

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON TABLE

Topic	1997 Constitution	Proposed 2026 Constitution
Legislation	Based on Associations Incorporation Act 1984 . <i>“in accordance with... the Associations Incorporation Act 1984”</i>	Based on Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Regulations 2022 . <i>“Model Constitution Associations Incorporated Act 2009”</i>
Membership Categories	Member, Dual, Life, Honorary, Honorary Life, Junior (7–18), Family.	Single, Dual, Junior (12–18), Financial, Lapsed, Life.
Membership Approval	Requires ¾ majority at a General Meeting.	Requires 75% majority at a General Meeting (same threshold).
Application Method	Paper form signed by applicant + 2 referees.	Electronic or paper form; signed by applicant + 2 referees; circulated to Committee.
Renewal Rules	Renewal by paying subscription before 30 June.	Renewal requires payment + signed renewal form; lapsed members must reapply and pay rejoining fee.
Junior Members	Age 7–18 ; cannot vote.	Age 12–18 ; cannot vote.
Committee Size	Office Bearers + 7 members (including Publicity Officer).	Office Bearers + 7 ordinary members = 12 total .
Office Bearer Requirements	No requirement to be DOGS NSW members.	Office Bearers must be DOGS NSW members .
President Term Limit	Maximum 3 consecutive years modified to no term limit in 2007.	No term limit.
Meetings (General & Committee)	In-person only; no technology provisions.	Hybrid or electronic meetings allowed; electronic attendance counts toward quorum.
Quorum (General Meeting)	Not explicitly modernised; traditional in-person quorum.	8 members , including 3 Office Bearers .
Voting Methods	Manual postal voting system; complex envelope and scrutineer rules.	Postal, electronic, or combined ballots permitted; modernised procedures.
Disciplinary Process	Committee investigates; recommendation goes to members; appeal to RNSWCC Board. <i>“Any Member so dealt with will have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors.”</i>	Uses Club’s Code of Conduct & Complaints Policy ; Committee may dismiss trivial/vexatious complaints; appeal heard at General Meeting via secret ballot.
Financial Reporting	Treasurer prepares accounts; Auditor appointed annually.	Treasurer must lodge audited statements, DOGS NSW Annual Report, and NSW Fair Trading Tier 2 Annual Summary.
Technology Use	No provisions.	Technology explicitly allowed for meetings, ballots, notices, and communication.
Additional Roles	Publicity Officer included in Committee; Show Secretary optional.	Publicity Officer and Show Secretary roles modernised; Judges section updated to Dogs Australia requirements.
Dissolution	Requires 80% vote ; surplus property distributed to nominated association.	Requires 80% vote ; surplus property distribution must comply with NSW Fair Trading and Director-General approval.