



**CONSTITUTION
OF
ELLERSLIE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB INC.**

Ellerslie Association Football Club Incorporated Constitution

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1. Definitions and interpretation

- 1.1 **Definitions:** In this Constitution, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

Act means the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, including any amendments, and any regulations made under that Act.

AGM or **Annual General Meeting** means a meeting of the Members held once a year convened under this Constitution.

Bylaws means any bylaws, policies, regulations and codes of the Club made under clause 10.

Committee Member means a member of the Executive Committee.

Constitution means this Constitution, including any amendments and any schedules to this Constitution.

Contact Details means a physical or an electronic address and a telephone number.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion means ensuring fair and equitable opportunities are available to everyone to participate in sport and recreation irrespective of age, ability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, beliefs, or socio-economic status.

Executive Committee means the Club's governing body.

General Meeting means an AGM or SGM of the Club.

Interested has the meaning given in section 62 of the Act.

Matter has the meaning given in section 62(4) of the Act.

Member means each person who for the time being is a member of the Club and includes all classes of members described in clause 4.4 – 4.11.

Officer means a Committee Member and any natural person occupying a position in the Club that allows the person to exercise significant influence over the management or administration of the Club.

Ordinary Resolution means a resolution passed by a majority of votes cast.

SGM or **Special General Meeting** means a meeting of the Members, other than an AGM, called for a specific purpose or purposes.

Special Resolution means a resolution passed by a 75% majority of votes cast.

Working Day has the meaning given to that term under the Legislation Act 2019 and excludes the day observed as the anniversary in Auckland.

2. Club Details

- 2.1 **Name:** The name of the society is Ellerslie Association Football Club Incorporated (**Club**).
- 2.2 **Contact person:** At its first Executive Committee meeting following an AGM, the Executive Committee must appoint or reappoint at least one, and a maximum of three, persons to be the contact person, subject to those persons meeting the eligibility criteria set out in the Act. The Executive Committee must advise the Registrar of Incorporated Societies of any change in the contact person or their Contact Details.

3. Purpose and powers

- 3.1 **Purpose:** The purposes of the Club are to:
- (a) be a member of New Zealand Football (NZF) and its regional federation, currently Northern Region Football (**NRF**);
 - (b) promote, develop, foster and administer association football activities, mainly as an amateur sport for the well-being, benefit and recreation of the general public in New Zealand/Aotearoa;
 - (c) promote opportunities and facilities to enable, assist and enhance the participation, enjoyment, administration and performance of association football activities.
 - (d) lead, promote and enable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion across the whole Club including governance of the Club and participation in association football activities;
 - (e) promote, develop and co-ordinate association football leagues and competitions;
 - (f) protect the integrity of association football and the Club by developing and enforcing standards of conduct as set out by NRF and NZF from time to time.

4. Members

- 4.1 **Application:** An application to become a Member (**Application**) must be in the form required by the Executive Committee. All Applications are decided by the Executive Committee, which may accept or decline an Application in its absolute discretion. A person becomes a Member when their Application has been accepted and they have satisfied any preconditions.
- 4.2 **Member consent:** A person or entity consents to become a Member by submitting an Application to the Club or paying fees, unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.
- 4.3 **Membership:** The categories of Members of the Club are as set out below.
- 4.4 **Ordinary Member**

- (a) Any person who is a registered playing member of the Club.

4.5 Junior Member

- (a) Any Ordinary Member under the age of 18 years as at 1 January of the relevant calendar year.
- (b) Junior Members shall not hold any office.
- (c) Voting Rights: the parent or guardian of a Junior Member, once any applicable membership fees have been paid in full, shall be entitled to full voting rights, being one vote irrespective of how many children within each family are Junior Members (i.e. 1 Vote per family).

4.6 Senior Member

- (a) Any Ordinary Member over the age of 18 as at 1 January of the relevant calendar year.
- (b) Once any membership fees have been paid in full a Senior Member shall have full voting rights.

4.7 Life Member

- (a) Life Membership may be granted in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service by an individual to the Club. Any Member may nominate an individual to become a Life Member by giving notice to the Executive Committee setting out the grounds for the nomination. The Executive Committee will treat the nomination as a proposed resolution, and vote on whether the nominee is elected as a Life Member. If elected, that resolution should be forwarded to a General Meeting for ratification by the Members. A person consents to becoming a Life Member on acceptance of their life membership.
- (b) Any Life Member shall have full voting rights and shall be exempt from paying membership fees.

4.8 Committee Member

- (a) Any person elected or appointed as a member of the Executive Committee under clause 6.3.
- (b) Committee Members shall have full voting rights and shall be exempt from paying membership fees, unless also a Senior Member.

4.9 Volunteer Member

- (a) Any person who coaches, manages or co-ordinates a grade shall be deemed a Volunteer Member.
- (b) Volunteer Members shall be exempt from paying membership fees unless also a player.
- (c) If any person fulfils multiple voluntary roles, for the purposes of voting they will only be considered a Volunteer Member.
- (d) A Volunteer Member shall have full voting rights.

4.10 **Associate Member**

- (a) Any person who is not already categorised as any of the above types of Members but has applied for Membership pursuant to clause 4.1 and has had such application accepted and paid in full any applicable membership fees.
- (b) An Associate Member shall have full voting rights.

4.11 **Other**

- (a) Such other category that the Executive Committee may decide from time to time.
- (b) All Members, with the exception of Life Members, are subject to annual renewal in order to retain membership. Members subject to annual renewal must fulfil the requirements of clause 4.1 before their membership is renewed. Committee Member renewal will be subject to their respective elected term of office.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, any person entitled to full voting rights under more than one Membership category, will only be entitled to one vote.

4.12 **Member rights and obligations:** Members acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) they are bound by, and will comply with, this Constitution and the Bylaws, and to the extent they apply, the statutes, rules, procedures or policies of NRF and NZF.
- (b) they are entitled to all rights and entitlements granted by this Constitution or as determined by the Executive Committee;
- (c) to receive, or continue to receive or exercise member rights, they must meet all the member requirements set out in this Constitution and the Bylaws or as otherwise set by the Executive Committee, including payment of any membership or other fees within the required time period;
- (d) if they fail to comply with sub-clause (c) the Executive Committee may terminate their membership, but the Member continues to be bound by this Constitution;
- (e) they do not have any rights of ownership of, or the automatic right to use, the Club's property; and
- (f) they will promote the interests and purposes of the Club and must not do anything to bring the Club into disrepute.

4.13 **Ceasing to be Member:** A Member ceases to be a Member:

- (a) on death;
- (b) by giving notice to the Executive Committee of their resignation;
- (c) if their membership is terminated under clause 4.12(d);
- (d) if their membership is terminated following a dispute resolution process or such other process set out or referred to in this Constitution.
- (e) if they fail to renew their membership in accordance with 4.11(b).

- 4.14 **Consequences of ceasing to be a Member:** A Member who ceases to be a Member:
- (a) remains responsible to pay all their outstanding membership and other fees to the Club;
 - (b) must return all the Club's property if required;
 - (c) ceases to be entitled to any rights of a Member.
- 4.15 **Membership fees**
- (a) All fees and subscriptions for playing Members in the Senior competitions, or in a situation where the Club deems a fee is payable, must be paid by the due date of the relevant year unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.
 - (b) All fees and subscriptions for playing Members in the Community, Junior or Youth competitions must be paid by the due date of the relevant year unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.
 - (c) Where a playing Member has not paid the relevant fees and subscriptions in full by the date specified in Rules 4.15(a) and 4.15(b) that Member may be suspended from Club activities, including matches, until their fees and subscriptions have been paid in full.
 - (d) The fees and subscriptions and due date for payment for the forthcoming membership year will be determined by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may decide to waive fees and subscriptions in relation to a particular playing Member.
 - (e) Clause 4.15(c) will not apply to the playing Member during the period their fees are waived.
- 4.16 **Member register:** The Executive Committee will keep an up-to-date Member register, which includes each Member's name, the Member's last known Contact Details and the date they became a Member. A Member must provide notice to the Club of any change to their Contact Details. The Member register will be updated as soon as practicable after the Executive Committee becomes aware of changes of the information recorded in the Member register. The Executive Committee will keep a record of those who have ceased to be a Club member within the previous 7 years and the date on which they ceased to be a member.

5. **General Meetings**

- 5.1 **AGM:** An AGM must be held once a year at the time, date and place as the Executive Committee decides, but not more than 6 months after the balance date of the Club and not more than 15 months after the previous AGM.
- 5.2 **Notice of AGM:** The Members must be given at least 30 days notice of the AGM. Notice to Members of an AGM may be given by posting on the Club's website.
- 5.3 **Business of AGM:** The following business will be discussed at the AGM:

- (a) confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM;
 - (b) the Executive Committee's presentation of the following information during the most recently completed accounting period:
 - (i) the annual report;
 - (ii) the annual financial statements;
 - (iii) the auditor's report to members on the financial statements audited by a qualified auditor or the review report of the financial statements;
 - (iv) notice of any disclosures of conflicts of interest made by Officers (including a brief summary of the Matters, or types of Matters, to which those disclosures relate);
 - (c) the ratification of the Executive Committee's auditor appointment;
 - (d) the election of any Committee Members;
 - (e) the ratification of any Life Members;
 - (f) consideration of any motions proposing to amend this Constitution that have been properly submitted for consideration at the AGM;
 - (g) consideration of any other items of business that have been properly submitted for consideration at the AGM.
- 5.4 **Notice of proposed motions:** Members must give notice of any proposed motions and other items of business to the Club at least 14 days before the date of the AGM and supported by at least 2 other voting Members.
- 5.5 **Notice of agenda:** Notice of the agenda containing the business to be discussed at the AGM must be sent to all persons entitled to attend the AGM at least 10 days before the date of the AGM. No additional items of business can be voted on other than those set out in the agenda, but the Members present may agree by Special Resolution or unanimously to discuss any other items.
- 5.6 **Calling of SGM:** The Executive Committee must call a SGM if it receives a written request stating the purpose of the SGM from the Executive Committee itself or by 5% of Members.
- 5.7 **Notice of SGM:** Members must be given at least 7 days notice of the SGM, unless the Executive Committee, in its discretion, decides that the nature of the SGM business is of such urgency that a shorter period of notice is to be given to Members. A SGM may only consider and deal with the business specified in the request for the SGM.
- 5.8 **Method of holding meeting:** A General Meeting may be held by a quorum of people being assembled at the time and place appointed for the meeting, participating by audio link, audio-visual link or other electronic communication or by a combination of those methods.
- 5.9 **Quorum:** No business may occur at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the meeting's start time. The quorum for a General Meeting is 20 Members

who are entitled to vote. The quorum must always be present during the General Meeting.

- 5.10 **No quorum at AGM:** If a quorum is not met within 30 minutes of the AGM's scheduled start time, the AGM is adjourned to a day, time and place set by the chair of the AGM. If no quorum is met at the further AGM, the Members present, in person or through audio, audio visual link or other electronic communication, 15 minutes after the further AGM's scheduled start time are deemed to constitute a valid quorum.
- 5.11 **No quorum at SGM:** If a quorum is not met within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the SGM, the SGM is cancelled.
- 5.12 **Control of General Meetings:** The President chairs General Meetings. If that person is unavailable, a Committee Member (appointed by the Executive Committee) will preside. In the absence of both of those persons, the Members present will elect a person to chair the General Meeting.
- 5.13 **Omissions and irregularities:** The General Meeting and its business will not be invalidated if one or more Members do not receive notice of the meeting. The General Meeting and its business will not be invalidated by an irregularity, error or omission in notices, agendas and papers of the meeting or notice within the required time frame or the omission to give notice to all Members and any other error in the organisation of the meeting if:
- (1) the chair of the meeting in their discretion determines that it is still appropriate for the meeting to proceed despite the irregularity, error, or omission; and
 - (2) a motion to proceed is put to the meeting and a majority, of two-thirds of votes cast, is obtained in favour of the motion to proceed.
- 5.14 **Attendance:** Members and any other persons invited by the Executive Committee are eligible to attend and speak at General Meetings.
- 5.15 **Voting:** Subject to the voting entitlements at clause 4.4 – 4.11 a Member is entitled to exercise one vote on any motion at a General Meeting in person. Proxy and postal votes are not permitted.
- 5.16 **Conduct of voting:** Voting is conducted by voices or a show of hands as determined by the chair of the meeting, unless a secret ballot is called for and approved by the chair or a majority of Members present or as otherwise required under this Constitution.
- 5.17 **Minutes:** Minutes must be kept of all General Meetings.
- 5.18 **Resolution:** An Ordinary Resolution of Members at a General Meeting is sufficient to pass a resolution, except as specified in the Act or this Constitution.

6. Executive Committee

- 6.1 **Functions and powers:** Subject to any modifications, exceptions, or limitations contained in the Act or in this Constitution the Executive Committee must manage, direct or supervise the operation and affairs of the Club and has all the powers

necessary for managing, and for directing and supervising the management of, the operation and affairs of the Club.

- 6.2 **Composition:** The Executive Committee consists of an elected President, and four to six Committee Members. The Executive Committee must ensure that the skills, expertise and experience of the members ensures all necessary functions required by the Club are performed. The Executive Committee can, at its discretion, assign people to positions or tasks as it considers are in the interests of the Club.

- 6.3 **Election of Committee Members:** Committee Members are elected as follows:

- (a) The President will be elected at the AGM to hold office for a term of three years, retiring at the third AGM after the one at which they were elected, but is able to be re-elected. The President cannot serve more than three consecutive terms.
- (b) All other members of the Executive Committee will be elected at the AGM to hold office for a term of two years, with members retiring by rotation at the second annual meeting after the one at which they were elected. Elected Committee Members retiring by rotation may be nominated for a further term. An elected Committee Member shall not serve more than four consecutive full two-year terms.
- (c) The Executive Committee must call for nominations for any Committee Member positions that are to be vacated at an AGM at least two months before the AGM;
- (d) Nominations are made in the form decided by the Executive Committee and must be received by the date set by the Executive Committee and if no date is set, at least one month before the AGM;
- (e) The Executive Committee must give notice of the nominations to all Members at least 14 days before the AGM;
- (f) At the AGM, if there are more nominees than number of positions available, the election is by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the Chair of the General Meeting and approved by a Special Resolution of Members. If a secret ballot is held, two scrutineers must be appointed at the General Meeting to count the votes;
- (g) Those nominees who have the highest number of votes in their favour to fit the number of vacant positions are declared elected;
- (h) If the number of votes for one or more nominees is equal to another nominee, a further vote will be held between the tied nominees;
- (i) If there is only one nominee for a vacant position, that person is declared to be elected without the need for a vote.

- 6.4 **Qualification:** Every Committee Member must, in writing:

- (a) consent to be a Committee Member; and
- (b) certify that they are not disqualified from being elected or holding office as a Committee Member by this Constitution or under section 47 of the Act.

- 6.5 **Disqualification:** The following persons are disqualified from being elected or holding office as a Committee Member:
- (a) A person who is disqualified from being elected or holding office as a Committee Member under section 47 of Act.
 - (b) A person who has been removed as a Committee Member following a process under this Constitution or any Bylaw.
- If any of the circumstances listed in (a) above occur to an existing Committee Member, they are deemed to have vacated their office upon the relevant authority making an order or finding against them of any of those circumstances.
- 6.6 **Term of office:** The term of office for all Committee Members, other than the President, is 2 years, expiring at the end of the relevant AGM. A Committee Member may be re-elected to the Executive Committee for a maximum of 4 consecutive terms of office. The term of any period served to fill a Casual Vacancy is disregarded for the purposes of calculating the total term served.
- 6.7 **Co-opted members of the Executive Committee:** The Committee Members may, as they deem necessary for specific projects or skills not fulfilled by the current Executive Committee and at their sole discretion, appoint additional Members or non-Members to the Executive Committee in any given year (each a **Co-opted Member**). Specific criteria for appointing a Co-opted Member must be agreed by the Executive Committee prior to appointment. Co-opted Member positions are non-voting member positions on the Executive Committee. Co-opted Members shall hold office at the Executive Committee's discretion until the close of the next AGM after appointment and any reappointment shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 6.8 **Casual Vacancy:** If a Casual Vacancy arises, the remaining Committee Members may by simple majority:
- (a) Appoint a suitable person of their choice to fill the Casual Vacancy only until the next AGM, at which a person is elected to fill the remainder of the term of the Casual Vacancy; or
 - (b) May leave the Casual Vacancy unfilled until the next AGM, at which a person is elected to fill the remainder of the term of the Casual Vacancy;
- 6.9 **Committee Member ceasing to hold office:** A person ceases to be a Committee Member if:
- (1) their term expires;
 - (2) the person resigns by delivering a signed notice of resignation to the Executive Committee;
 - (3) the person is removed from office under this Constitution;
 - (4) the person becomes disqualified from being an officer under section 47(3) of the Act.
 - (5) the person dies.

7. **Executive Committee meetings**

- 7.1 **Calling meetings:** Executive Committee meetings may be called at any time by the Chair or by 3 Committee Members, but generally the Executive Committee meets a minimum of six times each calendar year.
- 7.2 **Meeting procedure:** Except to the extent specified in the Act or this Constitution, the Executive Committee may regulate its own procedure.
- 7.3 **Quorum:** The quorum for an Executive Committee meeting is half (and if an odd number rounded up) of Committee Members plus one. Any Committee Member may be counted for the purposes of a quorum, participate in any and vote on any proposed resolution at an Executive Committee meeting without being physically present. This may only occur at Executive Committee meetings by audio or audio-visual link or other electronic communication provided that all persons participating in the Executive Committee meeting can hear each other effectively and simultaneously.
- 7.4 **Chair:** The Executive Committee will elect the Chair from amongst the Committee Members. The Chair will chair Executive Committee meetings and General Meetings. If the Chair is unavailable, another Committee Member must be appointed by the Executive Committee to undertake the Chair's role during the period of unavailability.
- 7.5 **Voting:** Each Committee Member (other than Co-opted Members) has one vote. Voting is by voices or on request of any Committee Member by a show of hands or by a ballot. Proxy and postal votes are not permitted. Voting by electronic means is permitted. If there is an equality of votes, the Chair has a casting vote.
- 7.6 **Resolution in writing:** A resolution in writing signed or consented to by email or other electronic means by a majority of Committee Members is valid as if it had been passed at an Executive Committee meeting. Any resolution may consist of several documents in the same form each signed by one or more Committee Members.

8. **Finances**

- 8.1 **Control and management of finances:** The funds and property of the Club are controlled, invested and disposed of by the Executive Committee, subject to this Constitution and devoted solely to the promotion of the purposes of the Club set out in clause 3.
- 8.2 **Balance date:** The Club's balance date is 31 December or on the date as the Executive Committee decides.
- 8.3 **Audit of financial statements:** The Club's financial statements must be audited each year by a qualified auditor and the audited financial statements must be submitted to the AGM. The auditor will be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- 8.4 **No personal benefit:** The Officers and Members may not receive any distributions of profit or income from the Club. This does not prevent Officers or Members:
- (a) receiving reimbursement of actual and reasonable expenses incurred, or

- (b) entering into any transactions with the organisation for goods or services supplied to or from them, which are at arms' length, relative to what would occur between unrelated parties,

provided no Officer or Member is allowed to influence any such decision made by the Club in respect of payments or transactions between it and them, their direct family or any associated entity.

9. **Amendments**

- 9.1 **Amendments:** This Constitution may only be amended or replaced by Special Resolution of Members at a General Meeting.
- 9.2 **No amendment:** No addition to, deletion from or alteration of this Constitution may be made which would allow personal pecuniary profits to any individuals.
- 9.3 **Minor effect or technical alteration:** If an amendment to this Constitution would have no more than a minor effect or is to correct errors or makes similar technical alterations, then the Executive Committee may give notice of the amendment to every Member stating the text of the amendment and the right of Members to object to the amendment. If the Executive Committee does not receive any objections from Members within 20 Working Days after the date on which the notice is sent, or any longer period of time that the Executive Committee decides, then the Executive Committee may make that amendment. If it does receive an objection, then the Executive Committee may not make the amendment

10. **Bylaws**

The Executive Committee may make and amend Bylaws for the conduct and control of the Club's activities and codes of conduct applicable to Members. Any Bylaw must be consistent with the Club's purposes set out in clause 3, the Act and any other laws. All Bylaws are binding on the Club and the Members. The making, amendment, revocation, or replacement of a Bylaw is not an amendment of this Constitution.

11. **Dispute Resolution**

- 11.1 A Member or a Committee Member may make a complaint in writing (including by electronic mail) to the Executive Committee.
- 11.2 The written complaint shall set out the allegation, who it relates to and provide sufficient supporting details in order for the Executive Committee to be properly advised.
- 11.3 The Executive Committee has the power to use any or a combination of the below mechanisms, where relevant and applicable when resolving a dispute:
 - (a) Investigate and determine the matter as set out in clause 11.4;
 - (b) Refer to the matter to NRF;

- (c) Rely on the relevant NRF and / or NZF Statutes, constitutions, regulations, policies, procedures or guidelines to determine a matter, this may include but is not limited to use of the NZF Disciplinary Code, the NZF Code of Conduct and the NZF Code of Ethics and the relevant Regional Association Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- 11.4 In the event the Executive Committee investigates and / or determines a matter under 11.3(a) the following principles and procedures shall be adhered to:
- (a) The Executive Committee in the first instance shall determine whether the complaint is frivolous, vexatious or otherwise without merit before investigating or determining a complaint.
 - (b) No reasons need to be given by the Executive Committee for a determination to proceed or not with a complaint as set out in 11.4(a).
 - (c) Unless otherwise required by NRF, the Executive Committee shall have the power to conduct and regulate the proceedings as it sees fit having regard to the principles of natural justice, the circumstance of the complaint and these dispute provisions.
 - (d) The standard of proof shall be on the balance of probabilities and rest with the complainant.
 - (e) A person who makes a complaint has a right to be heard either in writing, or at an oral hearing or both as determined by the Executive Committee.
 - (f) A person who is the subject of the allegations or complaint, has a right to be heard either in writing, or at an oral hearing or both as determined by the Executive Committee.
 - (g) The Executive Committee will, subject to 11.4(a), investigate and resolve disputes in a fair and efficient manner.
 - (h) The committee may refer the complaint to an external person for the purposes of conducting an independent investigation and / or decision making.
 - (i) Any member of the Executive Committee who is empowered to investigate or determine a complaint must be impartial and able to consider the matter without a predetermined view. If two or more other Committee Members on reasonable grounds believe that the chosen Committee Member may not be impartial, they shall refer the matter to another Committee Member or external person for investigation and decision making.

12. **Liquidation and removal**

- 12.1 **Notice:** The Executive Committee must give notice to all Members of at least 20 Working Days of a proposed motion:
- (a) to appoint a liquidator;
 - (b) to remove the Club from the Register of Incorporated Societies; or
 - (c) for the distribution of the Club's surplus assets.

The notice must comply with section 228 of the Act and include details of the General Meeting at which the proposed motion is to be considered.

- 12.2 **Special Resolution:** Any resolution for a motion set out in clauses 12.1(a) to (c) must be passed by a Special Resolution of Members.
- 12.3 **Surplus assets:** The surplus assets of the Club, after the payment of all costs, debts and liabilities, must be disposed of to NRF or any other not-for-profit entity that shares similar purposes to the Club.

13. **Transition**

- 13.1 **Transition:** This clause 13 applies to facilitate transition of the Club from the previous constitution to this Constitution. If this clause is inconsistent with any other clause in this Constitution, this clause applies to the extent of the inconsistency and the other clause will not.
- 13.2 **Power of Executive Committee during transition period:** Subject to the Act, the Executive Committee may amend any requirement for and/or the date by which this Constitution requires anything to be done. This clause applies for 6 months from the date of the AGM at which it is ratified and is solely to enable flexibility in the transition of the Club from the previous constitution to this Constitution and to correct any unintended consequences occurring through different wording being used.
- 13.3 **Transition of Committee Members:** All Committee Members are to be re-elected or appointed at the next AGM, and every person so re-elected or appointed shall be subject to clause 6.6, noting that any previous period served as a Committee Member commencing as at the 2025 AGM shall be counted towards the relevant Committee Member's term of office.