



AFL London Constitution

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1. Definitions

- 1.1 "Advisory Committee" means the committee of the presidents of the Member Clubs;
- 1.2 "AGM" means an annual general meeting of AFL London conducted in accordance with Article 7.5;
- 1.3 "Appeals Committee" means the committee established under Article 5.1.2;
- 1.4 "AFL" means the game of Australian rules football;
- 1.5 "AFL England" means Australian Football League England Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales (CN: 07227410), with registered address at 56 Hamers Hay Road, Hailsham, East Sussex, England, BN27 1SU, or its successor;
- 1.6 "AFL Europe" means AFL Europe Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales (CN: 07277147), with registered address at Australia Centre, Strand, Melbourne Place, London England WC2B 4ZG, or its successor;
- 1.7 "AFL London" means the governing body of the sport of AFL in London;
- 1.8 "Chairman" means the individual responsible for overseeing and leading AFL London, nominated and elected via the process outlined at Article 4.2;
- 1.9 "Committee Member" means a current member of the Advisory Committee, the Social & Administration Committee or the Executive Committee or any successor committee, from time to time;
- 1.10 "Constitution" means this constitution, as amended from time to time;
- 1.11 "Disciplinary Action" means a suspension, expulsion, fine or any other sanction as the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee or Appeals Committee see fit;
- 1.12 "Disciplinary Procedure" means the procedure in place to handle disciplinary proceedings as set out in Article 5;
- 1.13 "Executive Committee" means the committee established under Article 4.2;
- 1.14 "Executive Committee Officials" means an individual appointed to one or more of the Executive Committee Positions under Article 4.2.2;
- 1.15 "Extraordinary General Meeting" has the meaning in Article 7.6 and 7.5.1;
- 1.16 "Governing Bodies" means AFL Europe, AFL England, and any other Australian rules football governing bodies in relation to any match, tournament, event or circumstance;
- 1.17 "Independent" means, for the purpose of Article 5:
 - (a) not affiliated with, a member of or a Player of a Member Club that is a subject of a Disciplinary Procedure;

(b) not affiliated with or a Member Club of a Player that is a subject of a Disciplinary Procedure; and

(c) not affiliated with or a Member Club of a Committee Member that is a subject of a Disciplinary Procedure;

1.18 **"Investigation and Disciplinary Committee"** means the committee established under Article 5.1.1;

1.19 **"League"** means the amateur Australian rules football league operated by AFL London or its successors;

1.20 **"Membership"** means the membership to the League, as a Member Club as set out in Article 6;

1.21 **"Membership Fee"** means an annual fee paid by the Member Clubs to AFL London;

"Member Club" means a club that is admitted by AFL London (or any of its successors) to field a team in the League in accordance with Article 6;

1.22 **"Member Club Representative"** means an individual affiliated with a Club who is elected by that Club's President to represent his or her Club during appeal proceedings, or as a representative on the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee;

1.23 **"Player"** means any individual who represents any team or is a member of any squad of any Member Club; and

1.24 **"Season"** means any League season in London typically commencing in April in one calendar year and ending in August in the same calendar year.

2. Interpretations

In this constitution (except where the context otherwise requires):

2.1.1 use of the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

2.1.2 any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular" or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms;

2.1.3 in writing includes by email unless otherwise indicated; and

2.1.4 the table of contents and article headings are included for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this deed.

3. Purpose of AFL London

3.1 Name

The name of the association is AFL London.

3.2 Objectives

AFL London's objectives are as follows:

- 3.2.1 To act as the governing body for the game of AFL in London; to work alongside the Governing Bodies; and to represent the AFL London community within AFL Europe and any other international organisations.
- 3.2.2 To promote and develop the sport of AFL in London;
- 3.2.3 To promote the development and growth of the English national teams and British teams through the nurturing and encouragement of English and British Players.
- 3.2.4 To organise the League and other cup competitions and to oversee all schedules and operations pertaining to the League.

3.3 Powers

In order to achieve the Objectives in Article 3.2, the League shall have the following powers:

- 3.3.1 To raise funds to support activities, including sponsorship, sales, grants, donations and legacies of all kinds (and to accept any reasonable conditions attached to them).
- 3.3.2 To acquire (purchase, lease, hire, or otherwise), any property or rights which are suitable and necessary for the league's activities.
- 3.3.3 To maintain and improve the property and rights (including, but not limited to, sponsorship) of the League.
- 3.3.4 To dispose of (sell, let, hire out license, or gift) the property and rights of the League.
- 3.3.5 To employ staff or consultants/advisors, or to reward volunteers, to ensure the successful delivery of the League's activities, including the payment of reasonable expenses.

4. Structure and Governance

4.1 General Structure

There are three bodies responsible for the operations of AFL London. These are: Executive Committee, Advisory Committee and the Social & Administration Committee.

4.2 Executive Committee

- 4.2.1 The Executive Committee is comprised of individuals who are elected by the Advisory Committee as Executive Committee Officials.

Executive Committee Officials

- 4.2.2 The following positions make up the Executive Committee;
 - (a) Chairman;

- (b) Vice Chairman;
- (c) Treasurer;
- (d) Director of Umpiring;
- (e) Secretary; and
- (f) Club Liaison Officer.

4.2.3 At minimum the Executive Committee will consist of the following positions;

- (a) Chairman;
- (b) Secretary or Vice Chairman; and
- (c) Treasurer.

Election Process

4.2.4 An individual may nominate themselves for any role on the Executive Committee at any AGM. There shall be no limit to the amount of times an individual can nominate themselves for election as an Executive Committee Official.

4.2.5 The Executive Committee positions as outlined in Article 4.2 will be elected by a vote of the Member Clubs at the AGM (as defined in Article 7.3 and 7.5). Each position must be voted on and each member of the Advisory Committee shall receive one vote per Executive Committee position. In the event of a tie, the previous individual in that role, if still running, shall maintain their position, and where they are no longer running for that position, they themselves may have the deciding vote on the outcome, such decision to be made in accordance with the Objectives of AFL London.

4.2.6 An Executive Committee Official may only hold two roles on the Executive Committee (a "**Dual Role**") if the Dual Role is voted on and agreed upon at the AGM.

4.2.7 If any position of the Executive Committee set out in article 4.2.2 remains vacant after an AGM, the duties and responsibilities will be shared and delegated between the Executive Committee Officials who have been appointed for the relevant year, until such time as a suitable candidate, who has been appointed by the Chairman (in accordance with Article 4.2.8) can assume the position.

4.2.8 Before the Chairman can appoint an individual to a vacant position, the Chairman shall first seek the consent of the majority of the Advisory Committee.

4.3 Meetings

4.3.1 the Executive Committee shall meet regularly, and in any event 4 times per year to plan, discuss and conduct League activities.

- 4.3.2 At an Executive Committee meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- 4.3.3 The quorum for Executive Committee meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Executive Committee Officials, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two.
- 4.3.4 The Secretary is responsible for ensuring that minutes are taken at each meeting. All decisions taken at Executive Committee meetings will be noted in the minutes. Minutes of an Executive Committee meeting are not required to be circulated to all Member Clubs, but may be done so at the discretion of the Executive Committee. All voting of the Executive Committee will be conducted in accordance with 7.1.

Resignation and re-election

- 4.3.5 An Executive Committee Official will cease to be a member of the Executive Committee at the point in each AGM when all Executive Committee positions are declared open for election by the outgoing Chairman. All Executive Committee positions will be eligible for re-election.
- 4.3.6 A Chairman of AFL London Executive Committee can continue to hold office after five years if the Advisory Committee agree by way of a simple majority vote.

4.4 Social and Administration Committee

- 4.4.1 Anyone from any Member Club may volunteer for any of the following positions of the Social and Administration Committee:
- (a) Director of Social Media/Press/PR;
 - (b) AFL London Pride Representative;
- 4.4.2 An individual in a Social and Administration Committee role may leave the role at any time.
- 4.4.3 The Executive Committee has the power to remove someone from the Social and Administration Committee if they deem the individual to be behaving in a way that is not seen as in the best interest of AFL London.
- 4.4.4 An Individual can volunteer or be nominated for any of the roles on the Social and Administrative Committee. To obtain a post, an individual must be seconded by another member of the Executive Committee or the Advisory Committee to obtain the position.
- 4.4.5 An individual may hold multiple roles on the Social and Administrative Committee.
- 4.4.6 A member on the Advisory and the Executive Committee can take up roles on the Social and Administration Committee.

5. Disciplinary Procedure

- 5.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint an:

5.1.1 **Investigation and Disciplinary Committee** which shall be:

- (a) composed of at least [3] individuals who are Independent and are selected from the Executive Committee, the Advisory Committee and/or Member Club Representatives;
- (b) contain at least one person who is not on the Executive Committee; and
- (c) empowered to determine such Disciplinary Actions or make such orders against a defendant as it considers appropriate; and

5.1.2 **Appeals Committee** which shall be:

- (a) Independent of the Executive Committee and comprised of individuals who have not served on the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee (if applicable), concerned with the subject of an appeal;
- (b) empowered to affirm, vary or rescind any Disciplinary Action, order or decision of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee;
- (c) empowered to substitute the Disciplinary Action with any other sanction or order, as it considers appropriate;
- (d) empowered to review a decision of the Executive Committee (in accordance with Article 7.2) and make recommendations to the Executive Committee or over-rule, amend or confirm a decision of the Executive Committee; and
- (e) empowered such that the decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

Committee Members - Reasons for a Disciplinary Action

5.1.3 Any Committee Member may be subject to a Disciplinary Action for reasons including (but not limited too):

- (a) failing to complete the duties associated with their role on the respective committee as outlined in this constitution;
- (b) behaviour or activities considered by the Advisory Committee or Executive Committee to be contrary to the best interest of AFL London; or
- (c) stealing funds, property, equipment or anything under the ownership of AFL London, any Member Club or any individual associated with AFL London.

5.1.4 A temporary suspension can be enacted at the discretion of the Executive Committee prior to any decision being made by the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee if they have reasonable grounds to suspect that a Committee Member has committed any of the acts listed in Article 5.1.1.

Committee Members - Procedure

- 5.1.5 A complaint about a Committee Member (the “**Relevant Complaint**”) may be brought by any individual, entity or party related or unrelated to AFL London and directed to the Executive Committee.
- 5.1.6 The Relevant Complaint will be heard and investigated by the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee.
- 5.1.7 The Investigation and Disciplinary Committee may make a Disciplinary Action against the Committee Member by a majority (50% plus 1) of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee.
- 5.1.8 A Disciplinary Action must be made no later than 21 days after the Relevant Complaint has been brought before the Executive Committee pursuant to Article 5.1.5.
- 5.1.9 Any Advisory Committee member, Executive Committee Official or Member Club representative who is the subject of or conflicted by Relevant Complaint, shall not be able to sit on the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee.

Committee Members - Consequences of an imposed Disciplinary Action

- 5.1.10 For the period of a temporary suspension (made under Article 5.1.4) or an imposed, Disciplinary Action, the relevant Committee Member will lose all rights and responsibilities related to their respective committee role, or roles, if more than one role is held.
- 5.1.11 By a majority vote of the Independent Executive Committee (the procedure of which shall be governed by Article 7), discretion to lift a Disciplinary Action against a Committee Member may be made from time to time and such exoneration from the Disciplinary Action must be notified to all Member Clubs in writing as soon as possible.
- 5.1.12 Expelled Committee Members may not be eligible to be elected to any committee role for a period of two years.

Member Clubs and Players – Reasons for a Disciplinary Action

- 5.1.13 A Member Club or Player will be subject to a Disciplinary Action in accordance with this constitution in any of the following instances:
- (a) failure to comply with the rules, by-laws and regulations of the League;
 - (b) the subject of misconduct, considered by the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee in its discretion (in accordance with Article 5.1.12), to bring discredit or be prejudicial to the interests of AFL London or the League;
 - (c) failure to comply with this Constitution; and
 - (d) failure to meet the continuation of membership criteria set out in Article 6.
- 5.1.14 Member Clubs must report all cases of misconduct that are likely to bring the game into disrepute to the Chairman, who will raise the complaint to the Investigation and

Disciplinary Committee. Where incidents occur on a match-day, the Member Clubs involved are under a duty to file a joint report of any misconduct covered under Article 5.

Member Clubs and Player - Procedure

- 5.1.15 A complaint about a Member Club or Player (the “**Relevant Complaint**”) may be brought by any individual, entity or party related or unrelated to AFL London and directed to the Executive Committee.
- 5.1.16 The Relevant Complaint will be heard and investigated by the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee.
- 5.1.17 The Investigation and Disciplinary Committee may make a Disciplinary Action against the Member Club or Player by a majority (50% plus 1) of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee;
- 5.1.18 A Disciplinary Action must be made no later than 21 days after the Relevant Complaint has been brought before the Executive Committee pursuant to Article 5.1.15.
- 5.1.19 Any Advisory Committee member, Executive Committee Official or Member Club representative who is the subject of or conflicted by Relevant Complaint, shall not be able to sit on the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee.

Member Club and Players - Consequences of an imposed Disciplinary Action

- 5.1.20 The Investigation and Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee may state the period and terms of the Disciplinary Action in their judgment.
- 5.1.21 By a majority vote of the Independent Executive Committee (the procedure of which shall be governed by Article 7), discretion to lift a Disciplinary Action against a Member Club or Player may be made from time to time and such exoneration from the Disciplinary Action must be notified to all Member Clubs in writing as soon as possible.

Appeals of a Disciplinary Action – Committee Members, Member Clubs and Players

- 5.1.22 Over-rulings, amendments or confirmations of a decision made by the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee (a “**Disciplinary Appeal**”) are made to the Appeals Committee.
- 5.1.23 A Disciplinary Appeal may be brought by or on behalf of the Player, Member Club or Committee Member which is a subject of the relevant Disciplinary Appeal.
- 5.1.24 The Appeals Committee may make a Disciplinary Appeal against the Member Club, Player or Committee Member by a majority (50% plus 1) of the Appeals Committee.
- 5.1.25 A Disciplinary Appeal must be made no later than 21 days after the Disciplinary Appeal has been brought before the Appeal Committee pursuant to Article 5.1.22.

6. Membership

Becoming a Member

- 6.1.1 Membership is open by application to any AFL clubs wishing to participate in the League. A new club (the “**Applicant**”) may apply to become a Member Club by making an application in writing to the Executive Committee.
- 6.1.2 An application for Membership can be made at any point and must be considered by the Executive Committee within 14 days from receipt of the application. Any formal application for membership must be communicated to all existing Member Clubs in writing within a reasonable time of the application being received by the Executive Committee.
- 6.1.3 Acceptance of an application to be a Member Club of AFL London shall require the Applicant to show the Advisory Committee and Executive Committee on demand the following:
- (a) sufficient Players to be able to field at a minimum one active Team in any League competition for the Season;
 - (b) accounts which demonstrate the club has sufficient funds to pay in full and on time, the Membership Fee due for that Season; and
 - (c) details of at least one individual, including phone and email, who can act as a point of contact between AFL London and the Applicant.
- 6.1.4 In order to be accepted as a Member Club, an Applicant must have the approval, by a simple majority vote, of the Executive Committee at the point of joining the League.
- 6.1.5 Should an application be successful, the Applicant will be able to participate in official League fixtures from the first Season commencing after the date at which their application is accepted.
- 6.1.6 No provision in this constitution shall preclude an Applicant from participating in friendly fixtures with Member Clubs before, during, or after the Applicant’s application.
- 6.1.7 The outcome of an application must be communicated in writing by the Executive Committee to all Member Clubs within a reasonable time of a decision being made.
- 6.1.8 All new Member Clubs at the time of joining the League must sign a deed of adherence to this Constitution, substantially in the form of the deed of adherence, which is attached to the Schedule of this Constitution.
- 6.1.9 Each Member Club grants the Executive Committee Officials a power of attorney to sign the deed of adherence to this Constitution on behalf each Member Club and jointly as the Continuing Member Clubs (as that term is defined in the Schedule of this deed), for the period up until the date that this Constitution is no longer in force.

Maintaining Membership

- 6.1.10 Subject to article 6.1.9 below, each Member Club's Membership will automatically transfer to the following Season if the Member Club continues to meet the criteria outlined in Article 6.1.3 above.

- 6.1.11 Each Member Club must pay the Membership Fee to AFL London, on time and in full, in order to maintain their status as a Member Club.
- 6.1.12 The Membership Fee will become payable on 1 May each calendar year. Should clubs have difficulty paying they must notify the treasurer as soon as possible. Non-payment of Membership Fees and any other fees required to be paid by a Member Club from time to time may be subject to a £100 late payment fee.
- 6.1.13 Failure to pay the Membership Fee and the late payment fee before the date one day before the opening game of the season will result in a Member Club forfeiting each game played until their membership fee is fully paid.
- 6.1.14 The deadline to pay Membership Fees set out in Article 6.1.13 may be extended at the discretion of the Executive Committee by way of a simple majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 6.1.15 A Member Club may withdraw their Membership of the League at any point by notifying AFL London in writing. The withdrawing Member Club will lose all rights and Membership immediately following the withdrawal of their Membership, and any Membership Fee paid will be forfeited by the Member Club.

7. Administration

7.1 *Executive Committee Vote*

- 7.1.1 The Executive Committee votes on all matters related to the governance and structure of the AFL London and the League.
- 7.1.2 Each Executive Committee Official shall have one vote on any matter put to the Executive Committee.
- 7.1.3 The Executive Committee may conduct a vote either in person, or via email/teleconference.
- 7.1.4 Each ballot must contain only two options, and any member of the Executive Committee may decline to use their voting rights in which case their vote will be considered an abstention.
- 7.1.5 The decision of the Executive Committee requires a simple majority in order to pass (50% +1 vote). Should a simple majority not be obtained, the motion will not pass.
- 7.1.6 In the case of a tie, the matter in question will be brought to the Advisory Committee who will vote in accordance with 7.3

7.2 Appeals of Votes Procedures

- 7.2.1 Final decisions made by the Executive Committee under this Constitution may be appealed by the Advisory Committee, exclusively to the Appeals Committee which will resolve the dispute definitively.

7.2.2 To initiate an appeal, a member of the Advisory Committee must notify the Chairman in writing within 7 days of receipt of the decision. Any appeal given in writing shall be signed by at least two members of the Advisory Committee.

7.2.3 Upon receipt of an appeal, the Executive Committee will appoint an Appeals Committee within 14 days of receipt of the appeal. The Appeals Committee will then adjudicate the appeal. A decision to overturn a decision of the Executive Committee by the Appeals Committee must pass by 50% of those present and voting in order to be binding.

7.3 **Advisory Committee Vote**

7.3.1 An Advisory Committee ("**Advisory Committee Vote**") vote shall occur

(a) when the Executive Committee believes that the most appropriate course of action in making a decision is to put it to the Advisory Committee for a vote; and

(b) in the case of a tie of the Executive Committee Vote, as set out in Article 7.1.6.

7.3.2 An Advisory Committee Vote can take place in person or in writing by written resolution. In both cases, votes will be tallied, and the result shared with all parties involved.

7.3.3 Any question to be voted on will be drafted in writing by the Executive Committee, and then submitted by the Chairman of the Executive Committee to each Advisory Committee member by email.

7.3.4 The question shall be considered received once all Advisory Committee members receive the relevant email in their inbox in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

7.3.5 The vote of the Advisory Committee must take place no later than 7 days after the question is sent to all Advisory Committee members. If a response to the questions is not received by the Chairman of the Executive Committee within 7 days, the relevant Advisory Committee member will be deemed to have abstained from the vote.

7.3.6 Each Advisory Committee member will hold 1 vote.

7.3.7 To pass a decision via an Advisory Committee Vote, a successful vote must attain more than 50% of total Advisory Committee votes.

7.3.8 An Advisory Committee Vote will not pass if more than 50% of the votes are deemed abstained.

7.3.9 The decision made via Advisory Committee vote is final and will apply to the current Season.

7.4 **Meetings**

League business set out in Articles 7.5.2 and 9.4 will be conducted at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting. Meetings will be led by the Chairman of AFL London, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairman, or in his/her absence, by another individual nominated by the Executive Committee Officials present to act as Acting Chairman for that meeting.

7.5 **Annual General Meeting**

- 7.5.1 All general meetings of AFL London other than AGMs shall be called extraordinary general meetings, and each will be run pursuant to Article 7.6.
- 7.5.2 The business of each AGM shall include (but is not limited to):
- (a) resignation of all roles and the subsequent nomination and election / re-election of all members of the Executive Committee;
 - (b) a report by the Chairman on the activities and operations of AFL London;
 - (c) a report on the financial position and accounts of AFL London by the Treasurer;
 - (d) a report on the umpires group by the umpires director; and
 - (e) a report from each Member Clubs on the activities and operations of the respective Member Club.
- 7.5.3 An AGM may be convened by the Executive Committee no later than 12 months from the date of the previous AGM.
- 7.5.4 Notice of an AGM must be given in writing to all Member Clubs and each Executive Committee Official with at least 21 days' notice. A notice shall specify date, time, and location of the AGM.
- 7.5.5 An agenda for the AGM must be circulated to all Member Clubs at least 7 days prior to the AGM taking place.
- 7.5.6 The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall chair the meeting or, in her/his absence, another Executive Committee Official or an individual nominated by the Executive Committee.
- 7.5.7 A quorum must be present for an AGM to proceed. At minimum, a quorum includes the Chairman of the Executive Committee or another Executive Committee Official plus at least 50% of voting Member Clubs each represented by a minimum of one individual. If a quorum is not present at an AGM then the meeting must be adjourned until a full quorum is present.

7.6 **Extra-Ordinary General Meeting**

- 7.6.1 Any Member Club or Executive Committee Official may request an EGM, which shall be accepted by the Chairman. Notice must be made in writing to the Executive Committee and include details of the specific issue that the EGM is to address.
- 7.6.2 The Executive Committee will notify all Members that an EGM has been requested, with details of the subject and a date, time and location for the meeting. The Executive Committee must give Members at least 7 days' notice prior to the EGM taking place.
- 7.6.3 A quorum must be present for an EGM to proceed, as per Section 7.5.7 above.

7.7 Voting at an AGM and EGM

- 7.7.1 A resolution put to the vote of an AGM or EGM shall be decided on a show of hands. A resolution must hold a simple majority of the votes in order to pass.
- 7.7.2 Each Executive Committee Official and Member Club (by way of the club president or duly appointed alternate of the Member Club) shall be entitled to 1 vote each.
- 7.7.3 A declaration by the Chairman having counted the votes made at the meeting, that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

8. Diversity and Inclusion

- 8.1 AFL London is a diverse and inclusive association that accepts individuals from all walks of life. All Member Clubs, Players, Member Club Representatives and anyone associated with AFL London must follow the morals and values of the League and must abide by any and all policies which AFL London adopt including but not limited to any anti-discrimination and vilification policy.
- 8.2 AFL London supports and encourages diversity in all forms (gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, marital status, disability and age).
- 8.3 AFL London has an obligation to ensure all policies and regulations that it implements follow the morals and values of the League and its community.

9. Miscellaneous

Alterations to the Constitution

- 9.1 This Constitution may be altered by a resolution that has been passed by a vote of the Executive Committee, which has been carried out in accordance with Article 7.1.
- 9.2 The Chairman may make changes to this Constitution where she/he has notified the Advisory Committee and Executive Committee Officials in writing, no rejection to the change is received by the Chairman within 7 days from the date of the notice and the proposed change does not add additional power or authority to the Chairman's position on the Executive Committee.
- 9.3 The proposed amendments are to be set out in full and attached to the proposed resolution.

Dissolution

- 9.4 If the Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee determines that it is necessary or appropriate that the League be dissolved, it shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Member Clubs.
- 9.5 A proposal to dissolve the League must be confirmed by a majority at the Extraordinary General Meeting pursuant to Article 6.2.

- 9.6 In the case of the League dissolving, the Committee will have the power to dispose of any assets held by the League at their discretion, the proceeds of which will be disseminated equally between the Member Clubs. Upon receipt, the Member Clubs must share the proceeds received equally between the fully paid-up members of their Member Club.

AFL London By-Laws

- 9.7 AFL London follows the spirit of the general laws of the game created by the AFL.
- 9.8 AFL London has its own set of By-laws, designed to match the needs of the game over in London.
- 9.8.1 The AFL London By-Laws may be reviewed every year after the Season is complete by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Director of Umpiring.
- 9.8.2 All changes to the AFL London By-Laws must be put to a vote of the Executive Committee in accordance with the voting practices set out at Article 7.1.
- 9.9 AFL London By-Laws can be only be amended during the Season if the Executive Committee decide that the By-Law is grossly unfit for use in the AFL London League. The amendment of the by-laws must be voted on in accordance with Article 7.1 above.

Other Policies

- 9.10 AFL London has outside documentation that covers other areas of the game.
- 9.11 The policies which have been implemented by AFL London from time to time can be changed and voted upon like other Executive Committee and Advisory Committee decisions:
- 9.12 **Finances**
- 9.12.1 The treasurer shall receive and distribute funds upon the authorization of the chairperson, in accordance with standard good business practice.
- 9.12.2 The treasurer shall provide financial reports at all Executive Committee meetings and regular meetings of AFL London.
- 9.12.3 The treasurer and other members nominated from time to time will be responsible for the fundraising activities of AFL London.
- 9.12.4 AFL London banks with HSBC. Approval must be sought from the Executive Committee to change the bank account of the organisation.
- 9.12.5 Good business practice ensures that there must be two signatories on the bank mandate at any one time.
- 9.12.6 All expenses must be sent to the treasurer for authorisation with a corresponding receipt. Receipts must be included for all expenses in order for reimbursement to occur.

9.12.7 Any expenses must be submitted to AFL London within three months of being incurred. Any expenses received post this date are payable at the discretion of the treasurer and AFL London.

9.13 **Social Media**

9.13.1 AFL London Social Media includes platforms; websites, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.

9.13.2 All these Social Media platforms will have the passwords held by more than one member of any committee to ensure the account remains in the League's control.

9.13.3 All content posted must abide by the AFL London Constitution, policies and By Laws and must promote the League and any of its Member Clubs, as well as AFL London's sponsors. No piece of content can discriminate or single out a Member Club in a negative manner.

*[*Execution pages to follow – to be executed as a deed in front of a witness*]*

Executed and Delivered as a **deed** for and on behalf of AFL
London

acting by [NAME OF CHAIRMAN]

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Signature of Chairman

Chairman of the Executive Committee

In the presence of:

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Signature of Witness

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Executed and Delivered as a **deed** by [NAME OF CLUB]

acting by [NAME OF PRESIDENT]

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Signature of President

President

In the presence of:

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Signature of Witness

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Executed and Delivered as a **deed** by [NAME OF CLUB]

acting by [NAME OF PRESIDENT]

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Signature of President

President

In the presence of:

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Signature of Witness

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acting by [NAME OF PRESIDENT]

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acting by [NAME OF PRESIDENT]

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Signature of Witness

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Executed and Delivered as a **deed** by [NAME OF CLUB]

acting by [NAME OF PRESIDENT]

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In the presence of:

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SCHEDULE – Deed of Adherence

This **deed** is dated [DATE]

PARTIES

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(1) AFL London League represented by the Chairman of the Executive Committee (the “**League**”);

(2) [NAME OF NEW MEMBER CLUB] (the “**New Member Club**”);

(3) The Member Clubs named in the Schedule as the existing Member Clubs of the League (the “**Continuing Member Clubs**”) each represented by an Executive Committee Official under power of attorney granted under the Constitution.

BACKGROUND

(A) All defined terms in this deed shall have the same meaning as set out in the AFL London Constitution dated [DATE], made between Executive Committee, and the Member Clubs as amended from time to time, for the purpose of regulating the exercise of the rights and obligations in relation to the League (the “**Constitution**”).

(B) This **deed** is entered into pursuant to Article 6.1.7 of the Constitution.

AGREED TERMS

1. The **Effective Date** means the date of this **deed**.

2. The New Member Club confirms that it has been supplied with a copy of the Constitution. The League the New Member Club and each of the Continuing Member Clubs undertake with each other that, from the Effective Date, the New Member Club shall assume all of the rights under the Constitution and shall observe, perform and be bound by the provisions Constitution that contain obligations.

4. This **deed** may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute a duplicate original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute the one agreement.

5. This **deed** and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

6. Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this **deed** or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

This document has been executed as a **deed** and is delivered and takes effect on the date stated at the beginning of it.

[Execution Pages to Follow]

Executed and Delivered as a **deed** for and on behalf of AFL
London

acting by [NAME OF CHAIRMAN]

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Signature of Chairman

Chairman of the Executive Committee

In the presence of:

.....

Signature of Witness

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Executed and Delivered as a **deed** by [NAME OF NEW
MEMBER CLUB]

acting by [NAME OF PRESIDENT]

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Signature of President

President

In the presence of:

.....

Signature of Witness

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Executed and Delivered as a **deed** by the Continuing Member Clubs

acting by [NAME OF Executive Committee Official] acting under power of attorney

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Signature

Executive Committee Official

In the presence of:

.....

Signature of Witness

Name:

Address:

Occupation: