



## Constitution of the Eynesbury Dingoes Basketball Club

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### Article 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be **Eynesbury Dingoes Basketball Club** (hereinafter referred to as "the Club").

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### Article 2: Objectives

The objectives of the Club are to:

- Promote, encourage, and develop the sport of basketball within the Eynesbury area and Melton Basketball Association.
- Provide training and competition opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels, including developmental players.
- Foster community engagement and inclusion through basketball.
- Promote sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness.
- Collaborate with local schools, community organizations, and governing sports bodies.

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### Article 3: Membership

#### Section 1: Eligibility

Membership is open to all individuals regardless of race, gender, age, ability, religion, or socio-economic status who:

- Support the objectives of the Club;
- Abide by its rules and policies;
- Pay the appropriate membership fees.

## **Section 2: Categories of Membership**

1. **Playing Members:** Individuals who actively participate in Club basketball activities.
2. **Non-Playing Members:** Supporters, volunteers, or individuals involved in administrative roles.
3. **Honorary Members:** Individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the Club (appointed by the Executive Committee).

## **Section 3: Membership Fees**

- Fees shall be determined annually by the Executive Committee.
- Concessions may be available for students, unemployed, or low-income individuals. *(to be developed)*

## **Section 4: Rights and Responsibilities**

- Members may vote at General Meetings.
- Members must adhere to the Club's Code of Conduct, Rules & Safeguarding Policy.
- Membership may be revoked for serious misconduct, subject to disciplinary procedures.

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## **Article 4: Governance**

### **Section 1: Executive Committee**

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by an elected **Executive Committee**.

### **Section 2: Committee Composition**

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary (Safeguarding/Welfare Officer)**
- **Treasurer**
- **Head Coach**
- **General Members (up to 3)**

### **Section 3: Election of Officers**

- Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- All members are eligible to vote.
- Officers shall serve a two-year term but may be re-elected.

### **Section 3.2 Coaches**

Coaches play a vital role in the development of players and the success of the Club. All coaches must be appointed by the Committee and/or the Head Coach and are expected to uphold the Club's values and policies.

### **Section 3.3 Coaches Responsibilities**

- Plan and conduct training sessions appropriate to the age and skill level of the team.
- Promote fair play, respect, and teamwork among players.
- Ensure player safety at all times, including adherence to child safety protocols.
- Communicate effectively with players, parents, and the Committee.
- Attend games and Club events as required.
- Provide feedback and development opportunities for players.
- Report any incidents or concerns to the Committee promptly.
- Hold and maintain relevant qualifications, including:
  - *Working With Children Check*
  - *Basketball Victoria Coaching Accreditation (where applicable)*

### **Section 3.4 Evaluation & Support**

- Coaches may be reviewed annually by the Committee.
- The Club will provide access to training, resources, and mentoring to support coaching development.

## **Section 4: Powers and Duties**

The Executive Committee shall:

- Organise Club activities and competitions.
- Manage finances and approve expenditures.
- Ensure compliance with laws, insurance, and safeguarding.
- Handle disputes and disciplinary matters.
- Liaise with local sports authorities and associations.

## **Section 5: Meetings**

- The Committee shall meet at least once every two months.
- A quorum shall consist of **50% +1** of elected officers.
- Emergency meetings can be called by the Chair or at the request of 3 committee members.

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## **Article 5: General Meetings**

### **Section 1: Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- Held once per year, ideally within 3 months of the end of the financial year.
- Agenda to include:
  - Approval of minutes from last AGM
  - Annual Reports from officers
  - Financial statement and budget
  - Election of Executive Committee
  - Proposals and amendments

### **Section 2: Special General Meetings (SGM)**

- May be called by the Executive Committee or upon written request of at least 10% of members.
- Notice must be given at least 14 days prior.

### **Section 3: Voting**

- Each member aged 16 and over is entitled to one vote.
- Decisions are made by a simple majority unless otherwise stated.
- Proxy voting is allowed if submitted in writing.

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## **Article 6: Finances**

1. The Club shall maintain a bank account in its name.
2. The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of income and expenditure.
3. Two authorized signatures shall be required for withdrawals.
4. The financial year shall run from **TBC to TBC** annually.
5. An annual financial report must be presented at the AGM.

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## **Article 7: Disciplinary Procedures**

1. Allegations of misconduct must be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
2. A disciplinary sub-committee shall be formed to investigate.
3. The accused member has the right to respond and attend a hearing.
4. Sanctions may include suspension or expulsion.
5. Appeals can be made to the full Executive Committee.

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## **Article 8: Safeguarding and Welfare**

1. The Club is committed to creating a safe environment for all participants.
2. A designated Safeguarding Officer shall oversee policies in line with [national/regional] guidelines.
3. All coaches and volunteers working with minors must undergo background checks and appropriate training.

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## **Article 9: Amendments to the Constitution**

1. Amendments may only be made at an AGM or SGM.
2. Proposed changes must be submitted at least 14 days before the meeting.
3. A two-thirds majority of those present is required for adoption.

## Article 10: Dissolution

1. The Club may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote at a General Meeting.
2. Upon dissolution, assets shall be transferred to a local sports development organization or charity with similar objectives, as decided by the membership.

## Article 11: Adoption of Constitution

This Constitution was adopted by the members of the Eynesbury Dingoes Basketball Club on **April 2024**

**Signed:**

Nicholas Bevilacqua (President) January 2026

Dean Hosking (Secretary) January 2026

Gavin Silvi (Treasurer) January 2026