

# **CLUB SPECIFIC RULES/BYLAWS**

## **Unincorporated Rotary Club Rules**

### **(In conjunction with obtaining updated Rules)**

Some clubs need changes to be made to our Standard Bylaws and Rules (other than those prescribed in the Standard Club Constitution). McKean & Park have prepared a number of these variations which are as follows:

#### **1. VARIABLE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

Some clubs prefer a system where the number of directors (other than office bearers) can be varied from year to year.

##### **To adopt this option:**

- (a) Go to Article 9A Section 1 of your club's pre 2007 Rules. This will show you the current number of non-office bearer directors.
- (b) Tell us (in writing or by email) what future maximum and minimum number of non-office bearer directors your club wishes to adopt.
- (c) Add \$55.00 (\$50.00 plus GST) to the payment which you remit to us.
- (d) We will make all the necessary alterations in the Rules and Bylaws we prepare for your club.

#### **2. DELAYING THE ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS/DIRECTORS**

Some clubs like to delay the election of office bearers and directors. Within reason this can be achieved lawfully in accordance with the laws of your State/Territory and in accordance with the requirements of RI.

##### **To legally delay elections:**

- (a) Tell us (in writing or by email) what your club wants to do.
- (b) Add \$55.00 (\$50.00 plus GST) to the payment which you remit to us.
- (c) We will supply you with written advice explaining how you may lawfully and in the spirit of Rotary achieve the above result.

#### **3. DOUBLING UP ON OFFICES**

Some clubs are hard pressed to find enough members to fill all the office bearer positions on the Board so they "double up" some offices.

##### **To adopt this option:**

- (a) Go to Article 9A Sections 1 and 2 of your clubs pre 2007 Rules to check on which offices your club requires to be filled.
- (b) Tell us (in writing or by email) which offices your club wants to double up on.
- (c) Add \$55.00 (\$50.00 plus GST) to the payment which you remit to us.
- (d) We will make all the necessary alterations the same as in 1.4 in the Rules and Bylaws we prepare for your club.

#### **4. ADVICE AS TO YOUR RULES AND BYLAWS**

Some clubs ask for special advice in respect of some Articles of the Rules or the Bylaws that we forward for adoption. This is frequently because a member, concerned with an amendment that RI has provided or a former Article that has been deleted, asks for further information of a legal nature.

##### **To obtain our independent written advice:**

- (a) Write to us or email us setting out, as briefly as possible, what the issue is and why it causes concern.
- (b) Add \$55.00 (\$50.00 plus GST) to the payment which you remit to us.

- (c) We will supply you with written advice explaining the matters surrounding the issue and giving you the independent advice that you require.

#### 5. **AUTHORISATION TO TRADE**

The *Associations Incorporation Acts* of the various states and territories prohibit incorporated Rotary Clubs from **trading** and provide for penalties against members of the club who aid, abet, counsel or procure, or are directly or indirectly concerned in any breaches of this restriction. The Acts also make those members personally liable for all debts and liabilities which occur as a consequence of **trading**. The provisions, however, permit **trading** in certain circumstances which include a provision in the Rules that authorise **trading** by the club.

##### **To adopt this option:**

- (a) Write to us or email us advising your requirements and we will insert the necessary provisions in your Rules.
- (b) Add \$55.00 (\$50.00 plus GST) to the payment which you remit to us.
- (c) We will make all the necessary alterations in the Rules and Bylaws we prepare for your club.

#### 6. **STILL CONSIDERING A 'CLUB LEADERSHIP PLAN'**

Some clubs are still using Bylaws that are **not in harmony with a Club Leadership Plan** but are considering making the change. McKean & Park can provide Bylaws that can be changed at any time during their currency without additional charge.

##### **To adopt this option:**

- (a) Write or email us setting out, as briefly as possible, your requirements.
- (b) Add \$55.00 (\$50.00 plus GST) to the payment which you remit to us.
- (c) We will supply you with an appropriate set of Bylaws.