



## AUSTRALIAN ICE RACING Inc ATHLETES' COMMISSION BY-LAW

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### 1 DEFINITIONS

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- "Athlete" means a person who:
- (a) is an active athlete in that he or she competes or has competed in the Sport at a national or international level within the previous 12 years of being elected or appointed to the Commission;
  - (b) is over the age of 18 years; and
  - (c) has not been sanctioned for a doping offence during his or her sports career.
- "Athletes Commission" means the Athletes' Commission of the Committee.
- "Commission" means an athletes' commission of the A.I.R. Inc.
- "Sport" means, in respect of a Commission, the sport governed by the National Federation for that Commission.

- 1.1. Except so far as the contrary intention appears in this By-Law, an expression has in this By-Law the same meaning as in the Constitution; and
- 1.2. Headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this By-Law.

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### 2 OPERATION OF THIS BY-LAW

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The IOC 2000 Reform Commission recommended that "athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement; IOC, IFs, NOCs and NFs". Pursuant to this recommendation, the A.I.R.Inc may form the Commission.

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### 3 ROLE OF A COMMISSION..

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Each Commission represents the views of athletes within the A.I.R.Inc. and will advise the A.I.R.Inc on all matters relating to the Sport.

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### 4 COMPOSITION OF A COMMISSION.

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Each Commission must:

be comprised solely of Athletes;

have a minimum of 3 members;

include within its membership persons of both genders;

have a majority of its members elected by their peers; and

include as an ex officio member any member of the Athletes' Commission who competes or competed in the Sport.

The A.I.R.Inc may appoint Athletes to a Commission.

## **5 STRUCTURE**

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Each member of a Commission must be elected or appointed for a term of 4 years. Members can be re-elected or re-appointed provided they continue to satisfy eligibility requirements.

Each Commission must meet at least once a year and for such meetings a quorum must consist of a majority of its members.

Members of a Commission must have equal voting rights provided the Chairperson of a Commission may have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.

Within its financial means, the A.I.R.Inc must assist the organisation of the meetings of its Commission and communications between the members of its Commission.

## **6 REPRESENTATION OF COMMISSION WITHIN THE A.I.R. Inc**

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Each Commission is to be represented at the general meetings of the A.I.R.Inc by the Athlete Commission. The representative must have the right to be heard on any matter affecting athletes within the Sport.

Each Commission is to be represented within the Board of the A.I.R. Inc by at least one member, elected by the Commission, and who will have the right to vote. In such capacity the representative must act solely in the best interests of the A.I.R. Inc and its members as a whole.

**ADOPTED** as a By-Law of the A.I.R.Inc by its Board  
effective from 29.05.2007