

BOROKO SPORTS FISHING CLUB Inc.
CONSTITUTION

01. The name of the Club shall be known as the BOROKO SPORTS FISHING CLUB, herein after referred to as the "Club".

02. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.

The aims and objectives of the Club are to: -

- (a) Promote recreational fishing as a family sport and ensure that fish are captured in a fair and sporting manner at all times.
- (b) Conduct fishing competitions and social activities for the benefit of Club members.
- (c) Acquire such property as may be necessary for the attainment of the Club's objectives.
- (d) Safeguard our fishing environment from exploitation and other acts considered to be a threat to our recreation and that of future generations.
- (e) Maintain a harmonious relationship with traditional landowners throughout the Club's various fishing locations.

03. In the event that the Boroko Sports Fishing Club is wound up, all surplus funds and assets are to be held in trust, and controlled by Trustees to be appointed by way of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Boroko Sports Fishing Club Inc.

04. The Committee may, from time to time, make or amend such Bylaws as it considers necessary, for the proper and efficient management and conduct of the Club.

05. MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) Prior to becoming a member of the Club, a candidate for membership must be a current member of ir Club designated by the committee.
- (b) Annual subscriptions must be paid by Members within thirty (30) days of the completion of the previous financial year.
- (c) Membership will cease automatically if a member ceases to be a financial Member of the affiliated Club.
- (d) Membership will cease automatically if a Member is not financial within thirty (30) days of completion of the previous financial year.
- (e) Subscriptions and nominations shall be set from time to time by the committee through the Bylaws.

06. TYPES OF MEMBERS.

- (a) Full Members Junior Members Honorary Members
Country Members Life Members Guest Members

- (b) A Full Member has the use of all Club facilities and has full voting rights at all Club

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- (c) Country Members must reside 80 kilometres or more from Port Moresby, and are entitled to full use of all Club facilities and full voting rights.
- (d) Junior members must be under sixteen (16) years of age.
- (e) Life Members have all the privileges of a Full member.
- (f) The committee may bestow Honorary memberships in any financial year. An Honorary Member has all the rights and privileges of a Full Member, except voting rights.
- (g) Guest Members have the right to participate in competitions.

07. COMMITTEE.

- (a) The Committee shall consist of not less than five (5), and not more than eleven (11) financial Full Members elected by a majority of members at the Annual General Meeting, and shall include :-
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice-President
 - 3. Secretary
 - 4. Treasurer
 - 5. Recorder
- (b) A Committee shall be elected by the Members at an Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for a period of twelve (12) months subject to Clauses 5 (c) and (d).
- (c) Should a Committee Member not abide by his term of office, the Committee, by a two thirds majority, has the power to remove him from office.
- (d) The Committee, by two thirds majority, has the power to elect a replacement Committee member for the remainder of the financial year.

08. MEETINGS

- (a) Only Full, Life and Country Members, who are currently financial members of the Club, are permitted to vote at Club Meetings, Annual General Meetings or Extraordinary Meetings.
- (b) No Meeting shall commence without a quorum
- (c) A quorum at a General meeting shall consist of not less than one third or a minimum of ten (10) Full Club Members, whichever is the greater.
- (d) A quorum in the case of a Committee Meeting shall consist of not less than fifty percent (50 %) of the Committee.
- (e) A quorum at an Annual General Meeting shall consist of not less than one third (33.3%) of Full Members.
- (f) Should there not be sufficient members for a quorum at the prescribed meeting time, the meeting shall be postponed for seven (7) days at the same time and venue, at which time a quorum shall be those members present.
- (g) Due notice of an Extraordinary Meeting shall consist of a notice of motion specifying the subject matter, and must bear the signatures of no less than one third (33.3 %) of the Club membership. Upon such notice, the Secretary shall:-
 - 1. Acknowledge receipt within forty eight (48) hours, in writing to all of the signatories.
 - 2. Cause to be displayed on the Club notice board such notice of motion for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days.

3. Arrange a convenient time and venue for the Extraordinary General Meeting at a date not less than twenty one (21) days after receipt of said notice of 09. Notwithstanding Clause 8, the Committee may decide at any time to call an Extraordinary General Meeting, and it shall be sufficient in such cases for the Secretary to convey the Committee advice to members through normal channels i.e. mail, notice board, verbally or press within fourteen (14) days, specifying time, venue and reason for the meeting.

10. Minutes of all meetings will be recorded in writing or typescript by the Secretary.

11. At the commencement of a Committee Meeting or Club Meeting, the Minutes of the preceding meeting will be read out or distributed by the Secretary, or, in his absence, by a Committee Member deputised by the Chairman.

12. Such Minutes will be accepted as correct provided there are no objections or amendments from Members present.

13. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

(a) The Committee may alter, in whole or in part, the Club Constitution provided that all members are advised by post of such alteration. One (1) month shall be allowed for any objection to be lodged. If no such objections are received, the alteration shall be carried out by the Committee resolution.

(b) Objections must be in writing and forwarded to the Secretary and must state the exact nature of the objections.

(c) If any objection is received, the Committee shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting under the Constitution, or delay the matter until the next Annual General Meeting.

14. FINANCES.

(a) The Treasurer will submit a true, up to date and accurate report of revenue collected and funds distributed to the Committee each month, together with such other information relevant to the Club finances as prescribed.

(b) The Treasurer will maintain a true and accurate record of the Club's finances and will deposit all monies received to the current Boroko Sports Fishing Club account.

(c) All payments made on behalf of the Club must be approved by the Committee and all cheques must bear the signatures of the Treasurer and a designated signatory.

(d) All deposits shall be lodged at a Banking facility as approved by the Committee from time to time.

15. The Club, at all times, will comply with such rules and regulations, for its operation, as are laid down from time to time by the Club to which it is affiliated, provided that such rules are not inconsistent with the Boroko Sports Fishing Club Constitution and Bylaws.

16. CLUB LIABILITY.

(a) It is expressly agreed that any person who participates in any of the Club's

activities, does so at his or her own risk, and neither the Club nor any of its members, accept any liability or responsibility in respect to any damage sustained by any person, whether it be physical damage or damage to property, whilst such person participates in any of the Club's activities.

- (b) Further to, and in addition to the preceding clause (a), any person, be he or she a member or guest who participates in any of the Club's activities, is bound to abide by the Rules and Regulations as are laid down from time to time for the conduct of any of the Club's activities, and it shall be the responsibility of any member who invites a Guest to participate in any such activity, that these Rules and Regulations are observed by his or her invitee.

17. MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION.

- (a) The Boroko Sports Fishing Club has the right to suspend membership of any member pending the decision of a Tribunal.
- (b) The Tribunal committee shall be set up and will consist of four (4) Full members and three (3) Committee members and shall be empowered to terminate membership of any member found guilty of breaches of Club Rules and/or Regulations, by simple majority.
- (c) Any Member who has his or her membership terminated has the right of appeal to a Full Committee Meeting.

18. BYLAWS.

Bylaws as listed are determined by the current Committee.

23.1	Fees
23.2	Financial Year
23.3	Weighing of fish
23.4	Club Records
23.5	B.S.F.C. Rules
23.6	I. G. F. A.
23.7	Certified Scales
23.8	Competitions
23.9	Tackle Shop
23.10	Awards
23.11	Affiliated Clubs
23.12	Banking Facilities
23.13	Club House
23.14	Boat Shed