

**Constitution of the Australian Go Association
as amended October 2 2004**

Title and Aims

1. The Association shall be called the Australian Go Association (hereinafter abbreviated the *AGA*).
2. The aims of the AGA shall be
 - a) to promote the game of Go in Australia
 - b) to co-ordinate Go activities in Australia, in particular to arrange National Tournaments and confer National Titles and individual rankings
 - c) to represent Australia in International Go affairs, in particular by membership of the International Go Federation, and to select Australian representatives for international events such as the World Amateur Go Championships
 - d) to promote mutual understanding and friendly relations with Go players throughout the world in association with foreign national Go associations

Membership

3. 3.1 The AGA is an association of Australian Go Clubs. Membership of the AGA shall be open to
 - a) any Australian Club whose activities include the game of Go (a member Club will herein be termed an *affiliated Club*)
 - b) any person with an interest in Go (termed herein a *Personal Member*)
- 3.2 Life and Honorary Memberships may be created at an Annual General Meeting
- 3.3 Other categories of Membership may be created at an Annual General Meeting
(the term *Individual Member* shall herein refer to any member of an affiliated Club, any Personal Member, or any other person with Membership of the AGA under this clause)

Management

4. 4.1 The activities of the Association shall be controlled by a National Committee (herein termed the *Committee*), subject to any resolutions of the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 4.2 The Committee shall be comprised of the following officers:
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
and
at least two, and up to 5, Ordinary Committee members
Further, the Committee shall contain, if necessary by the addition of further members, officers with the following duties
Editor, Tournament Director, Membership Registrar,
and, when Australia has a Director on the board of the International Go Federation,
IGF Director
and, in the event of incorporation of the Association or if otherwise legally required,
Public Officer
- 4.3 All positions shall be Honorary, and all Committee members must be Individual Members.
- 4.4 The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. In the event of a vacancy occurring, the Committee may appoint temporary members to act until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 4.5 The Committee shall be responsible for executing the wishes of the Members as expressed in resolutions of General Meetings, maintaining the financial accounts of the Association, meeting legal requirements of agreements entered into by the AGA, arranging National Tournaments, selection of Australian representatives to international tournaments and liaising with foreign Go associations, and otherwise advancing the aims of the Association. The Committee's procedures for conducting its business shall be a matter for the Committee alone, but the Committee shall report to the AGA on its actions at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.6 Committee members shall not be liable for debts incurred properly and with due care on behalf of the AGA.

Subscriptions

5. 5.1 Subscriptions for each category of Membership shall be determined by the Committee and announced at the Annual General Meeting in the year prior to the application of those rates.
- 5.2 Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year and are current until 31st December of that year.
- 5.3 Membership lapses if the subscription is not paid by 28th February following the due date.
- 5.4 The Committee may approve reduced subscription for any person wishing to join as a Personal Member for less than 6 months.
- 5.5 Tournaments and matches arranged by or for the AGA shall be open only to Individual Members of the AGA or members of foreign Go associations, unless prior approval of the Committee has been obtained. Any material or information supplied to members of the AGA and intended exclusively for members shall not be distributed to non-members unless prior approval of the Committee has been obtained.

Meetings

6. 6.1 Annual General Meetings will be held once each calendar year. The Secretary shall give notice of the Meeting at least one month in advance, including the Agenda and Notice of Motions.
- 6.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include but not be limited to
 - a) reports of the President and Secretary, and the financial statement of the Treasurer
 - b) Election of the Committee
 - c) selection of the Tournament Director and venue for the next National Tournament
 - d) motions notified in advanceMotions not notified by the Secretary in advance of the Meeting may be proposed at an Annual General Meeting *except* proposals to change the Constitution, wind up the Association, or rescind a resolution of a previous General Meeting.
- 6.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held if called by the Committee or by a majority of affiliated Clubs or a majority of Individual Members, and shall be held within 3 months of written notice being received by the Secretary; at least one month notice shall be given to members. No business shall be conducted at an Extraordinary General Meeting other than that for which notice has been given.
- 6.4 Voting at General Meetings shall be by simple majority, except for changes to this Constitution which requires a two-thirds majority. Each Individual Member present at the meeting has one vote; Individual Members not present may vote on those Motions notified in advance by written notification of their wishes to the Secretary, but otherwise there shall not be proxy voting.
- 6.5 The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 15 Individual Members. In the event that a quorum is not present for an Annual General Meeting, the existing Committee shall continue in office while the Secretary conducts a postal vote of all Individual Members on the substantive matters in clause (6.2).
- 6.6 For the purposes of Notification of General Meetings, and any postal vote required by clause (6.3), members of affiliated Clubs will be deemed to have been served notice by the Secretary if the Secretary (or nominated contact person) of the affiliated Club has been so notified.

Tournaments

7. 7.1 The AGA shall arrange that a Tournament or Tournaments be held each year to select an Australian Open Go Champion and an Australian Go Champion.
- 7.2 The Australian Go Champion must be an Australian citizen at the time of the commencement of the Tournament. The Australian Open Go Champion may be of any nationality.
- 7.3 The venue for the tournament and Tournament Director shall be selected at the Annual General Meeting. The type of tournament and the rules for the tournament shall be determined by the Tournament Director in consultation with the Committee.

Duties of affiliated Clubs

8. Each year, each affiliated Club shall supply the AGA Secretary, Membership Registrar or Editor as appropriate, the following information:
 - a) the name and address of a liaison person, responsible for distributing notices from the Secretary and AGA Newsletters to Club members
 - b) a complete list of Club members and their playing strengths
 - c) a report on major tournaments held by the Club

Miscellaneous

9. 9.1 The assets and income of the AGA shall be applied solely in furtherance of its aims as stated in Clause 2 and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the AGA except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the AGA.

9.2 In the event of the AGA being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organization with similar purposes which is not carried out for the profit or gain of its individual members.

10. This Constitution, dated 2 October 1999, and ratified by a two-thirds majority at the 1999 Annual General Meeting, supersedes all previous constitutions of the AGA.

[as amended by AGM, 2 October 2004]