The Australian National University Board Games Society Constitution

The Australian National University Board Games Society acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which ANU and the Club operate from, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples. We recognise the continuing connection to lands, waters, and communities of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We pay our respect to Elders, past and present, and commit to standing with our First Nations people.

1. **NAME**

    1.1. The official name of the club to which this Constitution applies is “The Australian National University Board Games Society”.

2. **INTERPRETATION**

    2.1. In this Constitution, unless contrary intention appears:

- **Academic day** means a 24-hour period during any day or days that do not fall on a weekend or public holiday, and that fall during a Teaching Period of the Academic Colleges;
- **ANUSA** or **The Association** means the Australian National University Students’ Association Inc.;
- **Club** means The Australian National University Board Games Society;
- **Executive** means the Executive Committee of the Club;
- **Trustee** means any members of the Executive that is also responsible for the Club’s finances and bank account;
- **Meeting** means a General Meeting, Special General Meeting, or Annual General Meeting of the Club;
- **Member** means any full member of the Club;
- **Student** means any student of the University who retains membership of ANUSA; ● **University** means the Australian National University.
- **Conflict of Interest** refers to an individual’s personal interest (which could be material, financial or social) that could compromise that individual’s judgement as a representative of the club.

    2.2. Any interpretation of this constitution or the resolution of any dispute under it may be appealed to the ANUSA Clubs Officer. The decision of the ANUSA Clubs Officer may be appealed by the means set out in the constitution and regulations of ANUSA.

3. **AFFILIATION**

    3.1. The Club is affiliated to the ANU Students' Association and anything in this Constitution which is inconsistent with the ANU Students' Association Clubs Regulations and Policies is null and void to the extent of that inconsistency.

3.2. The Club must fulfil its obligations under the Association's Clubs Regulations and Policies.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

4.1. The purpose of the The Australian National University Board Games Society is to advance the education of the students of the Australia National University by—

4.1.1. Building and maintaining a library of games and equipment for members to use.

4.1.2. Running events for members to make use of the library of board games at least monthly throughout the academic year.

4.1.3. Where possible, facilitating cooperative activities with other organisations with similar charitable purposes including game related events.

4.1.4. Facilitating bonding of members through social activities.

4.1.5. Using board games to perpetuate students' academic skills in mathematics, problem solving, logical analysis and strategic thinking.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Full membership is open to all currently enrolled ANU students.

5.2. The subscription fee for full membership is $5 per semester or $9 per year.

5.3. Membership is valid for the remainder of the period paid for.

5.4. Members have voting powers at all general meetings of the club.

5.5. The Executive has an obligation to ensure that a majority of all members, at all times, are currently enrolled students of ANU.

5.6. A roll recording the name and membership number of all Club members, and the student number of all full members, is to be held and kept up to date by the Executive.

5.7. Equity ticketing must be available in line with ANUSA's Equity Ticketing policy.

6. THE EXECUTIVE

6.1. The Club's Executive must consist of at least:

6.1.1. The President; and

6.1.2. The Treasurer; and

6.1.3. The Secretary.

6.2. The Executive may also consist of any of the following positions if passed and voted upon as a motion at a General Meeting:

6.2.1. Vice President;

6.2.2. Marketing Director;

6.2.3. Events Director, and

6.2.4. Games Director;

6.3. All members of the Executive must be currently enrolled students of the ANU at the time of election.

6.4. All members of the Executive must be full members of the club.

6.5. An Executive position except that of a trustee may be held simultaneously by two full members if passed as a motion. This motion requires a majority vote of full members present at a General Meeting.

6.6. Election of the Executive

6.6.1. The Executive must be elected at each Annual General Meeting by a vote involving the members of the club.

6.6.2. Nominees shall publicly declare conflicts of interest before voting takes place.

6.6.3. The Executive has the power to fill any vacancy in the Executive that may occur between Annual General Meetings, such an appointee must publicly declare conflicts of interest before filling the vacancy.

6.6.4. Should any of the trustee positions fail to be elected at an Annual General Meeting, the club shall, as soon as practicable, hold another General Meeting and elect the remaining trustee members.

6.6.5. Upon continued failure to elect a majority of the trustee positions, the club shall be dissolved.

6.7. Meetings of the Executive

6.7.1. A meeting of the Executive is to be held at least once during each Teaching Period of the Academic year, when and where the Executive sees fit.

6.7.2. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive is the next whole number above half the number of members of the current Executive.

6.8. Each executive must publicly declare any conflicts of interest within 24 hours of such a conflict arising and before taking any official actions.

6.9. The Executive has the power to do all things it believes to be in the best interests of the Club subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the ANUSA Clubs Regulations and Policies.

6.10. Individual members of the Executive are to fulfil their role to the best of their ability in accordance with the expected duties agreed upon within General or Executive Meetings.

6.11. An Executive may be removed from their position with either a majority vote from the Executive at an Executive Meeting or a majority vote from the Members at a Special General Meeting.

6.12. The Executive may temporarily suspend an individual's membership with a majority vote at an Executive Meeting given that there has been a violation of any rules outlined within Section 13 of this Constitution. This suspension must be addressed at the next General Meeting. At this meeting, the suspension may be continued or removed, or membership withdrawn entirely, as per a majority vote of full members present and voting at that meeting.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1. An Annual General Meeting is to be held at least once each year, not more than 14 months after the previous Annual General Meeting. At the Annual General Meeting:

7.1.1. The Executive must Hold an election for the Executive for the upcoming year;

7.1.2. The President, Secretary and Treasurer each give an Annual Report;

7.1.3. The executive must provide statements of the year’s income and expenditure

7.1.4. The Executive must present a current balance sheet.

7.2. An Annual General Meeting may be convened no more than once during each Teaching Period of the Academic year at the discretion of the Executive. A minimum of 2 weeks of notice must be provided to members before holding an Annual General Meeting.

7.3. An Ordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time at the discretion of the Executive. A minimum of 1 week's notice must be provided to members before holding an Ordinary General Meeting.

7.4. A Special General Meeting must be called by the Executive within ten (10) academic days of being presented with a petition signed by ten (10) members setting out the purpose for which such a meeting is requested. A minimum of 24 hours of notice must be provided to members before holding a Special General Meeting.

7.5. The quorum for a General Meeting is 10 members.

7.6. Decisions of a General Meeting are by a simple majority of full members present in person who cast a vote.

7.7. The Club President must, where possible, Chair, or appoint another Club member to Chair, a General Meeting.

7.8. The Chair has a deliberative and casting vote.

7.9. Any resolution of a quorate General Meeting binds all members of the Executive to the extent that the resolution directly relates to their activities as a member of the Executive.

8. FINANCE

8.1. The assets and income of the Club/Society shall be used only for the promotion of the Club/Society's objectives and no portion may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to members of the club/society except as:

8.1.1. bona-fide remuneration for services rendered by a member to the Club/Society; or

8.1.2. repayment of expenses incurred by a member on behalf of the Club/Society.

8.2. The club's bank account must:

8.2.1. be only for the use of the Club;

8.2.2. be registered under the club's name;

8.2.3. have ANUSA's address for the bank account;

8.2.4. be a two-to-sign or similar account;

8.2.5. have exactly three club trustees authorised to operate the account.

8.3. The Trustees of the Club are the President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

8.4. The Trustees have a legal duty to ensure that Club funds are being used in the best interests of the Club, which is to be viewed from the perspective of the Club as an independent entity, and not from the perspective of members.

9. DATA SECURITY

9.1. The Club will commit to maintaining appropriate data security in all documents and official communications to its members.

10. POLICIES

10.1. Subject to this Constitution, the Executive may, by a simple majority at an Executive meeting, make or amend Club policies as would assist the convenient conduct of the Club's business.

10.2. Policies must be made available to members.

11. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

11.1. On dissolution, disaffiliation or failure to re-affiliate by the end of the first teaching period, any net assets, property, funds or money shall not be distributed among the members but shall become the property of ANU Students Association and be given or transferred to the ANU Students' Association; except for funds sourced by means other than grants from ANUSA in the current and previous calendar year. Such other funds must be donated to a not-for-profit association with objects similar to those of the club, or to ANUSA.

12. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

12.1. The Executive should receive confirmation from the Club's Officer that the Constitution is in accordance with the affiliation requirements for the Club before proposing any amendments to the Constitution at a General Meeting.

12.2. Upon amending this constitution, the Club must give an updated copy of the Constitution to ANUSA.

12.3. This Constitution may be amended by a resolution carried by a majority of full members present and voting at a General Meeting.

12.4. Notice of proposed amendments must be given to members at least 5 calendar days prior to the General Meeting.

13. CLUB BEHAVIOUR RULES

13.1. Offensive language, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual remarks/advances towards anyone else within the society will not be tolerated. All members of the Club should be treated with respect, and disorderly behaviour will not be accepted within the Club.

13.2. No alcohol or smoking is permitted at any society events. Members should not be present at an event whilst highly intoxicated.

13.3. No gambling or betting is to take place at society events.

13.4. The society's belongings should be used respectfully and packed up once finished.

13.5. ANU venue hire rules must be followed, including but not restricted to the following:

13.5.1. ensuring food is only consumed outside of teaching spaces, and

13.5.2. disposing of any rubbish within the venue.