

## ICE HOCKEY AUSTRALIA

### **Terms of Appointment - General Assembly Members**

Member States are the entity that is the only official representative of and controlling authority for ice hockey in a State. As a Member State of IHA, the Member State is expected to administer ice hockey in that particular State in accordance with the Objects of IHA, the Objects of the Member State, and the relevant State Act.

Every Member State elects or appoints a State Delegate to represent the Member State and its members at General Assembly Meetings in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of IHA. The State Delegates have the right to be present, debate and vote at General Meetings for and on behalf of their respective Member States, and as directed by the Member State. The combined Members of the Board and State Association Delegates form the General Assembly.

### **Terms of Appointment - Board**

The election and terms of office for all Board Members is four years. The Vice-President and the Treasurer terms of office must overlap the President / Secretary's positions by two years for continuity purposes.

### **Powers of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the policy making body of IHA, and acts in accordance with the Objects and for the mutual and collective benefit of the Members, ice hockey and the general community throughout Australia. In particular, the General Assembly has the power in General Meetings to act in the best interests of IHA to:

- determine major strategic directions of IHA;
- determine policies;
- review IHA's performance in achieving its pre-determined aims, objectives and policies; and
- be the final arbiter on matters referred to it by the IHA Board.

### **Powers of the Executive**

Subject to the Act and IHA Constitution and Regulations, the IHA Executive has the power to make urgent decisions to ensure the proper management and administration of the business and affairs of IHA and shall report such decisions to the IHA Board at the next IHA Board meeting.

### **Powers of the Board**

Subject to the Act and the Constitution and Regulations, the business of IHA is managed by the Board, and the Board exercises the powers of IHA. In particular, the IHA Board is responsible for acting on all national issues in accordance with the Objects of IHA and operate for the collective and mutual benefit of IHA, the Members, ice hockey and the general community throughout Australia and:

- govern ice hockey in Australia in accordance with the Objects;
- implement major strategic directions determined by the General Assembly;
- implement policies determined by the General Assembly; and
- manage all international responsibilities.

### **Meetings**

All IHA meetings are held in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Constitution, Regulations, and on a date and at a venue as determined by the IHA Board, having regard always to cost. Meetings are rotated mainly through the Eastern States because of the number of Board Members who reside in these States.

The Annual General Meeting of IHA (being a meeting of the General Assembly) normally takes place during the month of October.

All IHA General Assembly Meetings, other than the Annual General Meeting, normally takes place during the months of March and October annually. The October General Assembly Meeting is conducted immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

All notices of motion for inclusion as special business at a AIHF General Assembly Meeting must be submitted in writing (in the required form) to the IHA Secretary not less than 36 days (excluding receiving date and meeting date) prior to the General Assembly Meeting.

Each State Delegate and each Member of the IHA Executive have one (1) vote at IHA Annual and General Assembly Meetings. If voting is equal, the Chairman is able to exercise a casting vote.

The IHA Board meets not less than two times in every calendar year for dispatching the business of IHA. Board Meetings are normally held during June and December. The June meeting is designed to resolve

any issues that have arisen since the start of the season. The meeting in December is designed to ensure all decisions made at the AGM/General Assembly Meeting for the coming season, have been implemented. All other business is transacted via Tele-conference or Email. The IHA Executive also meets not less than two times in every calendar year. The meetings are held immediately prior to IHA Board Meetings to conserve costs. All other business is transacted via Tele-conference or Email.