

A summary of the proposed MCRCWA Rules of Association

Due to the revision of the Association Act in 2015 (referred to as the ACT) a lot of additional clauses / details need to be recorded in the MCRCWA Rules of Association (previously Constitution).

The new Rules of Association attached are based on the “Draft Model Rules” released for associations to comply with the Act, and then modified to reflect our existing constitution as closely as possible.

These comments are based on Rules of Association V1.1 (12/05/2019) and By-Laws V1.1 (12/05/2019) sent out to members for consideration associated with the Special General Meeting called for the 22nd May, 2019.

Deviations from our existing Constitution / By-laws are identified below:

- 1. Financial Year:** It is proposed the clubs Financial year change from Dec 1st – Nov 30th to Jul 1st – Jun 30th. These allows easier book keeping for taxation purposes (suggested by our accountant).
Given this change, the AGM can still occur in November / December each year, however if it needs to be held after December, Application must be submitted to the commissioner by the end of October.
- 2. Life membership:** requirement changed from a minimum of 5 years to a minimum of 10 years as a member.
- 3. Ordinary Executive Committee Member term:** Changed from 1 to 2 years to allow some continuity. Officeholder positions remain at 1 year. This term of office wouldn't be initiated until the next AGM under the new Rules of Association.
- 4. Use of the MCRCWA Common Seal:** Change from used under authority of president, to under authority of the Executive Committee, with at least 2 authorised witnesses to attest it was applied in their presence.
- 5. Competitions Committee Responsibilities / Definitions:** moved across to By-laws as a “Special Sub-committee”, rather than defined in the constitution.
- 6. Order of Debate:** reviewed and added to the By-laws, rather than identified in the constitution.
- 7. Administrative Officer (formerly Administrative Secretary):** Identified and defined in the By-Laws, rather than the constitution. Title change to avoid confusion between Secretary (requirement of the Act) and Administrative Secretary (previous role title).
- 8. Webmaster:** Identified and defined in the By-Laws.
- 9. Patron's:** Identified and defined in the By-Laws, rather than the constitution.
- 10. Immediate Past President:** Role & Responsibilities assigned within the By-laws rather than the Constitution.
- 11. Club Captain:** Role & Responsibility assigned within the By-Laws rather than the Constitution.
- 12. Education Officer:** Role & Responsibility assigned within the By-Laws rather than the Constitution.

13. **Association Delegates:** Role & Responsibility assigned within the By-Laws rather than the Constitution.
14. **Machine Examiners:** Removed from Constitution / By-laws as it is defined by GCR's.
15. **Publicity Officers:** Role & Responsibility assigned within the By-Laws rather than the Constitution.
16. **Chief Flag Marshall:** Role & Responsibility removed, as assigned to the Education Officer, or defined by the MWA Manual of Motorsport.
17. **Social Committee:** Role & Responsibility assigned within the By-Laws rather than the Constitution.
18. **Auditor:** Removed, as roles & responsibilities and election defined by rule 52, rule 66, and the Act.