

BRISBANE INFERNO FOOTBALL CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME, REPRESENTATIVE COLOURS AND LOGO

- 1.1. The name of the Club shall be Brisbane Inferno Football Club.
- 1.2. The Club's official acronym will be BIFC.
- 1.3. The Club Committee shall determine from time to time the design of the club colours, uniform and logo.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be:

To promote participation in football within the Brisbane LGBT community.

To promote sporting attitudes and fair play through the provision of non-competitive football activities.

To develop competition skills of members through participation in football competitions, tournaments and events run locally, nationally, and internationally.

To raise funds and obtain sponsorship for the general running of the Club and to financially assist members selected to represent the Club in competitions, tournaments and events.

To co-ordinate social activities amongst the Club membership.

To pursue all activities under a policy of equal opportunities, irrespective of age, gender, sexuality, religion, marital status, disability, ethnicity, actual or perceived AIDS/HIV status, actual/perceived association with an HIV positive person, or social and financial background.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Applications for membership shall be open to all who subscribe to the objectives of the Club.
- 3.2 An application for membership of the Club must be lodged with the Committee by the individual seeking membership using a Club membership application form or other such method as may be determined by the Committee from time to time. No-one shall be considered a member until the Committee approves their application.
- 3.3 All members will be entitled to:
 - 3.3.1 Vote at general meetings.
 - 3.3.2 Stand for election to the Committee.
 - 3.3.3 Put down motions for determination by a general meeting.
 - 3.3.4 Receive information on the activities of the Club.
- 3.4 The Committee reserve the right to charge an annual membership fee, training fees or any other financial subscription.
- 3.5 The Club shall endeavour to assist members in cases of financial hardship. This Action will fall under the remit of the Treasurer.
- 3.6 A person ceases to be a member of the Club if the person dies, resigns their membership or is expelled following a Committee decision.

- 3.7 Any member deemed to be acting in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club may be expelled following consideration by the Committee. The member is entitled to make representations to the Committee, however all Committee decisions on the matter will be considered final.
- 3.8 Any member can request private membership. This will include no marked post, no photographs taken of them to be published, and their names not to be included on any marketing/press material.
- 3.9 The minimum age for membership is 18. There is no maximum age limit.

5. COMMITTEE

- 5.1. The organisation and administration of the Club will be directed by an elected Committee.
- 5.2. The Committee roles and responsibilities shall be:
 - 5.2.1. President: The role of the President is to oversee the general running of the Club, in keeping with the objectives set out in section 3. They shall manage the Committee, act as chair at Committee meetings and General Meetings and ensure that the Club operates smoothly through directing Committee members. The President is not entitled to a vote at General Meetings, unless votes are tied whereby the President holds the casting vote.
 - 5.2.2. Secretary: The role of the Secretary is to ensure the smooth running of all administrative duties, including communications with membership and external interests, notification of general meetings and recording minutes of Committee meetings.
 - 5.2.3. Treasurer: The role of the Treasurer will be to effectively manage the Club's financial affairs.
- 5.3. All Committee members shall be elected at an annual general meeting and shall be entitled to hold office, subject to this Constitution, until the date of the next annual general meeting following their election. All members of the Committee are eligible to stand for re-election.
- 5.4. In the event of a casual vacancy occurring, the Committee may appoint a member of the Club to fill the vacancy and that member will hold office until the date of the annual general meeting following their appointment.
- 5.5. The Committee will have responsibility for the day to day running of the Club and may from time to time publish Club policies to outline how operational matters will be managed and delivered.
- 5.6. Election of Committee members shall take place at each annual general meeting, by a majority vote of all members present, subject to the requirements laid out in section 6.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6.1. The annual general meeting shall be held in the month of July each year and each member shall be notified at least 21 days in advance.
- 6.2. The business of the annual general meeting shall include annual reports from officers, election of officers and Committee members, any constitutional procedures required to be performed, and any other business as determined by the Committee.

- 6.3. Quoracy for the annual general meeting shall be 45% of membership or 5 members, whichever is greater. If a meeting isn't quorate, the business of the meeting shall be presented at the next meeting of the Committee.
- 6.4. Members can only vote at the annual general meeting if they were members at least 6 months prior to the date of an annual general meeting.
- 6.5. A vote shall be carried by a simple majority of eligible members attending. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote.
- 6.6. Motions to be voted on must be sent to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the annual general meeting. Any other items for discussion can be submitted to the Club Secretary up to one day before the meeting.
- 6.7. All motions must be formally proposed and seconded.

7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 7.1. The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Club.
- 7.2. The Committee must, on the receipt in writing of a request from at least 15% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Club. This request must state the purpose of the meeting and be signed by the members making the request.
- 7.3. The business of a special general meeting shall be decided by the Committee, but where the meeting is called under section 7.2 the business must include the matter(s) outlined in the request from members.
- 7.2. All other requirements outlined in section 6 shall apply to the running of a special general meeting.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1. The Club shall be financed by subscriptions, grants, donations and sponsorship and any other type of revenue the Committee deem acceptable.
- 8.2. The Committee shall refuse sponsorship from any group or organisation which it deems to be in opposition to or in contravention of its objectives.
- 8.3. Club funds shall be kept in a bank account in the Club's name with Committee members as account signatories.
- 8.4. All monies received by the Club must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Club's bank account.
- 8.5. The Treasurer shall keep accounts for the Club for presentation to the annual general meeting.
- 8.6. The Treasurer will also ensure a properly kept and managed asset register of all items owned by the Club of value greater than \$50.
- 8.7. The Club may effect and maintain insurance.

9. DISSOLUTION

- 9.1. The Club can be dissolved by motion and majority vote, at least 2 of which will be from committee members, one of whom must be the President.
- 9.2. Should the Club cease to exist, any assets or equipment will be given to a similar type of Club, or body deemed suitable by the Committee.

10. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 10.1. The constitution may only be changed by a majority vote of full members present at an annual general meeting or special general meeting convened for the purpose.