

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA
GAME & SPORTFISH
CLUB Inc.



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1. PREFACE:

The rules and regulations outlined herein are consistent with the currently approved Redcliffe Peninsula Game & Sportfish Club Inc. constitution.

The intention of the rules and regulations is to ensure the Club can function in an efficient and orderly manner and conforms with the guidelines of our affiliated fishing bodies.

The rules and regulations are to be read in conjunction with:-
RPG&SC Inc. – Constitution / model rules.
RPG&SC Inc. - Fishing Rules.

Abbreviations:

RPG&SC Inc. – Redcliffe Peninsula Game & Sportfish Club Inc.

MBBC – Moreton Bay Boat Club.

QGFA - Queensland Game Fish Association.

ANSA - Australian National Sportfish Association.

2. CODE OF PRACTICE:

The Association supports and adheres to the Environmental Codes of Practice as set by Club Approved Affiliated bodies QGFA & ANSA.

Consider and respect the rights of others when engaged in any aspect of angling.

The underlying spirit of angling is that the skill of the angler is pitted against the instinct and strength of the fish and the latter is entitled to an even chance for his/her life.

3. LOGO:

To be advised.

4. OBJECTIVES:

To promote the sport of fishing as a recreational, scientific and in an environmentally responsible manner.

To observe and practice the relating fishing policies of both State and Federal regulations. Adopt and conform to the rules and regulations of both ANSA and QGFA.

To encourage and assist in research programmes dealing with the conservation and orderly management of all marine species and the population of their natural habitat.

Australia Day QGFA Tournament, to retain this date and maintain the highest acceptable standard possible and actively promote this as our major tournament. Promote and organise an annual Sportfish Tournament at a suitable time each year. To engage in competitions with other affiliated QGFA & ANSA clubs.

To encourage and promote the junior anglers of the club.

5. RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. RULES INTENTION:

The rules and regulations (other than the fishing rules) of this club are to complement and be in agreement with the rules and regulations of the RPG&SC Inc constitution.

2. MEETINGS:

The club will hold twelve (12) monthly general meetings, and one (1) annual general meeting.

General meetings are held on a day in the second full week of the month (the week determined as being Monday to Sunday) at the Moreton Bay Boat Club commencing at 7.00pm. That day to be set at the previous General Meeting.

The meeting shall be presided over by the Chairman, who shall maintain order, a suitable agenda, and conduct the meeting on time in a proper and orderly manner.

The financial status of the section will be presented to the meeting by the Treasurer, which will be passed or rejected by the members.

Annual General Meetings shall be held once every calendar year and within three months of the end of the financial year, to be held in conjunction with the general meeting for month in which the Annual General Meeting is called. The General Meeting to be held first, followed by the Annual General meeting.

3. OFFICE BEARERS:

Positions held by members are of a voluntary, honorary nature and are not subject to payment for services rendered, any expenses incurred will be reimbursed.

Positions: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, Weigh master, Recorder, QGFA Delegate, ANSA Delegate, Committee members and any other positions approved by the Management Committee. (Refer Constitution)

4. COMMITTEES: (Refer Constitution)

Management Committee comprises of Chairman, Club Captain, Secretary and Treasurer.

The General Committee comprises all the office bearers, and any other elected members the committee may require eg; directors. The responsibility of the committee is to ensure the day to day running of the club is maintained, traditional tournaments, authorised functions,

club day competitions and any other authorized requests from the members are organized and carried out in an efficient manner.

5. REVISIONS:

Changes to the rules and regulations including the fishing rules, are on an annual basis by means of a notice of motion at the AGM.

6. HISTORY:

An accurate record of members, office bearers, meetings, noteworthy happenings, competitions, point scores, awards and claims (Masters. State/Federal and International records) are to be maintained.

6. GENERAL RULES:

1. GENERAL MEETINGS:

AGENDA: The agenda can be varied to suit the Chairman's requirements, however business that must be transacted at every meeting is as follows:-

- (a) Minutes of the previous meeting to be read by the Secretary, members to vote either passed or rejected.
- (b) Treasurer to present financial report, members to vote either passed or rejected.
- (c) Weigh Masters report.
- (d) Recorders report.
- (e) Delegates report, QGFA, ANSA and Sunfish.
- (f) To act on any notices of motion.
- (g) General Business, information to be passed on from the committee and an opportunity for members to be heard.

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

An Annual General Meeting shall be held once every calendar year and within 3 months of the end of the financial year, to be held in conjunction with the general meeting for the month in which the Annual General Meeting is called.

AGENDA: The AGM is in two parts. (Minutes to be taken)

First part the current (outgoing) Chairman and committee will be in control, during this period the:

- (a) Previous AGM minutes to be read and put to a vote.
- (b) Treasurer will present the financial report, which will include:
 - The financial transactions for the past twelve (12) months.
 - Current financial balance as at the date of the AGM.
 - All current assets and investments.

Treasurer's books are to be audited by an auditor independent of RPG&SC Inc. and the MBBC.

Any questions raised regarding the Treasurer's report, to be addressed at this stage of the report.

A motion to pass or reject the Treasurer's report to be raised and voted on.

(c) Chairman to table any notice of motions, to be discussed and voted on.

(d) Discuss and vote on membership fees.

The second part of the meeting relates to the elections.

ELECTIONS: (Refer Constitution)

STAND DOWN: Existing office bearers / committee will retire from office prior to the elections commencing, but shall be eligible for re-election.

RETURNING OFFICER. A returning officer will be appointed to ensure that all the elections are carried out in a fair and just manner, the returning officer will stay in control of the meeting(s) until the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer positions are filled.

POSITIONS: Office bearers to be elected at the AGM:- Chairman. Secretary. Treasurer. Club Captain. Weigh Master. Recorder. QGFA Delegate. ANSA Delegate. And any other positions approved by the committee.

Any two (2) of the above positions may be combined excluding the positions of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

ESSENTIAL POSITIONS: The positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

must be filled, if these positions are not filled at the time of the AGM, the returning officer will call for a Special Meeting to be held on the following General Meeting date, for the sole purpose of electing the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, during this period there will be no financial transactions or new business carried out until the positions are filled, if the first Special Meeting is unsuccessful a second Special Meeting will be called for on the following General Meeting date, for the sole purpose of electing the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, during this period there will be no financial transactions or new business carried out until the positions are filled.

After a period of three (3) consecutive meetings (AGM and the two following Special Meetings) if the positions are not filled, a caretaker or caretakers will be appointed, during this period there will be no

financial transactions or new business carried out until the positions are filled by RPG&SC Inc. members.

If after a period of nine (9) months (March General Meeting) the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, is still vacant, the club will be deemed as inoperable, and moves to cease incorporation and affiliation with approved bodies will commence.

3. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

The Chairman, with the consent of the Committee can call a Special Meeting, the Secretary shall advise the members of the meeting, agenda, time and place, at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

4. QUORUM:

Any General, Special or Annual General Meeting the number of members required to constitute a quorum shall be double the Management Committee members present plus one (1) member. At any Committee Meeting the number of members required to constitute a quorum to be half the elected number plus one (1), includes the Chairman (or his/her nominated deputy)

5. VOTE:

General, Special and Annual General meetings, every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present. Every member present shall be entitled to one (1) vote, in the case of equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Management Committee and Sub-Committee's, every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present. Every member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, in the case of equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.

No members shall be entitled to vote if his/her annual subscription to the RPG&SC Inc. is more than one (1) month in arrears.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:

For a notice of motion to be effective during a forthcoming AGM, the secretary must receive the notice of motion in writing 21 days prior to the day of the AGM (the AGM falling on the 22nd day).

The notice of motion must clearly state the nature of the motion, be proposed and seconded (in writing) by financial members.

6. FISHING YEAR: RPG&SC Inc fishing year will conform to QGFA & ANSA fishing year period, that being; The fishing year will run for 12 months, commencing the first day of July and finish the last day in June.

7. FINANCIAL:

1. FINANCIAL YEAR: Financial year shall end 30th June of each year.

2. RECORDS & PROCEDURES: All financial records and procedures are to be in keeping with the requirements of approved accountancy practices and requirements.

3. REPORTS: The financial status of the club will be presented at each General Meeting and an annual report presented at the Annual General Meeting by the Treasurer, which will be passed or rejected by the members.

4. INFORMATION ACCESS: Any financial member has access to financial records etc, providing the Treasurer has had reasonable notice, unless otherwise authorised, records are to remain in the sole custody of the Treasurer.

5. ACCOUNTS: Bank accounts (or similar) used for financial transactions are to be recommended by the Treasurer and approved by the members.

6. ACCOUNTABILITY: RPG&SC Inc is self-funding, the financial practices and recording will be the responsibility of the RPG&SC Inc Treasurer, any expenditure must be authorised by the Treasurer and any other member of the Management Committee. Expenditure must conform to the rules and regulations of the RPG&SC Inc, all accounts will be subject to audit by the RPG&SC Inc appointed auditor. As agreed to by the members.

7. UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS: Members that are unfinancial attract the following penalties:

(a) Members in arrears for one (1) month or more are not entitled to vote.

(b) Members in arrears for two (2) months or more will not be accredited with any fishing points or awards for the unfinancial period. Points will not be reinstated

(c) Membership fees in arrears for a period of three (3) months or more, will be removed from the Club register.

8. MEMBERSHIP:

1. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: Application for membership of the RPG&SC Inc. shall be made in writing on the prescribed form, must be proposed by a financial member of the RPG&SC Inc. and seconded by a financial member of the RPG&SC Inc. application to be signed by the applicant, proposer and seconder. The pertaining fee to accompany application.

Upon receipt of the application and fee, the Management Committee will consider the application and therefore determine either admission or rejection by a majority vote of those present.

The applicant is to be informed of the decision (if rejected in writing) on or before the next General Meeting.

2. REQUIREMENTS: It is a pre-requisite of the RPG&SC Inc. membership that the member:

(a) Affiliate with ANSA and or QGFA.

(b) Be and remain a financial member of the MBBC, except in the case of a junior member.

3. JUNIOR MEMBERS: In the case of the RPG&SC Inc., QGFA and ANSA (excluding junior students) a junior member is under the age of 16 years, when he/she reaches the age of 16 years or older, they are classified as a senior member.

In the case of MBBC (conforming to state liquor laws) a junior is under 18 years old, and does not have to be a member of the MBBC, but must have a parent or guardian who is a member. When he/she reaches the age of 18 years or older, they are classified as a senior member, where upon they must become a member of the MBBC to remain a member of RPG&SC Inc.

Summarising. For fishing purposes a junior is under the age of 16. The boat club (liquor laws) defines a junior (minor) as under the age of 18 years old.

4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Life membership of the RPG&SC Inc is limited and is maintained at the highest standard possible, recipients must be over the age of 55 years old, have a good conduct record with both MBBC & RPG&SC Inc., at least twelve (12) years continuous service with RPG&SC Inc., must have served as a RPG&SC Inc. office bearer, been directly involved with the running of the RPG&SC Inc. over an

extended period of time, and must have the welfare of the club as his/her first priority.

Nominations must have unanimous Committee approval.

Life members have their club membership fees and either their ANSA or QGFA fees paid by the RPG&SC Inc.

5. AFFILIATED MEMBERS: Members have the option of joining either; Queensland Game Fish Association (QGFA) or Australian National Sportfishing Association - Queensland Branch (ANSA) or both.

6. MEMBERSHIP FEES: RPG&SC Inc. membership fees (Senior and Family) shall be reviewed and determined by the members of the RPG&SC Inc., to be voted on at the AGM.

Fees are to be paid on or before 30th June.

Membership in arrears - refer section 6 (7)

Life members have their membership fees and either their ANSA or QGFA fees paid by the RPG&SC Inc.

9. WARNINGS:

Depending on the severity of the offence the Chairman may issue a written warning when the offence does not warrant immediate suspension.

Written warnings are issued by the Chairman as a result of the Management Committee decision, and must clearly state the offence, date and warning number.

Three (3) warnings for the same offence, in a twelve (12) consecutive months period, could incur suspension or termination depending on the decision of the Management Committee.

Reference must also be made to the members rights (refer 9:3)

10. SUSPENSION & TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. OFFENCES: A member of the RPG&SC Inc may have his/her membership suspended or terminated for the following offences.

(a) Fails to comply with RPG&SC Inc Constitution, By-Laws or Fishing Rules

(b) Fails to comply with the provisions of the following: - MBBC rules and regulations, and or QGFA fishing rules, and or ANSA fishing rules.

(c) Has membership fees in arrears for a period of three (3) months or more.

(d) A member's RPG&SC Inc. membership will automatically be suspended or terminated should his/her MBBC membership be suspended or terminated.

(e) Conducts him/herself in a manner considered to be injurious, defamatory or prejudicial to the character or interest of the RPG&SC Inc.

2. HEARING: The RPG&SC Inc. Management Committee shall consider whether his/her membership shall be suspended or terminated.

3. MEMBERS RIGHTS: A person whose application for membership has been rejected, or who has received a written warning, or whose membership has been suspended or terminated may within one (1) month of receiving written notification thereof lodge, with the Secretary, written notice of his/her intention to appeal the decision of the Management Committee.