

DISCUSSION OF ASSH DRAFT CONSTITUTION

A draft of the Constitution is included in this Bulletin for consideration by members. Suggested amendments should be forwarded to Dr. Richard Cashman, School of History, University of New South Wales.

The Constitution will be approved at a meeting during the ASSH Conference in Adelaide in August.

Please bring this draft of the Constitution with you to the Conference!

CONSTITUTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR SPORTS HISTORY

ARTICLE 1: NAME

Section 1: The name of this society shall be the Australian Society for Sports History.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1: To promote, stimulate and encourage study, research and publications on sporting traditions with special reference to Australia; to organize meetings and to issue publications so as to advance interest and scholarship in this area of study; to liaise with individuals and institutions who have an interest in the aims of the society.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be five classes of members: Individual Members, Student Members, Corporate Members, Fellows of the Society and Life Members.

Section 2: Individual Members consist of any persons who have an interest in the history of sport.

Section 3: Student Members consist of any individual registered as a student in a secondary or a tertiary institution.

Section 4: Any organizations, such as a society, club, institute or library, which encourages or supports the purposes of the Society, shall be eligible for membership as a Corporate Member. Each Corporate Member may choose one delegate to attend any Society meeting open to Members, who, on that occasion, shall have the same voting privileges as Members.

Section 5: The title, fellow of the Society, may be conferred upon any person who has made outstanding contributions to the history of sport

upon the nomination of the Executive Committee and election by the Members at the biennial meeting. Fellows shall have all the privileges as Individual Members.

Section 6: Life membership may be conferred upon any individual for contributions made to the Society.

Section 7: Membership shall not become effective until the Treasurer has received the first year's dues, such dues establishing membership must be renewed for each fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publications Officer (the Editor or one of the other three Editors of the Society Journal and Bulletin) and two general members. All officers (other than the Publications Officer who shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee) shall be elected by the Members of the Society by postal ballot not less than once every two calendar years as set out in Article X. Officers shall be elected for a term of two years and the term of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which their successors are declared elected.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Except as otherwise provided, the management of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Committee. Four members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall have the power to coopt any Individual Member to the Committee.

Section 3: Executive Committee Members shall be elected to a two year term of office.

Section 4: The Executive Committee shall hold a biennial meeting at the time of the biennial meeting of the Society at a time and place designated by the President. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by any four members of the Executive Committee upon at least two weeks notice to each member of the Executive Committee.

Section 5: The Executive Committee may decide to submit specific questions by mail ballot to ensure that each member of the Executive Committee, present at the biennial meeting or not present, can cast his/her vote. Such ballots shall be distributed by the Secretary to

members of the Executive Committee, and shall include a clear statement of the questions and a summary of the arguments presented for and against the question.

Section 6: In the event that an elected member of the Executive Committee cannot fill his/her term of office, he/she shall present his/her resignation to the President in writing. Upon the acceptance of such a resignation the President shall appoint a replacement to fill the vacant position on the Executive Committee.

Section 7: Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote of those members of the Executive Committee present and voting. The President has a deliberative and casting vote.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: There shall be a biennial meeting of the members of the Society after which time officers and Executive Committee shall assume the offices to which they were elected. Prior to, or during the biennial meeting of the members, the Executive Committee will hold its biennial business meeting as required under Article V. The President, in conjunction with the appropriate officers of the Society shall designate the time and place of both meetings. The President shall arrange the order of business at these meetings.

Section 2: The Secretary shall notify members of the biennial meeting of the Society not less than thirty (30) days prior to these meetings. Such notification will state the time, place and general purposes of the meetings. The notification of meetings may be included in the ballot containing nominations for elected officials or Executive Committee, as stipulated in ARTICLE X.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall present at the biennial meeting of the members a report dated as of the close of the last fiscal year, to cover their two years of office. The report should include a statement or major policy decisions and a financial statement made for consideration and approval by the membership. This report shall also show the names and addresses of persons and organizations who have been admitted to membership during such year. The report shall be filed with the records of the Society and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the biennial meeting of the members at which the report is presented. The President shall appoint an individual or a firm, who shall not be a member of the Executive Committee, to act as an auditor, who shall examine the report referred to in this section prior to the meeting of the members.

Section 4: The Executive Committee may sponsor or sanction other meetings or symposia which contribute to the purposes of the Society.

ARTICLE VII: DUES AND FINANCES

Article 1: The amount of annual dues for all classes of membership shall be determined by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The date of the annual payment of dues is June 30.

ARTICLE VIII: PUBLICATIONS

Section 1: There shall be a Bulletin and Journal published on a regular basis; such basis to be determined by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Publications Committee.

Section 2: Other publications may ensue as determined to be desirable by the Executive Committee.

Section 3: All members shall receive regular copies of the Bulletin, Journal and other official publications of the Society, subject to the current financial status of the Society.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Publications Committee: The Executive Committee shall appoint an Editor for a term of four years. The Editor shall appoint two Associate Editors and a Reviews Editor who shall, with the Editor, constitute the Publications Committee.

Section 2: The Editor shall not appoint to the Publications Committee more than one person who is a member of the Executive Committee.

Section 3: The Editor shall be subject, at all times, to the Executive Committee who shall have the power to remove the Editor under certain circumstances.

Section 4: The Executive Committee shall have the power to establish any other Committees should the need arise.

ARTICLE X: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall be elected by postal ballot not less than once every two calendar years.

Section 2: The Secretary shall call for nominations for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two general members.

Section 3: Nominations for any elected office shall be in writing and shall be signed by the proposer, one seconder, and the nominee.

Section 4: Nominations shall close on a date not less than thirty days after the nominations are called for.

Section 5: Ballot papers shall be posted to members within thirty days after the date set for the close of nominations.

Section 6: The ballot shall be declared closed sixty days after the date set for the close of nominations and no ballot papers received by the Secretary after that time shall be counted.

Section 7: The Executive Committee shall appoint a Returning Officer to conduct the elections.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to the constitution of the Society shall be accomplished by two-thirds majority of the Members of the Society voting on such changes.

Section 2: Voting must be accomplished by mail ballot.

Section 3: Amendments may be proposed by: (a) a majority of the Executive Committee, (b) a majority of Members present at a biennial meeting of the members, or (c) by any 10 Members of the Society, when presented in writing, to the Secretary.

Section 4: Ballots shall be distributed to all Members of the Society, who are in good standing, by the Secretary. Ballots shall include a summary of the arguments in favour of or opposed to the changes in question.