



## **RULES REPORT**

Following the adoption of POWERtalk Australia in 2018, clubs and councils (where operating) are obliged to adopt and be governed by revised rules. These can be much simplified documents now that there are no international rules to abide by.

The POWERtalk Australia (the Association) constitution states:

### **CLUBS**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of member clubs of this Association shall be to cater to the needs of members and implement the objectives and policies of this Association.

#### **Constitution and Standing Rules**

Each club shall adopt and be governed by a constitution and standing rules that are not in conflict with any higher level.

Each club may, therefore, operate in the best interests of its members, with the inclusion of only a few clauses from the Association constitution.

Sample constitutions are now available for clubs to adapt to their own club requirements. There are two versions – one for a club *in* a council and one for a club *not* in a council.

### **COUNCILS (OPTIONAL)**

#### **Structure**

Member clubs may form a council and may determine the administrative structure of the council.

#### **Constitution and Standing Rules**

Each council shall adopt and be governed by a constitution and standing rules that are not in conflict with a higher level.

A sample constitution is also available for any council that may vote to operate as an Administrative Unit (where the only elected officer is an Administrator and the functions of council are shared between the member clubs).

Copies of the sample constitutions are available by contacting the Rules Committee Chairman. Assistance is available for implementing the revised constitutions.

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