

THE LAUNCESTON ANGLER'S ASSOCIATION

Constitution

1. Name

The Association shall be called *The Launceston Angler's Association* and for the purposes of this document will be continued to be referred to as the "**Association**"

2. Aims and Objectives

The object of the Association shall be to provide and promote affordable sport fishing for members.

3. Equality Statement

The Association is fully committed to the principles of the equality of opportunity.

No participant, volunteer or member of the association will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, age, colour, disability, ethnic origin, parental or marital status, religious belief, social class or sexual preference than any other. While recognising the obligations placed upon the Association by its Landlords, that may request limitations on junior members, the Association recognises its legal obligations not to discriminate and will regard discrimination by any member, participant or volunteer as grounds for disciplinary action under the relevant Association rules.

4. Welfare Statement

The Association recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all who are in membership of the Association. The Association will aim to provide good quality affordable local sport fishing by adopting relevant protections, safety procedures and working practices as required by law.

5. Membership

5.1 The Committee shall have the power to accept or refuse any application for membership of The Association and determine total membership numbers.

5.2 Any person seeking membership must be recommended by two members of The Association or submit two satisfactory references.

5.3 The Committee shall be responsible for considering whether applications for membership should be accepted. This decision shall be made in accordance with the equality statement in paragraph 4.

5.4 Members of age 13 years to 15 years inclusive shall be considered as junior members. Members of age of 16 years to 18 years inclusive and any member producing evidence of fulltime attendance of a recognised further education shall be considered student members. Full membership is available to persons over 15 years of age.

5.5 Young persons under the age of 16 years are not permitted on Association waters unless accompanied by an adult member.

6. Membership and Fees

6.1 Membership and joining fees shall be set by the committee. The level of fees shall distinguish between those members who require a Junior permit, student's permit, a Summer ("A") Ticket for restricted beats and an All Year ("C") Ticket covering all the beats.

6.2 Annual membership fees shall be due in on the 1st January and collected no later than the 31st March each year and are payable to the Association Treasurer. No member will be eligible to represent the Association if he/she has not paid the agreed membership by the 31st March. Non-payment by the 31st March, will indicate that member will be deemed to have retired. Failure to comply will entail reapplication and payment of the joining fee.

6.3 Day permits to fish provide temporary membership of the Association for the date of issue to the holder and bind the holder to the rules of the Association but does not confer the voting rights of annual membership.

7. The Committee

- 7.1 The Committee will act for the members of the Association and shall be comprised of the following nominated Officers: Chairperson, vice Chairperson, Secretary, vice Secretary, Treasurer, vice Treasurer and six Committee members. The Committee will consist of 12 full members that shall be elected for a period of three years but shall be eligible to offer themselves for re-election if they so wish. Officers can only be elected once they have served for at least one year as a committee member. A person may only stand for committee after being a full member of the Association for at least one year.
- 7.2 These Officers shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and hold their posts for a calendar year but may seek re-election at the following year's AGM. Should a vacancy on the committee occur during the year the Committee may co-opt a member to fill the vacancy.
- 7.3 Any liabilities incurred shall fall upon the membership of the Association providing the Committee acts in accordance with the Constitution, in honesty and good faith.
- 7.4 The Committee shall meet at such times as shall be directed by the Chairperson or by a quorum of Committee.
- 7.5 The quorum necessary for Committee meetings shall be five.
- 7.6 The Committee shall be responsible for interpreting the Association Constitution in relation to the operation of the Association's affairs.
- 7.7 Proposed amendments to the Constitution can only be agreed at the AGM.
- 7.8 The Annual General Meeting shall be called within 3 months each year end at a venue within ten miles of Launceston.
- 7.9 All Officers will be elected at that meeting.
- 7.10 Responsibility for all property owned or leased by the Association rests with the Committee.
- 7.11 The Committee is responsible for the recruitment and management of all professional staff employed by the Association.
- 7.12 The committee shall have the power to make such bylaws and regulations as they may deem advisable in the interests of the Association

8. Finance

- 8.1 All monies raised by, or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the aims and objectives of the Association and for no other purpose.
- 8.2 The Association Treasurer is responsible for collecting membership subscriptions and maintaining the financial accounts of the Association detailing all income received and expenditure made.
- 8.3 The financial year of the Association starts on 1st December and ends on 30th November.
- 8.4 The funds of the Association shall be lodged at a bank or building society in an account in the name of the Association. All cheques, drafts, etc. drawn on this account shall be signed by two of the following officers, Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer.
- 8.5 An Independent Examiner shall be elected annually.

9. Annual General Meeting and other meetings

- 9.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association shall be held within 3 months of each year end within ten miles of Launceston. At this meeting the annual report of the Committee and the independently examined statement of accounts up to the end of the financial year shall be presented. Meetings to be arranged as instructed by the Chairperson and all members to be notified where necessary.
- 9.2 The Secretary shall give no less than 21 days' notice of the date of the AGM to all members.
- 9.3 The dates of the AGM and the Committee meetings shall be determined at the previous meeting. In addition, the Chairperson may call a meeting when he or she considers it necessary or desirable, or upon the written request of at least three members of the Committee.
- 9.4 The quorum for general meetings shall be five members present who are eligible to vote.
- 9.5 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by an application in writing to the Secretary signed by not less than ten members, giving the purpose for the meeting together with an agenda. The Committee shall have the discretion to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of its members.
- 9.6 The minutes of each meeting will be kept with a record of the business transacted and will include the Treasurers report as to the financial position of The Association.

10. Voting Procedures for all meetings

- 10.1 All members entitled to vote at meetings shall have equal voting rights.
- 10.2 A motion shall be carried by a majority of those present and voting. There shall be no right to proxy or in absentia votes.
- 10.3 In the event of equal votes being cast, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberate vote.

11. Discipline and Appeals

- 11.1 The Committee shall have the authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against any member or employee of the Association and the discretion to terminate membership or employment if any person is found guilty of conduct deemed detrimental to the Association.
- 11.2 Any person failing to observe the rules, bylaws and regulations of the Association is liable to have his/her membership terminated or suspended by the committee.
- 11.3 All individuals have the right of Appeal to any disciplinary decision made by the Committee.
- 11.4 Any request made for an Appeal Hearing should be made to either the Secretary or Chairperson within 14 days of the Disciplinary decision.
- 11.5 An Appeal Hearing should be convened within 14 days of the request for an Appeal being submitted.
- 11.6 An Appeal Hearing should be convened by a member of the Committee and no more than four additional Association members who are independent of the original Disciplinary Hearing and subsequent decision.

12. Dissolution procedures

- 12.1 In the event of the Association ceasing to exist and following the discharge of all debts and liabilities, any assets at the time of dissolution shall be transferred to a recipient decided by the committee at the time.
- 12.2 The Association may be wound up upon a motion proposed and seconded by Association members and passed by a two-thirds majority at a special meeting convened for that purpose following a written request signed by five members of the Association.

13. Review of the Constitution

13.1 This Constitution should be reviewed a minimum of once every ten years.

13.2 Any amendments to the Constitution can only be agreed at the Association's AGM

13.3 Proposed additions to, or alterations of the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 21 days before the date of the AGM. All suggested amendments should be signed and seconded.

13.4 No motion involving an amendment to the Constitution may be proposed from the floor of a meeting

13.5 In the event of a proposal for amending the Constitution being submitted, the Secretary shall inform the membership of the proposed motion not less than 14 days prior to the AGM.

13.6 Any amendments to the proposed motion duly proposed and seconded shall be submitted not later than seven days before the meeting.

13.7 Any alteration to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of members voting and present.

13.8 All matters arising that are not provided for by the Constitution will be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

14 Declarations

The Launceston Angler's Association hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** January 27 2022 _____

NAME: _____

POSITION IN ASSOCIATION: _____

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