**RULES OF THE STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED**

1. The name of the Club is “The **STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED”**
2. The objects for which the Club is established are:-
	1. To foster, control and encourage the game of Association Football, and any such sport in which the members of the Club are interested and to take all such steps as may be considered proper for preventing improper methods or practices in such game or for preventing infringements of the Rules and Laws of the game of Football.
	2. To consider and settle any disputes of players or members of the Club.
	3. To purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which the Club may think necessary.
	4. To lay out and construct, furnish and maintain any grounds, buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Club.
	5. To raise money by subscriptions and grant any rights and privileges to subscribers.
	6. To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Club shall determine.
	7. To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of or turn to account all or any part of the property and rights of the Club.
	8. To make, adopt, vary and publish Rules, by-laws and regulations dealing with any of the matters comprised in the above mentioned objects, and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable for enforcing such Rules, regulations, by-laws and conditions.

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. (a) All those persons who shall notify the Secretary of the Club of their desire to become members of the Club shall, upon receipt of the secretary of such notice and on payment of the annual subscription for the current year, become members of the Club.

(b) Membership of the Club shall consist of the following categories:-

 1. Senior playing members (Male & Female)

 2. Non Playing members

 3. Junior members

 4. Honorary members

5. Affiliate members

6. Life members

~~All types of members shall have voting rights with the exception of Junior members who shall only have voting entitlements by way of their Managers and Coaches.~~

Senior, Non-playing, and Life members shall have voting rights. Junior members are represented by way of their managers and coaches.

1. Any member whose subscription is unpaid by 30 June each year shall be deemed to no longer be a member of the Club unless an extension of time has been granted by the management Committee.
2. The ~~patrons,~~ Life Members, President and Vice presidents and Honorary Members of the Club need not comply with the foregoing Rules of Membership, but shall, in any event become members on election and shall remain members during their term of office.
3. Provided that the Committee may notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Rules, remit the subscription of any member if in their absolute discretion such action is deemed desirable.
4. The Committee of the Club shall set the subscriptions payable by the members and such amounts shall be payable by 30 April each year.
5. Any member whose subscription is unpaid by 31 May of each year shall be suspended from all activities of the Club until such time as the amount outstanding is paid, unless an extension of time has been granted by the Management Committee.
6. The Officers of the Club shall consist of ~~a Patron,~~ a President, Vice president~~s~~, a Chairman, a secretary, a Treasurer and a Club Captain, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
7. The management of the Club shall be deputed to a Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, the Chairman, the Club Captain, the Secretary, the Treasurer and six other members together with official club delegates of the Club who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The Committee shall hold office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which it is elected until the conclusion of the next succeeding Annual General Meeting except hereinafter provided.
9. It shall be necessary for a quorum of at least four members to be present at any meeting of the Committee.
10. The Committee shall meet at such times as it may deem fit and a meeting of the Committee may be summoned at any time by the Chairman, secretary or any two other members of the Committee.
11. The Committee shall have and is hereby given full power to deal with any matters relating to the objects of the Club and any other matters relating to the affairs of the Club and any other matter arising out of the affairs of the Club and any matter arising out of these Rules, except in so far as the control of such matters is vested in the Club in General Meeting.
12. The Committee may make regulations governing the activities of the Club and such regulations shall be valid and binding on the members so far as they affect such activities and so far only as they do not conflict with these Rules.
13. The Committee from time to time appoint such sub committees as it deem necessary or expedient and may depute or refer to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine.
14. The Committee shall appoint team Coaches and Managers. Junior Coaches and Managers may be appointed by the Junior Delegates, such persons shall be granted Honorary membership during their term of office and be entitles to voting rights.
15. The Secretary will keep a true record of the proceedings of the Committee and of all general Meetings of the Club and the Treasurer shall keep a true record and account of all the receipts and payments of the Club, the accounts to be audited by such persons elected at the Annual general Meeting.
16. At the Annual general Meeting Club Patron(s) shall be nominated. Patrons accepting such nomination will be granted honorary membership during their term.
17. At the Annual general Meeting the Officers and Committee of the Club shall be elected in the following order:-

~~Patrons~~

Life Members

President

Vice President~~s~~

Chairman

Club Captain

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Members

Junior Delegates

~~Junior Team Coaches~~

~~Junior Team Managers~~

~~Senior Team Coaches~~

~~Senior Team Managers~~

All afore mentioned Officers, Committee Members~~, Coaches and Managers~~ of the Club shall be granted Honorary membership during their term of office and be entitles to voting rights.

Each candidate shall be nominated at the meeting by some member of the Club seconded by another member, if more candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, scrutineers shall be appointed by the meeting and such scrutineers shall be entitled to vote, the candidates who receive most votes shall be declared elected and in the event of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote, and the decision of the Chairman as to any election shall be final.

1. If a vacancy occurs among the Officers or on the Committee the remaining members of the Committee shall have power to appoint any member of the Club, providing the member is financial, to fill such vacancy but the proceedings of the Committee shall not be validated by reason only of the continuance of any such vacancy.
2. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at any such times as determined by the Committee, and shall be chaired by the President, the place and time of the meeting shall be decided by the Committee and shall be held for the following purposes:-

(a) to receive from the Committee a report of the proceedings of and a statement of receipts and payments for the preceding year.

(b) to elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

(c) to determine any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.

1. Every motion at a General Meeting shall be moved by one member and seconded by another member, and except as hereinafter provided any resolution may be moved and passed without any previous notice having been given, each member present at a General Meeting shall have a second or casting vote, the vote on any motion at a General Meting shall be taken by a show of hands and the decision of the Chairman thereon shall be final.
2. It shall be necessary for a quorum of at least 15 members to be present at any General Meeting.
3. The President or in his absence the Club Captain, or in the absence of the President and the Club Captain, any member appointed by the meeting shall be Chairman at any General Meeting.
4. At least seven (7) days before any General Meeting notice thereof shall be advertised but except as otherwise expressly provided therein, it shall not be necessary to state in such notice the business to be transacted at such meeting.
5. The Committee may at any time for a special purpose call a Special General Meeting. The Committee shall call a Special General Meeting forthwith upon the giving of a written requisition signed by any fifteen members of the Club stating generally the purpose for which such meeting is to be held. Such requisition may be duly given by delivering it to the President or the Secretary by posting it to them. If the Committee do not duly call such meeting within fourteen days after such requisition has been duly delivered or posted then the requisitions may themselves call such meeting.
6. At any such general Meeting a motion of no confidence in the Committee or any member or members thereof may be moved and passed provided that notice of intention to move such motion has been given in the notice calling such meeting.
7. The Funds of the Club shall be in control of the Committee and shall be kept in such bank as the committee may determine.
8. The Committee shall appoint three of its members to operate the account of the Club in such Bank or Savings Bank.
9. The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for in these Rules shall be final and binding on the Member subject only to the right of appeal to a Special General Meeting.
10. (a) These Rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless the notice calling such meeting shall specify in general terms the proposed resolution and unless it be carried by a majority of at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

(b) Any such addition, repeal or amendment shall not be valid or binding on the Members unless within two (2) calendar months from the date of the meeting at which it was passed it is approved at a further General Meeting.

1. The Club may be dissolved by resolution to that effect passed at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless the notice calling such meeting shall specify in general terms the proposed resolution and unless it be carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the Members present and voting thereon.
2. The Club shall only be dissolved as from the confirmation of such resolution by a two thirds majority at a further Special General Meeting held not less than two months after the carrying of such resolution, and the funds and other assets of the Club shall thereupon be disposed of as provided by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and the regulations there under, or any Act passed or regulations made in substitution thereof. Upon such winding up, any surplus assets remaining after the payment of all costs, debits and liabilities shall be distributed to a similar non-profit organisation and that no individual shall receive any surplus funds or assets.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for the safe custody of a Common Seal and when required to be fixed to any document, the Seal shall be affixed pursuant to a resolution of the Committee in the presence of the Secretary and two members of the Committee.

These are the Rules and By Laws of the Club constituted on 28 July 1962 and amended on 7 April 1997, <TBC> November 2019 and duly registered with the Registrar of the Incorporated Societies, Wellington.