

***BORONIA AMATEUR SWIMMING  
AND LIFE SAVING CLUB  
INCORPORATED***

**Reg. No. A00078861**

**BY-LAWS**

Effective Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015

# Boronia Amateur Swimming and Life Saving Club Inc.

## By-Laws

1. The following are the By - Laws of the Boronia Amateur Swimming & Life Saving Club Incorporated which is here-in referred to as the Club.
2. The colours of the Club shall be ROYAL BLUE and WHITE.
3. The Club emblem shall be a PENGUIN.
4. The Club's mission statement shall be as follows:
  - 4.1. To develop endurance, skills, sportsmanship and team camaraderie in all our swimmers and to encourage them in all levels of competition in a supportive environment. The Club believes this is best achieved in a friendly, social atmosphere.
5. The swimming season shall be from the 1st of July to the 30th of June.
6. Club Management
  - 6.1. A Social Committee of up to ten members or parents of members, one of whom shall be the chairman, may be elected at the Annual General Meeting and/or appointed subsequently to that meeting. At least one member of the Social Committee must also be a member of the General Committee. The Social Committee may maintain its own bank account, but will be accountable for all funds to the General Committee. The General Committee must approve in advance all expenditure by the Social Committee.
  - 6.2. Four or more members of the Executive Committee shall make any urgent decisions or carry out any action it considers necessary to the running of the Club, provided that such decisions or actions be submitted to the next General Committee meeting for ratification. (This includes emergency finances which are covered under Club rule 8.4)
  - 6.3. The following delegates shall be either elected from the General Committee or in the event these positions cannot be filled from the General Committee then the General Committee has the power to coopt members to fill the positions:
    - 6.3.1. Swimming Victoria delegate – if invited to represent
    - 6.3.2. Dandenong Ranges District Swimming Association ("Metro East") Delegates (2)
7. Service awards
  - 7.1. Upon the completion of ten years, fifteen years or twenty years (consecutive) membership, a member is eligible to receive an equivalent membership certificate or badge.
  - 7.2. Upon the completion of ten years, fifteen years or twenty years (consecutive) membership and who in the eyes of the General Committee has contributed significantly to the Club in any area (Competition, General Service or Administration) that member is eligible for an equivalent service award.
  - 7.3. Life membership may be awarded for outstanding service to the Club under Club rule 7.1

## 8. Championships and the Club Champions

8.1. The date to be used for purpose of qualification for age events in Club Championships will be the day of the first event of a championship, or such other appropriate date as set by the Swimming Director.

8.2. Members are only eligible to compete in their appropriate age event and all Open events subject to By-Law 8.3.

8.3. Members must be an "Active" member of Club Squad Training to have placing's recognised towards scoring for Club Champion or Age level awards, where:

8.3.1. "Active" means currently attending the Club Squad Training sessions weekly.

8.4. Members must also have participated in at least five (5) qualifying meets during the current season prior to the commencement of the Championships, to be eligible for Age or Club Champion awards, Members are eligible for individual placement medal's/awards. where:

8.4.1. "Participated" means representing the Club as either a swimmer, or as a poolside official (e.g. a marshal, timekeeper, judge etc.), whilst a member.

8.4.2. "Qualifying meets" include Winter, Spring and Summer InterClub competitions, Club Aggregates. Other meets may qualify at the discretion of the Swimming Director.

8.5. A member who does not satisfy the qualifications set out in By-Law 8.1 through to By-Law 8.4 may still enter a Championship and will be designated an "Invitation Swimmer". Any placing an Invitation Swimmer gains is not recognised other than in the context of a Club record (see Clause 9.2)

8.6. Qualifying times may be set at the discretion of the Swim Director for the Distance Meets (400/800/1500m).

8.6.1. Any swimmer who fails to meet qualifying times in past 24 months are ineligible to enter the relevant distance event.

8.6.2. Coaching team may be asked to run an "assessment" session in the leadup to Club Championships to assess current time standard of the swimmer.

8.7. The overall Club Champions (male and female) and each Age Group Champion will be determined each year according to procedures approved by the last AGM which considered such procedures, or approved by a subsequent Special General Meeting. Changes to these procedures require at least a 75% majority approval of the motion.

8.8. Current regulations as of AGM 28th July 2015 are as follows:

8.8.1. A swimmer is awarded points for each Open event in which they win a placing, in both the Winter Sprint Championships and the Summer Club Championships, as follows:

- First place (Gold medal) 3 points
- Second place (Silver medal) 2 points
- Third place (Bronze medal) 1 point

To be eligible for "Open points" (going toward Club Champion Tally) a swimmer will be required to swim in a minimum of two Age Group events.

8.8.2. The male and female swimmer with the highest tally of points at the completion of both Championships will be named the Boys and Girls Club Champion respectively. In the case of a tie of these Championship titles, the title shall be awarded on a count back of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. If after a count back there is still a tie, then joint Champions will be declared for that title.

8.8.3. Each age group champion will be determined using the same points method as the Club Championships, however these will be based on the summer championships only.

## 9. Club Records

9.1. Club records can only be recognised when swum by a member, and for events that are normally swum at Club championships. Short course records will also be recognised for events that are normally swum at Club championships (with the addition of 25m events in each stroke?). Short course times may not be converted to claim long course records and vice versa.

9.2. Club records may be broken and accepted by the Club under one of the following conditions:

9.2.1. At a Club Championship, where at least three official times are recorded for the winning swimmer

9.2.2. At a Club Aggregate, where the swimmer has notified the Secretary or Swimming Director in advance that he or she will be attempting a record, and at least three official times are recorded for that swimmer.

9.2.3. The swimmer gives to the Secretary or Swimming Director official evidence of a Club record time, duly completed by the referee in charge of:

9.2.3.1. A District meet

9.2.3.2. A Swimming Victoria State meet, or equivalent interstate/territory meets

9.2.3.3. A National meet

9.2.3.4. An International meet

9.2.3.5. An approved qualifying meet recognised by Swimming Victoria

9.2.3.6. An interstate/territory qualifying meet recognised by the relevant State or Territory official Swimming body

## 10. Swim Meets and Teams

10.1. A member who does not qualify under Aggregate (By-Law 11) maybe refused participation in Teams, at discretion of the Committee and/or the coaching team.

10.2. Members, who consistently scratch from events for which they have entered, or fail to attend when selected in Club teams without a reasonable explanation, will be considered unreliable and not suitable for Club representation (also see By-Law 10.4).

10.3. When under the direction of the Team Managers swimmers must return to the Club's area and remain there until the competition is over, or until dismissed or given permission to leave by the Team Manager.

10.4. Any member refusing instructions from a Club Official may be disciplined at the discretion of the Club Committee.

## 11. Aggregate Competition

11.1. Any member who wishes to participate in Club Aggregate may do so.

11.2. To qualify for Aggregate trophies and medals a swimmer must be an active member of the Club Squad Training.

11.3. If a member participates in Aggregate, but is not a member of Club Squad Training they will be designated an "Invitation Swimmer".

11.4. An "Invitation Swim" is not recognised as a qualifying meet.

## 12. Club Squad Training

12.1. Club Squad Training is conducted by the committee appointed Club Coach.

12.2. While participating in Squad Training activities the members are under the guidance and control of the Club Coach.

12.3. Failure to comply with directions by the Club Coach may result in dismissal from the pool or other disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Committee.

12.4. Club officials or coaches will be in attendance at all Club sessions and discipline will be maintained at all times.

13. Members may be refused admittance to the pool during Club hours if they are unable to produce evidence of current membership.

14. Members of the Club will set a high standard of behaviour. The committee may discipline any member reported by the pool manager, coaching staff or committee member..