

27.6 If a Service Member shall fail to pay his annual subscription on or before April 30 following upon the date annual subscriptions become due and payable, he shall cease to be a Service Member.

27.7 If the Australian Defence Force is engaged in a conflict then any Service Member who is a member of that Force and is engaged in that conflict, shall for the period of his involvement in that conflict, be relieved from any liability to pay annual subscriptions either to the League, State Branch or a Sub-Branch, as the case may be.

28. League Badges, Banners, Insignia and Awards

28.1 The badges, banners, awards and any other insignia of the League shall be in such form as the National Congress shall determine and shall be prescribed in the By-Laws.

28.2 All badges shall remain the property of the League and shall be returned to it upon a person ceasing to be a member.

29. Use of the Name of the League, the Letters 'RSL' and the Badge of the League

29.1 This Rule shall not apply to permission granted to the use of the name of the League, the letters "RSL" or the badge of the League immediately prior to this Constitution coming into force and effect.

29.2 Subject to Rule 29. 1, the name of the League, and the badge of the League shall only be used by the League for the purposes of its identification or publicity. The League shall not permit any use thereof except for those purposes. In this Rule the expression "the League" includes all State Branches, District Branches, District Boards, District Councils, Advisory Councils, Regional Committees and Sub-Branches.

29.3 Only the National Executive may authorise, upon such terms and conditions as it may see fit, the use of the name of the League, or the badge of the League consistent with Rule 29.2.

30. Organisation of the League

30.1 The League shall be organised into State Branches and Sub-Branches.

30.2 For the purposes of this Rule, and Rules 24, 31 and 32 the expressions:

- (a) "Sub-Branch" includes a District Branch, District Board, District Council, Advisory Council or Regional Committee established by a State Branch within its jurisdiction; and
- (b) "officers" includes the elected officers and the committee or other body, howsoever that body may be described, charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Sub-Branch, District Branch, District Board, District Council, Advisory Council or Regional Committee; unless the contrary intention appears in those Rules.

30.3 A State Branch has been established in each State of the Commonwealth and in the Australian Capital Territory.

30.4 At any time the National Executive may resolve to establish an additional State Branch in any other place it sees fit. Such a State Branch shall bear such name as is determined by the National Executive.

30.5 A State Branch may appoint 2 Service or Life Members (one of whom shall be its President for the time being) to represent it at a particular National Congress or at all National Congresses and National Executive meetings.

30.6 A person appointed by State Branch pursuant to Rule 30.5 may, whilst his appointment shall remain un-revoked, attend and take part in the proceedings in the same manner as that Branch could do if personally present and shall be entitled to vote at all National Congresses in the same manner as it could do if personally present.

30.7 No act done nor vote given by a person appointed as aforesaid shall be rendered invalid by revocation of appointment of the said person unless and until notice duly authenticated of such revocation shall have been lodged with the National Secretary.

30.8 Each State Branch shall carry out and further the objects of the League and be bound by its Standing Policy. In addition it shall promote that Standing Policy within its jurisdiction and shall have such further powers, functions and duties as are hereinafter set forth in these Rules and as may be set forth in the By-Laws or as are delegated to it by the National Executive. It shall comply with any lawful direction or lawful request of the National Executive.

30.9 Each State Branch may establish within its jurisdiction such Sub-Branches as it may deem necessary or desirable and may make Rules, not inconsistent with the National Constitution and its By-Laws, for the government and control thereof.

30.10 In every calendar year, each State Branch shall hold an Annual Conference of all Sub Branches (within the meaning of Rule 3.3. (u)) within its jurisdiction at such time and place and on such date as is determined by the body of the State Branch in which the day to day administration of the Branch is vested between State Conferences. The business of such an Annual Conference shall include:

- (a) the election of officers of the State Branch (to assume office at Congress rising);
- (b) the consideration of the report of its President;
- (c) the consideration of its financial affairs and accounts;
- (d) the consideration of matters in its agenda which directly affect the State Branch; and
- (e) the consideration of matters in its agenda which directly affect the League as a whole and which in its opinion should be considered at the next National Congress;

provided however, that if a State Branch under rules approved by the National Executive has conducted, prior to such Annual Conference, a ballot amongst all Sub-branches for the election of its Officers to hold office during the calendar year in which the Annual Conference is held or to hold office from the conclusion of the Annual Conference until the conclusion of the next following Annual Conference, there shall be no need for that State Branch to conduct an election of Officers of the State Branch at the Annual Conference.

30.11 Unless otherwise determined by the National Executive, a State Branch shall have jurisdiction over all Sub-Branches within its State or Territory, as the case may be. The State Branch in the Australian Capital Territory shall have jurisdiction over all overseas Sub-Branches. Until a State Branch is established in the Northern Territory, Sub-Branches in that Territory shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the South Australian Branch.

30.12 The constitutions and/or rules of all State Branches and Sub-Branches shall be consistent with the National Constitution and its By-laws. If any are inconsistent they shall be altered so that the inconsistency is removed. Any State Branch or Sub-branch, whom this Rule applies to, covenants and agrees with the League so to do.

30.13 Each Sub-Branch shall:

- (a) be bound by the provisions of this Constitution and the By-Laws;
- (b) be bound by and uphold the Standing Policy of the League; and
- (c) comply with such lawful directions as are given to it from time to time by the State Branch having jurisdiction over it.

30.14 Upon a State Branch establishing a Sub-Branch it shall grant to it a Charter in a form approved by the National Executive. All Charters issued by State Branches at the date this Constitution comes into force and effect, shall be deemed to have been approved.

30.15 If two or more Sub-Branches amalgamate, the Charters issued to each shall be deemed to have been revoked by the State Branch having jurisdiction over them. Such Charters shall be returned to that State Branch which shall thereupon issue a Charter to the amalgamated Sub-Branch and thereupon the members of the former Sub-Branches shall cease to be members of those Sub-Branches and become members of the amalgamated Sub-Branch.

30.16 If any 2 or more Sub-Branches amalgamate, their assets shall, subject to the applicable law, respectively vest in the amalgamated Sub-Branch.

31. Contraventions by Sub-Branches

31.1 If a Sub-Branch contravenes or fails to observe or perform any of the provisions of this Constitution or By-Laws, or fails to be bound by or uphold the Standing Policy of the League or has been guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the League, State Branch may cause notice in writing specifying such contravention, failure to observe or perform, or conduct, to be forwarded to the Secretary thereof. A copy of such notice shall be forwarded to the National Secretary.

31.2 A notice referred to in Rule 31.1 shall specify a period of time within which the Sub-branch shall remedy the contravention, failure to observe or perform or conduct, as the case may be.

31.3 If a Sub-Branch fails to comply with a notice referred to in Rule 31. 1, the State Branch may resolve by a 75% majority to:

- (a) declare that all officers of the Sub-Branch shall be deemed to have vacated office and direct the State President or some other Service or Life Member to take charge of the affairs of the Sub-Branch subject to such conditions as the State Branch may deem necessary; or
- (b) revoke the Charter issued to the Sub-Branch.

31.4 Upon a State Branch passing a resolution pursuant to Rule 31.3, all officers of the Sub-Branch shall be deemed to have vacated office and the person referred to in the said resolution may exercise all the powers of its officers until the election referred to in Rule 31.5 is held.