

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30.15 If two or more Sub-Branches amalgamate, the Charters issued to each shall be deemed to have been revoked by the State Branch having jurisdiction over them.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.

31.5 The person directed pursuant to Rule 31.3 shall, not later than 90 days after that direction, convene a general meeting of all Service and Life Members who are also members of that Sub-Branch for the purpose of electing new officers of the Sub Branch. A person who immediately prior to the resolution of the State Branch referred to in Rule 31.3 held office as an officer of that Sub-Branch shall not be eligible to be elected to office at the general meeting referred to in this Rule.

31.6 Upon the election of the new officers referred to in Rule 31.5, the person directed by the State Branch shall make a written report to the Branch.

31.7 If State Branch revokes the Charter of a Sub-Branch pursuant to Rule 31.3, the Sub-Branch shall be deemed to have ceased to operate and all its members shall thereupon be deemed to have been transferred to the Unattached List of Members kept by State Branch. As to its assets, after payment of all its debts and liabilities, they shall vest in accordance with Rule 32.22.

31.8 Subject to any State or Commonwealth legislation to the contrary, a Sub-Branch is not authorised to and shall not transfer or offer to transfer, lease or offer to lease, or create or authorise to be created any security or interest in any property held or owned by it either legally or beneficially without the prior written approval of the State Executive of the State Branch having jurisdiction over it.

31.9 The powers of State Branch referred to in Rules 3 1.1 and 31.3 shall be exercisable by the State Branch and not otherwise.

32. State Branches and Sub-Branches - Capitations, Contraventions, Cessation and Winding Up, Administrative Appeals to National Executive

32.1 Each year the National Congress shall determine the capitation fees payable by a State Branch to the League in respect of the following calendar year. On the first day of each month in each year, each State Branch shall pay to the League the capitation fees due and owing by it and such fees shall be computed having regard to the total amount received by that State Branch pursuant to Rules 27.2 and 27.3 in the month preceding the date payment is due and owing. In addition, each State Branch shall:

- (a) not later than 1 June in each year, forward to the National Executive a copy of its Annual Report and Income and Expenditure Accounts; and
- (b) not later than 7 July in each year forward to the National Executive a certificate, verified by its Auditor, setting forth all amounts due and owing by that Branch to the League at 30 June preceding.

32.2 If any State Branch is in default with payment of its capitation fees referred to in Rule 32.1 for a period of 3 months, its right to vote at any National Congress shall be suspended so long as such default continues, provided however that the Chairman of that Congress may upon such terms as he shall think fit, permit the State Branch to vote.

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32.5 Each Sub-Branch shall forward to its State Branch by 31 March each year, or within such further time as that State Branch allows, its audited Statements of Financial Position and Financial Performance and any other records or documents as that State Branch may from time to time direct.