

CONSTITUTION OF THE MOUNT GAMBIER KARTING CLUB INC

1. **NAME:** The Club shall be known as the "Mount Gambier Karting Club Inc".

2. **OBJECT:** To promote karting.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- (A) Members may be of either sex.
- (B) No restrictions of race, creed or colour will be placed on intending members.
- (C) The Club shall have no political affiliation and shall be non-denominational
- (D) All prospective members must be nominated by a financial member provided that proper notice of nomination is given to the ordinary members of the Club and approved by the executive committee.

- (E) Any nominated and approved person shall contact the Secretary and after paying the required subscription shall be entitled to receive a copy of the constitution, all subsequent newsletters and all privileges of that category of member.
- (F) The Club has the right to refuse membership.
- (G) (1) FULL MEMBER: Those members of the Club who are over the age of 16 years and who pay full annual subscription shall be known as full members and shall have full voting rights and may hold office.
(2) JUNIOR MEMBER: Those members who are 18 years of age and under shall be known as junior members, and who shall have no voting rights and who shall not hold office.
(3) SOCIAL MEMBER: Those members who pay a reduced subscription shall be known as social members and shall have no voting rights and shall not hold office.
(4) FAMILY MEMBERS: A family membership shall be the parents and their dependants. The parents hold the classification of full membership.
(5) HONORARY MEMBER:
 - a.) The members of any other club who visit the Club on any day for the purpose of racing against the club shall be honorary members of the club for that day.
 - b.) The official of a club referred to in sub-paragraph (a) hereof provided that the maximum number of such officials shall not exceed ten (10) shall be honorary members of the club for that day.
 - c.) The Committee and/or President shall have power to elect as honorary members for any period not exceeding one month, any person who is a member of an interstate karting club who is visiting Mount Gambier.
 - d.) The name of the honorary member and the name of the club of which the honorary member is a member shall be recorded in a book known as "The Honorary Members Book."
 - e.) Honorary members shall enjoy all the privileges of full members save and except as follows:
 - (1) Honorary members shall not be eligible to be elected as members of the Executive Committee.
 - (2) Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote on any issue.
 - (3) Honorary members shall not be entitled to receive any notice required to be given to full members.
 - (4) Honorary members shall not be entitled to introduce visitors.
 - f.) HONORARY LIFE MEMBER: A properly constituted Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting may appoint a person as an Honorary Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered in promoting the interest and objects of the Club. An Honorary Life Member shall have the same rights as a full member.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- (A) The subscriptions payable by each category of membership shall be set at an Annual General Meeting.
- (B) No member shall participate in club activities unless the annual subscription has been paid.

5. MANAGEMENT:

- (A) The management shall be vested in the executive committee which shall be elected by the general body of members and consist of a minimum of 7 and maximum of 10 other members.
- (B) The Executive committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Competition Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer.
- (C) The President shall reside at all meetings. In his absence, the Vice President shall act in his stead. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the meeting shall elect a Chairman.
- (D) The seat of any officer absent for three consecutive meetings may, at the discretion of the executive committee, be declared vacant. In the case of a prolonged illness, this rule shall not apply.

6. DUTIES:

- (A) **COMMITTEE:** The committee may, subject to decisions made at general meetings, exercise all the powers of the club and do all such acts and things as may be done by the club or which it considers necessary or expedient to carry out the objects of the club.
- (B) **THE SECRETARY:** The secretary shall carry out duties under the direction of the committee and keep a true and accurate record of all minutes of all meetings and attend to all correspondence.
- (C) **THE TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall receive all monies payable to the club and give receipts for same. All monies so received shall be paid into the banking itemised account of the club. The treasurer shall prepare an itemised account of receipts and payments and a balance sheet to present to all financial members at each Annual General Meeting of the club and shall keep proper books of all monies received and disbursed and generally perform all such duties as directed by the committee.

7. ELECTIONS:

- (A) At the Annual General Meeting the club shall elect the members of the committee. Any candidate for the committee shall be nominated and seconded and if there are a greater number of candidates than are required the election shall be decided by a secret ballot.
- (B) Retiring officers may offer themselves for re-election.
- (C) Any vacancy of the committee may be filled by the financial members at any General Meeting.

8. MEETINGS:

- (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the second week in September of each year when, the annual reports and balance sheet shall be presented.
- (B) A special meeting shall be called at any time on a requisition signed by ten financial members or on the authority of the executive committee. Members to be given seven days notice thereof and the object of the meeting stated. The requisition is to be handed to the President who will instruct the Secretary to inform members.
- (C) Ten members of the club shall constitute a Quorum at all general meetings.
- (D) A quorum for any committee meeting shall constitute one person in excess of half of the number of persons appointed to the committee.
- (E) A general meeting will be held once a month.
- (F) A committee meeting will be held as often as required.
- (G) All accounts shall be submitted to the general meeting and if passed, signed by the Chairman.

9. DISCUSSIONS:

- (A) All discussions at general and committee meetings shall be governed by the usual rules of debate and the Chairman shall have the casting vote. No political or religious discussion shall be allowed at any meeting.

10. MINUTES:

The minutes of each meeting shall be prepared by the Secretary and confirmed at the next meeting.

11. SUSPENSION OR DISQUALIFICATION:

- (A) The committee may expel from the club or otherwise punish or penalise any member whose conduct in the opinion of the committee is discreditable or injurious to the club.
- (B) Before any member is expelled or otherwise punished or penalised, his/her conduct shall be enquired into by the committee and the member shall have the opportunity to defend him or herself, provided that a quorum is established and that a majority of the committee present when the matter is enquired into is of the opinion that the member has been guilty of such conduct or action as aforesaid then the committee may expel or suspend him from membership or otherwise punish or penalise him.
- (C) Should any member fail to appear on any enquiry conducted under Clause 11 (B) hereof or any adjournment thereof, the committee may proceed in that members absence to conduct the said enquiry and make its findings as herein before empowered.

12. BANKING:

The funds of the Club shall be banked with any bank in the name of the club and to be operated by two of three office bearers, President, Secretary and Treasurer. The place of banking can only be changed at an Annual General Meeting.

13. EXPENDITURE:

All expenditure to be authorised by a General meeting.

14. POWER TO BORROW:

The committee may with the prior approval of a Special General meeting of the club borrow money and for that purpose may mortgage or pledge all or any of the club's assets.

15. AUDITORS:

Two auditors shall be appointed by the club at the General Meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting. They shall examine all accounts, vouchers and receipts, audit the books and furnish a financial statement thereon a copy of which shall be handed to all members present at the Annual General Meeting and submitted to the Annual General Meeting prior to the election of officers.

16. COMPETITION RULES:

Competition rules shall be according to the Australian Karting Association manual and/or as the club shall decide from time to time.

17. SUPPLY OF LIQUOR:

- (A) No liquor shall be supplied for consumption off the club premises.
- (B) No liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under 18 years of age.
- (C) Liquor shall be sold only during such hours and in accordance with such conditions as may be imposed by any licence, permit or other document authorising the sale of liquor.

18. VISITORS:

- (A) No visitors shall be supplied with liquor on the club premises unless in the company of a member who has entered the name of the visitor/s in a book kept for the purpose and signed their name opposite that of the visitor/s. No member shall introduce or entertain more than two visitors on any one day or such lesser number as may be fixed by the Licensing Authority.
- (B) No person under 18 years of age shall serve behind the bar, nor shall they act as drink waiters.

19. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

This shall be the only constitution of the MOUNT GAMBIER KARTING CLUB INC., and shall not be altered, varied, added to or repealed unless two thirds of the financial members present at an Annual General Meeting or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose are in favour of such alteration, variation, addition or repeal at least ten days prior to the meeting.

20. DISSOLUTION:

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of its debits and liabilities any property or assets whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the club but shall be held in trust to be used for the future reformation of a Mount Gambier KARTING CLUB.