



CONSTITUTION

RULE 1 – NAME

The name of the Association is the "Drakensberg Boys' Choir School Old Boys Association".

RULE 2 – OBJECTS

The Association is a non-profit organisation whose objectives are:

- (a) The promotion of friendly interaction among all old boys of Drakensberg Boys' Choir School;
- (b) The promotion of the Drakensberg Boys' Choir during its tours and at its concerts;
- (c) The provision of bursaries, scholarships and fee-reduction schemes for Drakensberg Boys' Choir School pupils, whether related to old boys or otherwise;
- (d) The raising of funds for the purpose of implementing the objects contained herein;
- (e) Generally the furtherance of the interests and prosperity of Drakensberg Boys' Choir School and the Drakensberg Boys' Choir School Community.

RULE 3 – OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

- (a) The Chairman
- (b) The Secretary
- (c) The Treasurer
- (d) Two or more Committee Men (performing duties suited to their particular abilities)
- (e) Two Trustees (if necessary)
- (f) The Coordinator of the branches of the Association or their representatives (if necessary).

The Chairman, the two or more Committee men, the Treasurer, (if necessary in terms of rules 4) and the two Trustees should be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold the office until the next Annual General Meeting. One person may hold two offices. The quorum at Committee Meetings shall be the chairman and two others. Casual vacancies on the Committee occurring during the year shall be filled by the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any person to serve on the Committee.

RULE 4 – THE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The Committee shall be empowered to appoint a Chairman and Secretary whose remuneration and conditions of the service shall be determined by the Committee. The Chairman & Secretary may also occupy the office of Treasurer, but if he does not, the Treasurer shall be elected annually in Terms of Rule 3.

The Chairman and Secretary are authorized to engage such outside assistance as may be necessary for the carrying out of his duties, and to charge the cost thereof to the Association, with due authorization from the committee.

RULE 5 – ORDINARY MEMBERS

The following are conditions of ordinary membership:

- (a) The proposed Member must have had one full day as a pupil at Drakensberg Boys' Choir School.
 - (b) A member must have attained the age of nine years on the date of election in order to cast a vote.
 - (c) To complete an old boys information sheet & update details with the Association by emailing
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info.dbchoir.oldboys@gmail.com when they change. Old boy's information sheet attached.

Membership may require a subscription if and when determined by the Committee with appropriate approval at an AGM.

RULE 6 – HONORARY MEMBERS

The Committee may nominate members of the Board of Directors, Trustees of the DBCS Educational trust, or members (current or ex) of the staff of Drakensberg Boys' Choir School to become Honorary Members of the Association and they shall be considered for election at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Any person may be elected as Honorary Member of the Association when proposed and seconded by the committee. All references to members in this constitution shall be deemed to include Honorary Members. Honorary Members do not carry a vote.

RULE 7 – SUB RULES

The Committee should have the power to frame such sub-rules as may be necessary from time to time in order to meet the requirements of any Liquor or Trading License Board or any other competent authority, to provide for the temporary membership of the Association, and for such other purposes as the Committee deem advisable.

Such sub-rules shall have immediate effect; Particulars thereof shall be circulated to all via email and contained in the notice of the next Annual General Meeting.

RULE 8 – BANKERS

An account shall be kept with such branch of a registered commercial bank as the Committee may decide upon.

RULE 9 – MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at Drakensberg Boys' Choir School, and shall, whenever possible, be held at the earliest convenient date after the close of the Association year. Twenty-one days notice of the meeting shall be given to all members.

The Committee may at any time, through the Chairman or the Secretary, convene a Special General Meeting, upon giving twenty-one days notice to members stating the purpose of the meeting.

The business of the Annual General Meeting should include the following:

- (a) To read and confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting held during the year.
- (b) To receive and consider feedback from the Chairman of the events of the past year, and a statement of the Associations financial affairs.
- (c) To consider any alterations or additions to the Constitution of which due notice has been given in terms of Rule 21.
- (d) To elect the Officers for the year in terms of Rule 3.
- (e) To elect new Honorary Members.
- (f) To receive Branch Reports.
- (g) To receive the Rector's address on recent & future school events deemed appropriate.
- (h) To deal with any business under the heading of 'General' of which no notice is required.



RULE 10 – QUORUM

The Quorum at any Annual or Special General Meeting held under Rule 10 shall be ten members of the Association.

RULE 11 – MEETINGS CONVENED BY MEMBERS

A special General Meeting shall at any time be convened by the Chairman or the Secretary on receipt of a request signed by ten members of the Association, stating their reason for so doing, and twenty-one days notice of such meeting together with a statement of the purpose for which it is called shall be given to all members.

The meeting shall be held at such place as the Chairman or the Secretary in his discretion may appoint. At such meeting twenty members shall form a quorum.

Should a quorum not be present at the time of the meeting, the business for which the meeting has been called shall lapse.

RULE 12 – ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

Every member shall from time to time communicate his address to the Chairman or the Secretary via info.dbchoir.oldboys@gmail.com or via the DBC OBA website, and all notices derived or sent by email or post to such address shall be deemed to have been sufficiently served or given.

RULE 13 – EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

If after investigation and a formal enquiry the Committee should find the conduct of a member to have been such as to jeopardize the good name of Drakensberg Boys' Choir School or the Association, the Committee shall have the power to reprimand such member, or to expel him from the Association.

The rules of procedure at any such enquiry shall be laid down by the Chairman from time to time, save that such member shall be notified of the charge against him and shall be entitled to be present or represented at such enquiry, and shall be entitled to challenge his accuser and cross examine all evidence. Any member dissatisfied with the finding of the Committee at such enquiry shall have the right of appeal to the general body of members, to be heard at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. The rules of procedure at any such appeal shall be laid down by the Chairman from time to time.

RULE 14 – THE ASSOCIATION BANK ACCOUNT

The authorized committee co-signee has full authority to operate the Association Bank Account, and make all necessary arrangements, but all payments on the Association Account shall be approved by two members of the Committee.

RULE 15 – EVIDENCE OF MINUTES

A certificate in writing by the secretary and a member of the Committee as to the proceedings at any meeting shall be sufficient proof to the Registrar of Deeds, the Manager of a Bank or any other person or body, of the truth and accuracy of the matter contained in such certificate.

RULE 16 – INVESTMENTS

The Committee shall be entitled in its discretion to invest the funds of the Association from time to time upon such security and in such manner as the Committee may in its discretion consider to be in the best interest of the Association, with the power to vary any such investments.



All investments shall be made in the name of the two Trustees of the Association 'in the trust for the Drakensberg Boys' Choir School Old Boys Association'; and the Trustees are hereby authorised for the purpose of the Registrar of Deeds, of a Bank, or for any other purpose, to cancel or consent to cancellation of the Bonds and any other securities, and to give valid discharge and receipts, and to sign any and all documents for the cancellation, amendment, renewal or notation of any existing security, or, where necessary, in order to effect the original investments.

The Trustees shall act only on receipt of the written request by the Secretary, and by one member of the Committee.

RULE 17 - TRUSTEES

A Trustee may resign his office at any time. Where

- (a) a Trustee has died or
- (b) resigned, or
- (c) is absent from the Republic, or if
- (d) for any other reason his consent or signature cannot be obtained.

Then, until a new Trustee can be elected, or the inability has been removed, as the case may be, the Chairman of the Association for the time being shall have the authority to act in place of a Trustee to whom this Rule applies.

RULE 18 – ASSOCIATION YEAR

The Association year shall be deemed to commence on 1st May (after the Music in the Mountains Festival – the official old boys weekend) in each year.

RULE 19 – BRANCHES

The Committee shall, on notification by not less than fifteen members, residing in a place where no Branch of the Association is in existence, of their desire to form a local Branch of the Association, request those members to form a Committee, with Chairman, Secretary, and members, and to state the area in which the Branch shall operate. Such Branches shall have the power to conduct their own affairs within the Constitution of the Association.

RULE 20 – ASSOCIATION COLOURS

The Association Colours are those decided on by the Annual General Meetings and consist of a Pearl White Dragon in a Circle:

- Tie: Black tie with a single Pearl White Dragon in a circle and 3 pearl dragons (bottom of tie)
- Pin: Black pin with a single Pearl White Dragon in a circle (still to be decided)
- Blazer pocket: with a single Pearl White Dragon in a circle



RULE 21 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The above provisions are the permanent Constitution of the Association. They may not be altered or amended except at the General Meeting and by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting and after twenty-one days notice shall have been given to all members of the meeting and of the nature or the resolution so to alter or amend.

RULE 22 – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, any assets belonging to the Association are to be distributed to the Drakensberg Boys Choir School Educational Trust.