

What Members Need to Know About the Proposed Constitution



This summary outlines the key changes proposed in the updated Grafton Cycle Club Constitution and answers some common member questions.

Q: Why is the Constitution being updated?

A: The current Constitution was developed under an earlier governance framework. The proposed Constitution updates the Club's governance arrangements, aligns GCC with current NSW incorporated association requirements, and provides greater administrative flexibility for the future.

Q: Is the Club changing what it does?

A: No. Grafton Cycle Club will continue to support cycling activities including racing, recreational riding, MTB and Club events.

Q: Are operational roles being removed?

A: No. Important operational roles such as Club Captain, Chief Commissaire, MTB Convenor and Road Race Convenor are intended to continue. The main change is that these roles will become operational appointments managed by the Committee rather than positions defined in the Constitution.

Q: Why make this change?

A: The proposed structure separates governance from day-to-day operations. This allows a simpler committee structure, greater flexibility in managing operational roles, and easier adjustment of roles over time without needing constitutional amendments.

Q: Is the Committee becoming smaller?

A: Yes, the elected Committee structure is being simplified to focus on governance and decision-making. Operational roles are still expected to continue through Committee appointment and Club by-laws.

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Q: Are member protections changing?

A: Member protections are being strengthened in several areas, including

- clearer disciplinary procedures
- formal appeal rights
- improved dispute resolution processes
- stronger privacy protections for member information.

Q: Can members still call a Special General Meeting?

A: Yes. Under the proposed Constitution, members may still require a Special General Meeting, with the threshold set at 5% of members in line with the NSW model constitution.

Q: Why does voting remain 18+?

A: Voting eligibility reflects the legislative requirements for incorporated associations. Junior members remain an important part of GCC and Club activities are not affected.

Q: Why is the financial year changing?

A: The proposed Constitution adopts the standard financial year of 1 July to 30 June to simplify accounting and reporting.

Q: What happens if the Constitution is adopted?

A: If members approve the special resolution, the proposed Constitution replaces the current Constitution, the new governance structure takes effect following the required regulatory process, and operational roles intended to continue will transition to Committee-appointed positions governed by Club by-laws. Club activities and operations will continue as normal.