein and no portion thereof shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly, orindirectly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to or amongstthe members of the Club, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of interest to any such member in respect of monies advanced by him to the Club or otherwise owing by the Club to him or of remuneration of any officers or servants of the Club or to any member of the Club or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Club, provided further that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the payment or repayment to any member of out of pocket expenses, money lent, reasonable and proper charges for goods hired by the Club orreasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Club.

22. FINANCE

a) All monies received on behalf of the Club shall be paid into an approved bank and vested in the name of the Club. At least one raffle per annum shall be conducted to supplement finances.

b) All accounts by the Club must be approved for payment by either the Management Committee or General Meetings and be made by electronic funds transfer.

23. AUDITOR

a) An auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and before notice of the next Annual General Meeting or whenever requested by the President, or by resolution of the Management Committee or General Meeting shall audit the books and accounts of the Club and certify or report on same as required.

b) The Auditor shall state full particulars by report of any deficiencies or irregularities which may be discovered, to the President, and subsequently to the Management or any General Meeting.

c) The Management Committee in the event of any Auditor so appointed being unable to act, will appoint another Auditor in his stead.

d) No person shall consent to be appointed, or act as the Auditor of the Club, or prepare for or on behalf of the Club any financial statement or any report or certificate relating thereto that is required by or under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 to be prepared by the Auditor of the Club if he is:

(i) The secretary, or a member of the Management Committee, of the Club.

(ii) A servant of the Club; or

(iii) A partner, employer, or employee of the secretary, or a partner, employer or employee of a member of the Management Committee of the Club.

24. MEMBERSHIP

a) The Membership of the Club shall consist of ordinary members, and any of the following classes of members: -

1) Junior Members
2) Life Members
3) Honorary Members

b) 1) All members shall be Amateur Fishermen as defined in these Rules.

2) Applications for membership of the Club shall be in writing and each application shall be placed before a properly constituted Management Committee Meeting of the Club which meeting shall have the sole right to acceptor reject the application. All applications for membership must be made on the Club's official form, and the proposer and seconder must be financial members.

3) The Management Committee shall determine any restriction on the number of members admitted to the Club.

4) There shall be no appeal allowed by any person who on applying for membership is rejected.

c) Any member who has been notified in writing that his fees or any other monies are in arrears for 7 days shall be removed from membership of the Club and shall not be allowed to re-join until all arrears shall have been paid, and will be subject to renomination, before being accepted back into the Club.

25. ORDINARY MEMBERS

An ordinary member shall be a person over the age of fifteen (15) years who meets the Requirements set forth in sub-clauses a(1), a(2) and a(3) of clause 23 of those Rules.

26. JUNIOR MEMBERS

A junior member shall be a person who is over the age of eight (8) years and under the age of fourteen (14) years at the 1st July for the relevant year. Junior Members shall not be entitled to voting rights at meetings of the Club. The number of junior members shall be unlimited.

27. ENTRANCE FEES

(a) Entrance fees shall accompany the application for membership.

(b) No person admitted to membership shall be entitled to a refund of entrance fees but where the application is rejected such fees shall be refunded.

(c) Any member once having withdrawn from membership must lodge a fresh application and subscribe the entrance fees as specified in these Rules.

(d) Entrance fees shall be as decided at the Annual General Meeting from time to time.

28. ANNUAL DUES

(a) Annual dues shall be as decided at the Annual General Meeting from time to time and shall be due on the 1st of February each year, after which any member who has not paid will be deemed unfinancial and must re-apply for membership and pay the entrance fee again. Annual dues for new members must be paid prior to attendance on the first trip, or the first Management Meeting following acceptance of membership whichever comes first.

(b) Any new member joining during the second half of the financial year will pay two thirds of the annual dues.

29. RATES OF CHARGES FOR PENSIONERS

Members of the Club who eventually become Pensioners and have been a full member for a period of five years or over, shall be entitled to attend fishing trips and social functions conducted by the Club at a reduced fee to be determined by the Management Committee. Each case is to be taken on its merits.

30. TRIP FEES

Trip fees shall be as decided by the Management Committee and ratified by the Annual General Meeting or at a General Meeting if justified, from time to time and shall be payable on the day of competition at the weigh-in to the Treasurer or his nominee. Any member failing to pay his trip fees on any one trip shall not be entitled to fish in competition on any subsequent trip until he has paid his arrears and the fees for the subsequent trip. This latter ruling shall also apply to any fines incurred by failure to attend any trip for which a member has nominated and not withdrawn from in accordance with the provisions of By-laws.

31. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

(a) Honorary Membership may be granted to any person who the Management Committee deem has or will further the objects on the Club.

(b) Honorary Membership may be granted to any person from time to time but shall be limited to a period of no more than one (1) month at any particular time.

(c) Honorary Membership may be granted to an unlimited number of individuals.

(d) Honorary Members shall not be required to pay membership fees.

32. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Only one member to be eligible for Life Membership in any one-year period. Such member to be nominated by the Management Committee to an Annual General Meeting and the motion for Life Membership to be carried by at least 75 per cent of the members present and voting at the subject meeting. No member shall be eligible for Life Membership unless he has been a financial member for at least 10 years and has rendered exceptional service for the Club. A Life Member shall be entitled to free membership of the Club, and free attendance at competitions and all social events conducted by the Club. The total number of Life Members shall be unlimited.

33. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

a) A member may resign from the Club at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date. Any member desirous of withdrawing from the Club shall give notice in writing and discharge, all fees and other obligations that may then be due before such resignation shall be accepted.

b) If a member:
(i) Fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Rules; or

(ii) Has membership fees in arrears for a period of seven days or more; or

(iii) Conducts himself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Club. The Management Committee shall consider whether he shall be disqualified, suspended, or his membership terminated.

The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting his case and if the Management Committee resolves to terminate his membership it shall instruct the secretary to advise the member in writing accordingly.

34. APPEAL AGAINST TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

a) A person whose membership has been terminated may within one month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the Secretary written notice of his intention to appeal against the decision of the Management Committee.

b) Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against termination of membership the Secretary shall convene, within three months of the date of receipt by him of such notice, a General Meeting to determine the appeal. At any such meeting the appellant shall be given the opportunity to fully present his case and the Management Committee shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting. Any member or members, on being disqualified or suspended shall forfeit any prizes won in any Club event for which he is disqualified or suspended, and the Club shall have full power to confiscate such prize or prizes and redistribute or deal with them at its discretion.

35. GRIEVANCE PROCEEDURE

a) This grievance procedure for dealing with a dispute under the rules between:
   1) a member and another member; or
   2) a member and the management committee; or
   3) a member and the club

b) To remove any doubt, it is declared that the grievance procedure cannot be used by a person whose membership has been terminated if the rules provide for an appeal process against the termination.

c) A member (the aggrieved party) initiates the grievance procedure in relation to the dispute by giving a notice in writing of the dispute to:
   1. the other party; and
   2. if the other party is not the management committee—the management committee.

d) If 2 or more members initiate a grievance procedure in relation to the same subject matter, the management committee may deal with the disputes in a single process and the members must choose 1 of the members (also the aggrieved party) to represent the members in the grievance procedure.

e) Subject to rule 35b, the parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to resolve the dispute.

f) If the parties to the dispute cannot resolve the dispute within 14 days after the aggrieved party initiates the grievance procedure, the aggrieved party may, within a further 21 days, ask the association's secretary to refer the dispute to mediation.

g) Subject to rule 35b, if the aggrieved party asks the association's secretary to refer the dispute to mediation under subrule (f), the management committee must refer the dispute within 14 days after the request.

h) If the aggrieved party does not ask the association's secretary to refer the dispute to mediation under subrule (f), the grievance procedure in relation to the dispute ends.

36. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE NOT CONTINUED IN PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES

a) This rule applies if:
   1) a member initiates a grievance procedure in relation to a dispute and the association or association's management committee is the other party to the dispute; or

   2) the aggrieved party asks the association's secretary to refer the dispute to mediation under rule 35(f).

b) The management committee does not have to act under rule 35(e) or (g) if:

1) the aggrieved party has, within 21 days before initiating the grievance procedure, behaved in a way that would give the management committee grounds for taking disciplinary action under the rules against the aggrieved party in relation to the matter the subject of the grievance procedure; or

2) before the grievance procedure was initiated, a process had started to take action under the rules against the aggrieved party or terminate the aggrieved party's membership, as provided for under the rules, and the dispute relates to that process or to a matter relevant to that process; or

3) the dispute relates to an obligation under the Liquor Act 1992 or any other State law to prevent the entry of the aggrieved party to, or to remove the aggrieved party from, premises used by the association, or to refuse to serve liquor to the aggrieved party at the premises; or

4) the dispute could reasonably be considered frivolous, vexatious, misconceived or lacking in substance, or relates to a matter that has already been the subject of the grievance procedure.

37. APPOINMENT OF MEDIATOR

a) If a dispute under rule 35 is referred to mediation:
1) the parties to the dispute must choose a mediator to conduct the mediation; or

2) if the parties are unable to agree on the appointment of a mediator within 14 days after the dispute is referred to mediation, the mediator must be:

(i) for a dispute between a member and another member - a person appointed by the management committee; or

(ii) for a dispute between a member and the management committee or the association—an accredited mediator or a mediator appointed by the director of a dispute resolution center.

b) An accredited mediator may refuse to be the mediator, or the director of a dispute resolution center may refuse to appoint a mediator, to mediate the dispute.

c) If subrule (b) applies, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

38. CONDUCT OF MEDIATION

a) If a mediator is appointed under rule 37, the mediator must start the mediation as soon as possible after the appointment and try to finish the mediation within 28 days after the appointment.

b) Subrule (a) does not apply if the mediator is a mediator appointed by the director of a dispute resolution center.

c) The mediator:

1) must give each party to the dispute an opportunity to be heard on the matter the subject of the dispute; and
2) must comply with natural justice; and
3) must not act as an adjudicator or arbitrator; and
4) during the mediation - may see the parties with or without their representatives, together or separately.

d) The parties to the dispute must act reasonably and genuinely in the mediation and help the mediator to start and finish the mediation within the period mentioned in subrule (a).

e) The costs of the mediation, if any, are to be shared equally between the parties unless otherwise agreed.

f) If the mediator cannot resolve the dispute, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

39. REPRESNTATION FOR GRIEVENACE PROEDURE

a) A party to a dispute may appoint any qualified person to act on behalf of the party in the grievance procedure.

b) For subrule (a), a person is qualified to act on behalf of a party if the person:
1) has sufficient knowledge of the matter the subject of the dispute to be able to represent the party effectively; and
2) is authorised to negotiate an agreement for the party.

c) If a party appoints a person under subrule (a) to act on the party's behalf, the party must give written notice of the appointment to each of the following entities:
1) the other party to the dispute;
2) the management committee;
3) if a mediator has been appointed before the party appoints the person—the mediator.

40. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FOR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Any meeting or mediation session required under the grievance procedure may be conducted by electronic means if the parties to the dispute and, for a mediation, the mediator agree.

41. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Club's financial year shall commence on the first day of July and shall end on the thirtieth (30) day of June.

42. ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEETINGS

The regular business of the Annual General Meeting which shall take precedence over all other business, shall be:

a) To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

b) To receive the Management Committee's report and the statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Club for the preceding financial year.

c) To receive the Renumeration Report including details of all renumeration and benefits given to management committee members, senior staff and their relatives.
A Nil Report can be presented verbally at the AGM.

d) To receive the Auditor's report upon the books and accounts for the preceding financial year.

e) To elect Office Bearers and the Management Committee.

f) To discuss alterations, rescissions and additions to Rules and By-laws.

g) To confer Life Membership - subject to these Rules.

h) Any matters of General Business not requiring Notice of Motion. The Annual General Meeting shall be the controlling body of the Club deciding major policy, with over-riding authority on the management and administration ofthe Club.

i) No member shall be entitled to take part in any Annual General Meeting or otherMeeting unless and until, he/she is financial. All decisions of the Meeting are valid and binding, notwithstanding the Meetings unawareness of any members' unfinancial position. Prior to any business being transacted at the Annual General Meeting or other Meetings a roll call of members present shall be held and the Hon. Treasurer shall indicate which (if any) are unfinancial.

j) The Annual General Meeting of the members, of which seven (7) clear days notice shall be given, shall be held in each year within three months after the close of each financial year which for the purpose of the Club, shall be the thirtieth day of June in each year. Any General Meeting shall appoint the time and the place of the meeting. The yearly reports and the Audited Balance Sheetshall be presented. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall consist of the number of members on the Management Committee plus six financial club members.

k) General Meetings of the Club shall be on such dates, times, and place as the Annual General Meeting shall decide. A quorum shall consist of the number of members presently on the Management Committee plus four financial members.

l) No business shall be conducted at any meeting of the Club unless the quorums as aforementioned are present.

m) The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall be Chairman at every meeting of members or if neither shall be present after the expiration of ten minutes from the time for which the meeting was called then the members shall elect a Chairman from amongst their members.

n) If within one half hour from the time appointed for any meeting of members a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to such time and place as notified by the Secretary. If at such meeting a quorum is not present the members present shall form a quorum and transact any business, which a meeting of members is competent to transact.

o) Every question submitted to a meeting of members shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall both on a show of hands and on a poll have a casting vote.

p) At any meeting of members, unless a poll is directed to be taken by the Chairman or demanded by at least two members of the Club, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried by a particular majority, or lost or not carried by a particular majority, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

q) The Chairman with the consent of a meeting may adjourn the same from time to time and from place to place.

q) Any poll demanded at any meeting on the election of a Chairman or on any question of adjournment shall be taken at the meeting without adjournment.

r) Any financial member shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club either in person or by proxy where the latter is permissible with the exception of Committee Meetings unless he is a member or ex-officio member of such committee.

s) The instrument appointing a proxy in the form hereunder shall be deposited with the Secretary prior to the commencement of any meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposed to vote.

> I …… of..... a member of the Rainbow Beach Amateur Angler's Inc. appoint …… of …… or failing him ..... of ..... to vote on my behalf at the meeting of members to be held on the
> …….day of …… 20 ……
>
> A person may be appointed a proxy only if he is a financial member of the Club.

t) At every meeting of the Club each financial member shall be entitled to one vote only whether by show of hands or by secret ballot, plus any legitimate written proxy he may hold for that particular meeting.

u) A special resolution means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three/fourths of the members voting in person at a meeting of members (duly convened and held in accordance with the provisions herein contained) of which notice of intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been given to all members. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given three daysafter posting to such member of a notice to propose the resolution. An ordinary resolution is any resolution as defined under standing orders for conduct of meetings not requiring notice to be submitted in writing.

v) If the necessary three-fourths majority referred to in the last clause is not obtained at such meeting consent in writing may be obtained from three-fourths of the members of the Club and such consent if obtained within one month afterthe date of such meeting shall have the validity of and be deemed to be a specialresolution duly carried at such meeting.

w) Minutes of all resolutions and proceedings of every such meeting as aforesaid shall be made and duly entered in the books to be kept from time to time provided for that purpose by the members. Minutes of each meeting shall be read and confirmed at the meeting next subsequent to the one in which the minutes are recorded and upon confirmation shall be signed by the Chairman of such subsequent meeting.

43. SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Club:

a) When directed to do so by the President; or

b) On the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members presently on the Management Committee or not less than the number of financial members of the Club which equals double the number of members presently on the Management Committee plus one. Such requisition shall clearlystate the reasons why such Special General Meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

44. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

a) The Chairman shall preside with unlimited authority upon every question of order and shall be the sole interpreter of Rules and By-Laws for the purpose of such meeting. No motion of dissent from ruling of the Chairman shall be permitted unless made before any other business has commenced and no debate on such motion shall be allowed. Such motion shall be immediately put tothe meeting.

b) Should the Chairman desire to speak on any question he shall, while speaking, vacate the Chair, and the meeting, in accordance with these rules, shall elect another Chairman in the interim.

c) The Chairman of all meetings shall have a casting vote.

d) No discussion shall take place except on a motion or amendment, which has been moved and seconded and put in writing if so demanded by the presidingofficer.

e) A member of the meeting may not speak for more than five (5) minutes on any motion or amendment before the meeting except where, by consent of the meeting, a specified extension of time is granted.

f) No member shall propose more than one amendment upon a motion and no member shall speak more than once upon the same question except in explanation of misrepresentation of statements made by him.

g) A member who has spoken on the substantive motion may not subsequently move an amendment but any member who has spoken only during the discussion on amendments may subsequently move a further amendment. A member seconding a motion shall not be held to have spoken thereon.

h) The right of reply may be claimed by the proposer of any motion before the final vote on his motion is taken and also before the vote on an amendment if he has not already spoken on the amendment. No new matter may be introduced in the reply and no further debate shall be allowed after the reply has been made.

i) Motions and amendments thereto shall require a proposer and seconder. No other amendment shall be proposed until the former is disposed of. Accordingly, as each amendment is affirmed or negated, the motion in its amended or originalform shall become the substantive motion before the meeting.

j) During debate on any motion or amendment not more than two (2) speakers, including the mover and seconder, shall follow successively on the same side ofthe question. If, after two speakers having so spoken, there be no speaker to take the opposite view then the question shall be put forthwith.

k) A motion "That the debate be now concluded" may be moved and seconded any number of times during a debate but only once by an individual member and shall be put to the meeting without discussion. If lost the debate shall continue. If carried, then the motion or amendment under discussion shall be put to the vote.

l) It shall be competent for either the mover or seconder of a motion to voteagainst it provided however that he notifies such intention to the meeting.

m) Voting on all motions or amendments shall be taken by a show of hands butthe Chairman may order, or any member demand, a division either before or after the vote is taken and tellers shall be appointed by the Chairman. All motions except those for which special provision is made shall require only a simple majority.

n) No resolution passed at any meeting held under these Rules shall be rescinded at any subsequent meeting unless notice of the intention to propose such a recission shall have been given in the notice convening the meeting.

o) In all cases where a point of order is raised whilst a member is speaking such member shall immediately take his seat until the point of order is decided by the Chairman whose decision shall be accepted without discussion.

p) Unless inconsistent with these rules, the rules of debate ordinarily adopted forthe conduct of meetings shall be applied to all meetings of this Club.

The business of the meeting shall be conducted under three headings: Official, Special and General.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS shall be minutes of the previous meeting, apologies and notifications of proxy, correspondence reports and recommendations of committees, financial statement and accounts.

SPECIAL BUSINESS shall be notices of motion.

GENERAL BUSINESS shall be matters brought up by members and of which due notice is not required. Notices of motion not covered by Clause 47 must be in writing and three (3) weeks' notice thereof must be given to the Hon. Secretary, who shall forward a copy of such notice of motion to all members at least fourteen days (14) prior to the meeting at which such motion is to be moved.

To amend or rescind a resolution of a general meeting it shall be necessary for a Notice of Motion to be given to the Hon. Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting at which such motion is to be moved. A copy of the Notice of Motion must be forwarded to all members within seven (7) days after the receipt thereof by the Hon. Secretary.

A simple majority of members present, and voting shall be required to carry the following motions which may be proposed without notice:

(a) Election of temporary Chairman.

(b) Of adjournment.

(c) Of amendment.

(d) For leave to amend or withdraw a motion of amendment.

(e) For vote of thanks.

(f) Dealing with business arising from minutes, correspondence, or any reports or recommendations of committees.

(g) Suspension of standing orders.

Notice of motion of any alteration to the Rules and By-laws must be in writing and a copy there of given to the Hon. Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting at which such motion is to be moved. A copy of the Notice of Motion must be forwarded to all members within seven (7) days after the receipt thereof by the Hon. Secretary.

In the case of a meeting lapsing the business thereof, or in the case of an adjourned meeting such business as remains undealt with, shall take precedence at the next meeting.

The Club may, by ordinary resolution, delegate all or any of its powers to the Management Committee or to any other committee of the Club and such delegation may be made generally or for any particular purpose and may at any time be withdrawn. During the time that such delegated authority is exercised by any committee the Rules herein set out in relation to the Club and its members, also in the powers and authorities vested in them except the power to make new Rules or to vary or rescind existing Rules, shall apply to and be vested in such committee and its members so far as shall be necessary for carrying out the duties assigned to them.

45. FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

a) 1) The Management Committee shall generally act for the Club during periods between Annual General Meetings. Any matter of urgency can be dealt with by the Management Committee, and decisions may be carried intoeffect without any special delegation of authority for that purpose by the Annual General Meeting.

2) The Management Committee shall meet at least once every two monthsbetween Annual General Meetings. The dates for such meetings shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting, and the Secretary shall notify each member of the meeting dates and times.

3) A Special Meeting of the Management Committee shall be convened by the Secretary on the requisition in writing, signed by not less than one-thirdof the members of the Management Committee, which requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such a Special Meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat. Not less than fourteen days' notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary to the membersof the Management committee.

4) Subject as previously provided in this Rule, the Management Committee may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit: Provided that questions arising at any meeting of the Management Committee shall bedecided by a majority of votes and, in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

5) A member of the Management Committee shall not vote in respect of anycontract or proposed contract with the Club in which he is interested, or any matter arising thereof, and if he does so vote his vote shall not be counted.

6) The President shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Management Committee, or if there is no President, or if at any meeting he isnot present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Vice-President shall be Chairman or if the Vice-President is not present at the meeting then the members may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.

b) Except as otherwise provided by these Rules and subject to resolutions of the members of the Club carried at any General Meeting, the Management Committee:

1) Shall have the general control and management of the administration ofthe affairs, property and funds of the Club.

2) Shall have authority to interpret the meaning of these Rules and any matter relating to the Club on which these Rules are silent.

3) May delegate any of its power to a Sub-committee appointed by them, consisting of such members of the Club as the Management Committee thinks fit. Any Subcommittee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Management Committee.

c) All acts done by any meeting of the Management Committee or of a Sub-Committee or by any person acting as a member of the Management Committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Management Committee or person acting aforesaid, or that the members of the Management Committee or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Management Committee.

d) A resolution in writing signed by all members of the Management Committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Management Committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it has been passed at a meeting of the Management Committee duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the Management Committee.

e) The Management Committee may exercise all the powers of the Club:

1) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the members of the Club may think fit and secure the same for the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee, or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Club in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon an or any of the Club's assets both present and future, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities.

2) To borrow money from members at a rate of interest not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by bankers in Brisbane for overdrawn accounts or money lent, whether the term of the loan be short or long, and to mortgage or charge its property or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Club, and to provide and pay off any such securities.

3) To invest in such manner as the members of the Club may from time to time determine.

The President and Hon. Secretary shall have power to convene meetings of the Management Committee.

(a) At any meeting of the Management Committee a simple majority of a number equal to the number of members elected and/or appointed to the Management Committee as at the close of the last general meeting of the members, shall constitute a quorum.

(b) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of the Management Committee meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the Management Committee, shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Management Committee may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall lapse.

(c) Any member of the Management Committee may resign from membership ofthe Management Committee at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary and such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later day is specified in the notice when it shalltake effect on that later date or such member may be removed from office at a General Meeting of the Club where that member shall be given the opportunity to fully present his case. The question of removal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such General Meeting. Any member removed from office at a General Meeting shall have no right of appeal against suchremoval.

(d) The Management Committee shall have power at any time to appoint any member of the Club to fill any casual vacancy on the Management Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

(e) The continuing members of the Management committee may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy in the Management Committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed or pursuant to these Rules as the necessary quorum of the Management Committee, the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Management Committee to that number or of summoning a General Meeting of the Club, but for no other purpose.

(f) The Management Committee shall have power to appoint anybody or member to Honorary Membership subject to these Rules.

(g) The Management Committee shall provide for a Common Seal and for its safe custody. The Common Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Management Committee and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the Management Committee and shall be counter signed by the Secretary or by a second member of the Management Committee or by some other person appointed by the Management Committee for the purpose.

(h)The Management Committee shall provide for the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the Club.

(i) The Club shall by resolution proposed, seconded and carried at any General Meeting, have power to declare vacant the position of any Committeeman whoshall be absent without good and sufficient cause from three consecutive Committee Meetings.

In the interim between General Meetings, applications for membership may be granted by the Management Committee, on a three quarters majority of those present and voting and such decisions shall be subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting.

46. COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

a. All members of sub-committees shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, General Meeting or Management Committee Meeting.

b. A sub-committee may elect a Chairperson of its meetings. If no such Chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting the Chairperson is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting.

c. A sub-committee may meet and adjourn, as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and, in the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed as decided in the negative.

d. The quorum for a sub-committee meeting shall consist of at least fifty per cent of the elected members, present and voting.

e. The Management Committee shall be the Chief Committee and all other Committees of the Club shall report to the Management Committee submitting a copy of their respective recommendations to it before being presented to the Annual General Meeting or being acted upon as the case may be. The Management Committee may refer any report or recommendation back to such Committee for further consideration or investigation within the scope of such Committee's functions, before such report or recommendation is submitted to the Annual General Meeting or acted upon as the case may be. The Management Committee in forwarding any such reports to the Annual General Meeting may add any recommendations it sees fit to make.

47. COMPETITON COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee shall consist of the Club Captain, Club Vice Captain and Competition Secretary and any other members elected thereto at the AGM. They shall select members of teams for inter-club competition, taking into consideration, members abilities past and present.

48. ALTERATION TO RULES

These rules may be amended, rescinded, or added to from time to time by a special resolution carried at any Management Committee Meeting or General Meeting.

49.ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS

In order to alter, add to, or revoke any of the By-Laws, it shall be necessary for a Notice of Motion to be given to the Hon. Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting at which such motion is to be moved. A copy of the Notice of Motion must be forwarded to all members within seven (7) days after the receipt thereof by the Hon. Secretary. Alterations become operative in the next financial year or as agreed by majority vote during a General Meeting.

50. REPEAL

On the adoption of the Club of these Rules, all the provisions of any prior Rules shall be deemed to be and are hereby repealed, but this repeal shall not prejudice in effect any of the rights heretofore accrued to the Club or relieve any person or member from any penalty, forfeiture or demand to which he is now liable.

51. RULES AND BY-LAWS

Every member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and By-laws of the Club during Competitions or Meetings of the Club.

52. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ALTERATIONS OF TITLE

(a) The Club may be wound up or its title changed by a special resolution of the members passed at a Special Meeting of the Club convened for the purpose. Under this Rule at least two months' notice of meeting must be forwarded to all financial members.

(b) If the Club shall be wound up in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, and there remain, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Club.

BY-LAWS

1. **NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS EACH YEAR**
   The Club shall have a minimum of ten (10) competition outings each year.

2. **RULES OF Q.A.F.C.A. Inc.**
   The conduct of competitions shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations adopted by Q.A.F.C.A. Inc. Provided that where there is a variation between the By-Laws of the Club and those of Q.A.F.C.A. Inc., the Club's By-Laws shall be adopted for Club Competitions which are not held in conjunction with Q.A.F.C.A. Inc. competitions.

3. **TRIP SELECTIONS AND PROGRAM**
   The Management Committee shall select a sub-committee of three or more persons to draw up a Program of fishing trips. This sub-committee will be given directions from the Management Committee as to the number of trips required, together with any other directions that the Management Committee may deem fit for the year's competitions. The program is to be presented to a General Meeting for ratification by the members.

4. **TRIP NOMINATIONS**
   A member wishing to fish on a trip must nominate with the Club Captain by the Friday immediately before the trip or in the case of trips requiring barge or association bookings at least 20 days prior to the trip.

5. **TRIP TRANSPORT**
   (When deemed applicable by the Management Committee) Where a competitor requires transport for a trip (i.e., boat hire, etc.) he shall notify the Club Captain of his requirements by the Friday which is one week prior to the Friday before the date of the trip or 20 days prior to the trip in the case of Island based trips. In the event of late nominations for transport being received, members will be responsible for their own transport arrangements. The Hon. Secretary and Club Captain shall engage all boats and other transport. They shall also be in charge of all conveyances engaged by the Club to the point of departure.

6. **CLUB SCALES**
   With the exception of Club trips held in conjunction with Q.A.F.C.A. Inc., all fish must be weighed in on the Club scales, provided however fish being weighed for the heaviest of any species for a Club trophy on a Q.A.F.C.A. Inc. competition must be weighed on the Club scales.

7. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

In judging, the captain shall count points for every weighable fish in accordance with the designated Competition Points Allocation System.
The Competition Points Allocation System will be reviewed annually by the Competition Committee and submitted to the Management Committee for approval prior to the commencement of the annual competition season.
The Competition Points Allocation System cannot be altered during the annual competition season unless bag limits or fish sizes are in breach of QLD Fisheries sizes and bag limits.
The Competition Points Allocation System will be published on the Club website prior to the commencement of the annual competition season.

In the event of two or more competitors having, in any competition, an equal number of points, precedence shall be given to the competitor with the lesser number of fish if two or more competitors are still equal the precedence shall then be given to the competitor with the great number of species.

In the event of a fish being hooked by more than one competitor, the points for that fish shall be shared equally.

8. UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

Any member who is unfinancial shall not be eligible to receive points or trophies and will not be credited for attending a competition, while he/she remains unfinancial.

9. MINIMUM COMPETITORS PER CATEGORY

To be eligible to win a trip trophy there must be a minimum of two competitors in a category.

10. COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The Club shall have the following Competition Categories:
Adults – Members 18 years of age or older at the start of the competition year
Cadets – Members 15 years of age or older at the start of the competition year
Juniors – Members under 15 years of age at the start of the competition year

11. DETERMINATION OF POINTS

Members competing in Adult and Cadet Competitions can present both Inshore and Offshore species at any trip weigh-in.
Members competition in the Junior Competition can only fish Inshore.

Given the ability to legitimately catch Offshore species within Inshore boundaries, the following guideline is applied:

- The Club Captain at his/her discretion will allow Offshore species deemed to be Inshore caught to be eligible for inclusion as part the of the Junior Competition.

- The intent of this guideline is to ensure species that are generally associated with Offshore fishing and that can be targeted by way of surf techniques, slide baiting, drone fishing, or fishing inshore within estuary systems can be considered eligible.

- Compliance against this rule is based on trust and will ultimately be enforced the Club Captain at his/her discretion and in accordance with the points scoring table included as Annexure A.

12. RECORDING OF POINTS

The Recorder and Captain shall keep a record of all points scored by each member in a competition. The Recorder shall give a copy of the results to the Club Captain after each trip.

13. RECORDERS POINTS

The Club Captain shall check the Recorders points on each trip and certify to their correctness.

14. CLUB CHAMPION

The Club Champion shall be the member who scores the most aggregate points over any three (3) trips for the year i.e. Their best three (3) trips over the year.

15. PENALTY FOR UNDERSIZED FISH

Any fish taken of less than its' respective length shall be at once liberated alive into the water from which it was taken. The penalty for presenting undersized fish for weigh-in, or having undersized fish in a competitor's possession shall be ten (10) points and if deemed a repeat offence, the competitor will forfeit the entire bag for the weigh-in.

16. MINIMUM SIZE OF FISH AND MUTILATED FISH

Each fish weighed-in must be of equal or exceed the respective, standard weight or size of fish defined in Annexure A and in accordance with the provisions of the "Fishing Industries Organisation and Marketing Act 1982-1989 and Fisheries Act 1989". Scale bearing fish, which are not listed under the Fisheries Act shall not be eligible for weigh-in unless measuring at least thirty centimeters. Fish with severed gill cord connection shall exceed the minimum length or adopted size by at least two centimeters. Naturally mutilated fish (i.e., fish that have been bitten by another fish) shall be eligible for weigh-in provided the remaining portion is of or in excess of the legal size of the particular species. There shall not be any penalty for a naturally mutilated fish, which is undersized. Deliberately mutilated fish, that is fish which in the opinion of the officiating measurer are of doubtful legal size and have broken vertebra, severed gill cord connection, or which has been pulped, shall incur the same penalty as for undersized fish presented for weigh-in, being ten (10) points penalty per fish. Any member wishing to appeal against a decision of the officiating measurer shall do so immediately, his fish shall be impounded, and decision given by the Management Committee members present at the conclusion of the weigh-in.

17. BEHEADED OR GUTTED FISH

All fish presented for weigh in should be whole and unaltered in any way.

18. CRABS

A grade Crabs can be weighed in with the points allocated to a separate Crab Competition. Points allocated for Crabs weighed in will not count for the Club Championships or Inshore & Offshore Competitions.

Mud Crab Competition Points Allocation System
A Grade Crab only 0.70 -1.1 kg – 1 Point 1.101 – 1.50 Kg – 2 Points 1.501 KG + - 3 Points Maximum of 5 Crabs per competitor to be weighed in.

19. NUMBER OF LINES AND HOOKS

Competitors may use three (3) lines with up to six (6) hooks. However, at the discretion of the Competition Committee, in certain competitions, competitors may be restricted to a lessor number.

Any fish weighed in at a competition must be caught by the competitor weighing in, on rod and reel or hand line. Lures may be used in all competitions unless specified otherwise by the Club Captain.

20. SIZE OF LINE

The Competition Committee may determine the dimension of the line that may be used for any particular Club competition.

21. EXPENSES AND BAIT

Members and visitors shall be responsible for their own expenses and provide their own bait.

22. BOATS IN DISTRESS

Boats or members in distress which would prevent them being at the weigh-in point, should signify their position by means of telecommunications, signal device or attract attention by another method thereby avoiding disqualification and denoting that they require assistance.

23. PROXIMITY OF BOATS

Boats must not approach within six metres of each other, except by mutual consent.

24. BOAT SAFETY

Solo fishing is not permitted in boats operating greater than two (2) nautical miles from land or where a boat is or has crossed a bar. Vessels or craft unable to accommodate two (2) or more individuals must adopt a buddy system while operating in excess of two (2) nautical miles from land or where the vessel or craft is or has crossed a bar. While operating a buddy system both parties must maintain clear line of sight at all times to ensure safety.

All boats must adhere to the mandates safety requirements outlined by Maritime Safety Queensland.

25. JUNIORS IN BOATS

All junior members must be accompanied by a senior at all times in boats.

26. EARLY RETIREMENT FROM A TRIP

Any member wishing to retire from a trip before the official weigh-in must notify the Club Captain or a Management Committee member before so doing.

27. CANCELLATION OF A TRIP

In the event of a severe weather warning being forecast at the time of a trip i.e., winds in excess of 35 knots and or torrential rain, or Bar conditions in excess of 1.8 meter swell height, the trip will be cancelled as per the adopted Risk Management Policy on the Thursday night prior to the trip. In the event of the above-mentioned conditions being forecast or realized at the commencement of the designated fishing event the decision to cancel or change fishing boundaries will be made by members of the Trip Committee present at the time. The only venue where these rules may be altered are trips where barge and access permits have been purchased prior to the event and cannot be cancelled. A decision, prior to the trip, will be made on boundaries by members of the Trip Committee present at the time.

28. POLLUTION OF THE WATER-WAYS

Any member reported for polluting the waterways, assembly or weigh-in areas, shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

29. MEMBERS UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL

Any member under the influence of alcohol or in possession of excessive supplies of liquor, shall be instantly disqualified from the competition. It shall be the Club Captain's responsibility to decide whether a member falls into the category of being under the influence of alcohol. Any member so disqualified, is entitled to an appeal which shall be decided by those members of the Management Committee who are present.

30. DAMAGE TO MEMBERS PROPERTY

The Club shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to members property on trips, but the Management Committee may deal with any case on its merits, if approached by the member concerned.

31. PENALTY FOR FISHING AFTER FINAL WHISTLE

Any member continuing to fish after a final whistle, or agreed finishing time, or failing to be present with his fish at the appointed place, or rendezvous at the agreed time, unless he has previously handed his fish to the Club Captain, or another member for weighing-in, shall be disqualified for the day, thereby forfeiting all points. Any member thus disqualified shall have the right of appeal to any subsequent meeting of the Club, but the grounds of appeal must be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary within three days of the competition. A member disqualified as above, shall have the right to weigh-in with the Club and points recorded temporarily, pending the result of any appeal he may lodge.

32. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF BY-LAWS

Penalties for breaches of any of the Clubs By-Laws by any member reported by the Captain, Vice-Captain, Captain appointed for the day or any two members, shall be decided by the Management Committee within fourteen days.

33. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS & VISITORS

Prospective members and Guests are welcome to compete in a Club competition their points shall be recorded, but they will not be eligible to win a trip trophy. Should the prospective member or guest subsequently join the Club, the points scored, and the trips attended as a visitor, will be counted for the purpose of eligibility to win other trophies.

34. VISITORS

Where facilities are available, members may bring as many visitors as they wish, but each member shall be responsible for the conduct and behavior of his visitors. Visitors may compete in a maximum of three trips in any one year but shall not be eligible for trophies.

35. INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

Members wishing to compete in inter-club competitions shall submit their names to the Hon. Captain and the Competition Committee shall select the teams. The Committee shall have power to reimburse competitors for reasonable boat and traveling expenses or part thereof if deemed required.

36. CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Members wishing to compete in South Queensland Amateur Fishing Clubs Association Inc., Queensland Amateur Fishing Clubs Association Inc. and the Australian Titles competitions or represent the club in an official capacity at these levels, shall submit their names to the Hon. Captain, and the Competition Committee shall select the teams from the list of names. The Management Committee shall have power to reimburse competitors for reasonable boat and traveling expenses, or part thereof if deemed required.

37. TROPHIES

Trophies may not be amalgamated with the exception of the trip trophies, which may be amalgamated under their individual categories or as a whole. A member must attend at least fifty percent of the trips conducted throughout any particular year to be eligible to win a major trophy as selected by the Management Committee.

38. RAFFLE TICKETS

Each financial member will be issued with a book of raffle tickets from time to time. He will be responsible for selling and returning the butts and proceeds to the Treasurer before the date of the drawing of the raffle. The member will be responsible for payment of any unsold tickets.

ANNEXURE A

RAINBOW BEACH AMATEUR ANGLERS INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last A.G.M.
4. Annual Report
5. Financial Report
6. Business Arising
7. Competition Report
8. Selection of Office Bearers & Committees

Nominees for office bearers (Any person nominated must have given their consent to be nominated)

POSITION	PRESENT OFFICE BEARER	NOMINEE
Patron		
President		
Vice President		
Hon. Secretary		
Hon. Treasurer		
Hon. Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer		
Hon. Club Captain		
Hon. Vice Captain		
Hon. Competition Secretary/Recorder		
Junior Team Mentor		
Media Officer		

Items for Notice of Motion
All the items submitted as Notice of Motion must be accompanied by an explanation in writing explaining the reason for the matter, otherwise they will only be discussed as General Business, and not as a Notice of Motion for change or addition to the Constitution, Rules or By-laws.

9. Appoint an Auditor
10. Notices of Motion
11. Items for General Business