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IN THE MATTER of the Wellington Under-
water Hockey Association
(Incorporated)

THE RULES OF THE WELLINGTON UNDERWATER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
(INCORPORATED)

(1) NAME

The name of the Society shall be The Wellington Underwater Hockey Association (incorporated).

(2) INTERPRETATION

In this constitution, unless the context requires -

"ASSOCIATION" means The Wellington Underwater Hockey Association (incorporated).

"CASTING VOTE" means a vote by the chair when there is equality of voting.

"CHAIRPERSON" means the person elected by the Association as chairperson.

"EXECUTIVE" means the executive provided for by rule 12.

"MEMBER" means any ordinary member of the Association as provided by the following rules.

"MEETINGS" means any annual general meeting or special general meeting of the Association.

"RESOLUTION" means resolution passed at either an annual general meeting by majority of the members present and voting.

"SECRETARY" means the person elected by the Association as Secretary to the Association.

"TREASURER" means the person elected by the Association as Treasurer to the Association.

"YEAR" means the financial year running from 1 March to 28 February

(3) OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are:-

- (a) To manage, promote and foster the sport of underwater hockey in the Southern part of the North Island lying south of and including Levin and west of Rimutaka Ranges (hereinafter called "the Wellington District")

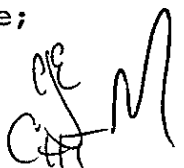


- (b) To provide a link between the sport of underwater hockey in Wellington and other parts of New Zealand and throughout the world so that information on matters of common interest may be exchanged and international competition held.

(4) POWERS

The Association shall be given the widest possible powers to do all things which may be necessary in the pursuance of the Association's objects:-

- (1) To provide clubrooms or similar amenities for the use of members and to make the same available to other persons on whatsoever terms the Association may think fit;
- (2) To acquire by purchase, take on lease, or otherwise, acquire any real or personal property;
- (3) To sell, exchange, maintain, improve, lease, hire, mortgage, dispose of, manage, control, invest, reserve, or otherwise deal with and turn to account any real or personal property of the Association;
- (4) To borrow or raise money by any means and upon such conditions as the Association may deem fit;
- (5) To assist any charity or charitable purpose by such financial or other means as the Association may deem fit;
- (6) To loan monies to any person, unincorporated body or corporation, whether secured or unsecured and upon such terms as the Association may deem fit;
- (7) To employ staff, and engage agents and appoint representatives;
- (8) To appoint trustees of all or any of the funds or property of the Association and to vest such funds or property in such trustees;
- (9) To engage in prosecution, defend, and otherwise take any legal action or legal proceedings on behalf of the Association or any of its affiliated bodies and for that purpose to extend such monies and employ such solicitors, counsel, and other advisers as the Association may deem necessary;
- (10) To edit, print, publish, distribute magazines, posters, newspapers, books, pamphlets, and other literature;



- (11) To join and affiliate with any person or other organisation of whatever kind and having similar objects;
- (12) To apply for and acquire any licences or permits deemed necessary by the Association;
- (13) To open and operate trading and savings bank accounts. The signatory of any account shall be: chairperson, treasurer and secretary, or provided that any two be absent the executive may appoint any other member of the executive as a signatory. The signatures of any two signatories shall be sufficient to operate an account; and
- (14) To promote branches of the Association at such places and localities as may from time to time be decided and to assist such branches either financially or otherwise;
- (15) At the discretion of the Executive and for benevolent purposes to assist and to further the interest of and provide for the members representing the Association either training or playing competitively or in a non-playing capacity whether in New Zealand or abroad;
- (16) To promote or oppose bills legislative or other measures or by-laws affecting the interest of the members;
- (17) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

(5) REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office of the Association shall be at such place or places as the executive from time to time determine.

(6) MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any person or company is eligible for membership who undertakes to conform to the rules and bylaws (if any) of the Association and otherwise comply with its requirements and shall, upon making written application to the Secretary of the Association and subject to the approval of the Executive, be enrolled as a member;
- (b) Ordinary Membership: Ordinary members shall be over the age of seventeen years and shall have the right of:
 - (1) The use of the Association's facilities as may from time to time be decided upon by the Executive for members generally or for any class of members in particular;

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- (11) The right to hold office in accordance with the rules.
- (111) An equal vote and voice in all business and concerns of the Association.
- (c) Junior Membership: Junior members shall have the right to the use of the Association's facilities as may from time to time be decided upon by the Executive. Junior membership shall not carry the right to vote nor to hold office in the Association.
- (d) Life Membership: Any member of the Association may on the recommendation of the Executive be appointed a life member at the annual general meeting in recognition of services rendered to the Association. Life members shall have the same rights of voting and holding office as ordinary members but shall not be required to pay subscriptions.

(7) REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Secretary shall keep a register of members which shall record the full names and addresses of all members, with the date on which they became a member, and the category of their membership.

(8) CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Memberships will cease in any of the following ways:

- (a) By written resignation to the Secretary. Such resignation will take effect from the meeting after the resignation is received. The member resigning shall be liable for such fees and levies as are payable to the end of the financial year in which he or she has resigned.
- (b) The Secretary shall when called upon by a resolution of the Association, purge the roll of any member who may be in arrears of subscription payments for 12 months or more. Such purging shall not free a member from arrears from subscriptions and levies or from the liability to pay the dues for the financial year, or any antecedent liability.
- (c) When any member in the opinion of the Association has been guilty of conduct which makes it undesirable that they should continue to be a member, the Association, at a meeting by a two thirds majority vote of members present and entitled to vote, may resolve to cancel their membership provided that at least

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42 days notice of the proposed expulsion shall be given to the individual concerned.

(9) MEETINGS

- (a) The Association shall hold an annual general meeting once a year not later than ninety (90) days after the end of the financial year, and notice of such annual general meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary to all members at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- (b) A special general meeting may be called at any time on the decision of a majority of the Executive or at the request of 10 members of the Association (in writing stating the purpose for which such special general meeting is required), to the Secretary. Upon receipt of the request the Secretary shall convene such a special general meeting giving 14 days notice to all members and specifying the intended areas of discussion.
- (c) At all general meetings or meetings of the Executive the chairperson shall preside but in the event of the chairperson being unable to attend the persons then present shall elect from their number a chairperson for that meeting and such chairpersons whilst so acting shall have all the powers of the chairperson.

(10) VOTING

- (a) At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands unless a poll is requested.
- (b) Unless a poll is so requested, a declaration of the chairperson, that a resolution has on the show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of portion of the votes recorded in favour or against a resolution.
- (c) If a poll is requested, it shall be taken in such a manner as the chairperson directs and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the result of the meeting at which the poll was requested.
- (d) In the case of an equality of votes whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairperson at the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is taken shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

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(11) QUORUM

At the Annual General Meeting, twenty five (25) voting members and at a Special General Meeting fifteen (15) voting members and at Executive Meetings eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum respectively.

(12) OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVES

- (a) Officers of the Association shall consist of chairperson, treasurer, and secretary, to be elected at the annual general meeting by the members.
- (b) The Executive shall consist of the Officers of the Association and eight (8) members elected at the Annual General Meeting, each member being elected principally to coordinate the following portfolios - coaching, schools hockey, publicity, equipment, refereeing, fundraising, competitions and the Huia Street Pool. The Chairperson, and in his absence, the Treasurer shall preside at a meeting of the Executive. If neither is present members of the Executive shall appoint a chairperson for that meeting.
- (c) Candidates for election of Officers of the Association, and as members of the Executive must be Association members and shall be nominated and seconded at the Annual General Meeting. If there is more than one (1) candidate for any office or for any portfolios of the Executive a ballot shall be held as may be required. Each member so elected shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting or until he resigns or ceases to be a member whichever is the earlier. If any vacancy shall occur in the Executive the remaining members of the Executive may appoint a member to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term of office.

(13) POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

- (a) With the exceptions of specific resolutions passed at annual or general meetings of the Association the management of the property and the investments of the funds shall be conducted by the Executive.
- (b) The Executive may exercise any power vested in the Association and not required by these rules to be exercised by the Association in a general or annual meeting, and may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees.



- (c) The Executive shall present to the annual general meeting a full report of its activities and the business done during its year of office and of any matters of interest or importance to the Association which transpired during the period of said report. The Treasurer shall present to the annual general meeting financial statements and a balance sheet prepared in accordance with good accounting practice, of the previous financial year of the Association.
- (d) The Executive shall have power to appoint and to instruct delegates or representatives to bodies with which the Association is affiliated or which have provision for representation of the Association at their meetings.

(14) AUDITOR

The accounts of the Association shall be audited by an auditor to be appointed each year at the annual general meeting and who shall be a member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants.

(15) PECUNIARY GAIN

No member of the Association shall receive or obtain any pecuniary gain (except in the form of salary or honoraria) from the property or operations of the Association provided that this rule shall not prevent the payment of such expenses or remuneration to members and employees of the Association as the Executive of the Association shall decide.

(16) COMMON SEAL

- (a) The Common Seal shall be kept by the Secretary at the registered office of the Association.
- (b) The Common Seal shall not be fixed to a document, instrument, deed, writing, paper, or other thing unless pursuant to a resolution of the Executive and in the presence of the Chairperson or the Treasurer and any two other members of the Executive who shall sign the said document, instrument, deed, writing, paper or other thing as witnesses. Each fixture of the Common Seal shall require a separate motion of the Executive.



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(17) ALTERATION OF RULES

The constitution may be altered only:

- (a) If a motion of the proposed alteration has been sent in writing to the Secretary at the registered office of the Association and to members at least one calendar month before a general meeting of the Association, and has been put at that meeting and carried by a three-fourths majority of those present and eligible to vote.
- (b) By unanimity of the total membership where the notice required under paragraph (a) of this section has not been given.

(18) SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LEVIES

- (a) The annual subscription payable by members shall be that amount fixed by a general meeting of the Association. Such subscriptions to be due and payable immediately.

(19) WINDING UP

- (a) If at a meeting a majority of those present and voting shall resolve that the Association shall be wound up, a further special general meeting shall be held not earlier than 30 days after the day of the meeting at which such resolution was passed, to confirm or reject such resolution. If the resolution shall be confirmed by a majority of those present and voting at such further special general meeting, the Association shall be wound up and all surplus assets after payment of all costs, debts and liabilities of the Association shall be distributed equally amongst all members.

(20) INDEMNITY

Every officer of the Association or servant of the Association shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Association to pay all costs, losses and expenses which any such officer or servant may incur or become liable for by reason of any contract entered into or act or thing done by them as an officer or servant of the Association or in any way discharging his or her duty, including travelling expenses, and reasonable out of pocket expenses.

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(21) INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

A substantial compliance with this constitution whether as to form, time, number, or any other matter in all cases be good and sufficient and no regulation, resolution, decision, election, appointment, notice or other matter or thing shall be invalidated by reason only of a failure to comply exactly with these rules.



Incorporated at Wellington. this 29th
day of October, 1985
Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies

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