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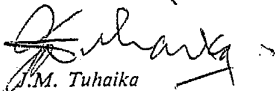


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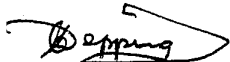
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Passed by the National Parliament this twentieth day of June 1988.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.


J.M. Tuhaika
Clerk to the National Parliament

Assented to in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this second day of August 1988.


G. Lepping
Governor-General

Date of commencement: see section 1.

AN ACT to establish a National Sports Council in Solomon Islands and confer powers upon such council, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

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ACT 1988

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SCHEDULE.

1. This Act may be cited as the Solomon Islands National Sports Council Act, 1988, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.

Short title
and commence-
ment.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -
“Chairman” means the person appointed by the Minister to be Chairman of the Council pursuant to the provisions of this Act;

Interpre-
tation.

“Council” means the Solomon Islands National Sports Council established pursuant to the provisions of section 3(1);

“Vice Chairman” means the person appointed by the Minister to be Vice Chairman of the Council pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

3. (1) There shall be established for the purposes of this Act a Council to be called the Solomon Islands National Sports Council which shall be a body corporate to which the provisions of Part VII of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act shall apply.

Establishment
of Council.

(2) The provisions of the Schedule shall have effect as to the constitution of the Council and otherwise in relation thereto.

Act No. 20
of 1978.
Schedule.

4. The functions of the Council shall be -

- (a) to foster and promote the development of sport and recreation in Solomon Islands;
- (b) to carry out itself, or encourage and support other persons or bodies in carrying out the practice of sport and physical recreation in the interest of social welfare;
- (c) to foster, support or undertake the providing of facilities for sports and physical recreation;
- (d) to carry out itself, or to encourage and support other persons, bodies or organisations in carrying out, research and studies in connection with sport and physical recreation, and to disseminate knowledge and advice on matters relating thereto;
- (e) to collaborate with foreign or international bodies in furtherance of the foregoing, and to secure benefits from the facilities, training and expertise offered by such overseas bodies;
- (f) to advise, co-operate with, or assist the Minister or any sporting body, organisation, government department, provincial body or authority on any matters connected with sports and recreation; and
- (g) to carry on any other activity related to sports or recreation for the benefit of the public.

Functions
of the
Council.

Powers of
the Council.

5. The powers of the Council shall be -
- (a) to make grants or loans upon such conditions as it thinks fit to any person or organisation engaged in the execution or promotion of any sporting or recreational activity;
 - (b) to examine and consider any existing or proposed policies or practices, or other matters, relating to sport and recreation and the utilisation of land for recreational purposes, and with the approval of the Minister to make recommendations thereon to any appropriate person or authority;
 - (c) with the approval of the Minister to develop any land or other property and to erect and maintain buildings or other structures;
 - (d) with the approval of the Minister to enter into any agreements with any provincial or local authority, corporation, society, body or person for the management and maintenance of any land or buildings for the purposes of this Act;
 - (e) to charge such fees for admission in respect of any sporting activity promoted or sponsored by the Council;
 - (f) to charge or levy subscriptions from bodies or other sporting organisations in Solomon Islands;
 - (g) with the approval of the Minister responsible for finance to borrow or raise money and give security therefor in such manner as the Council thinks fit;
 - (h) to establish or act as trustees of any charity, the objects of which are in accordance with the objects of the Council;
 - (i) to employ a Director, Administrative Officers and such other officers on such remuneration and terms and conditions as the Council thinks fit;
 - (j) with the approval of the Minister make provisions for the establishment and maintenance of pensions or other welfare schemes for its employees; and
 - (k) generally to do whatever it considers necessary in order to promote the growth and spread of sporting and recreational activity in Solomon Islands.

Policy
directions,
and guidelines.

6. The Council shall in the exercise of its functions and powers, have regard to statements or directions that may be made or issued by the Minister from time to time in regard to Government policy.

7. The funds of the Council shall comprise of -
- (a) all monies paid to the Council by way of grant or loan from the Consolidated Fund for the purposes of the Council;
 - (b) all monies collected by way of contributions, subscriptions or fees;
 - (c) all monies received by way of fees, rent or otherwise in respect of any land or property vested in or under the control of the Council or in respect of the performance or exercise of any of the functions and powers of the Council; and
 - (d) all monies received by the Council from the sale or disposal of any property.
8. All monies of the Council not required for immediate use shall be invested in securities authorised under the provisions of any Act relating to trustees for the time being in force.
- ~~9.~~ The Council shall keep proper accounts and other records in respect of its operations and shall cause to be prepared a statement of accounts in respect of each financial year.
10. The accounts of the Council shall be audited annually by the Auditor-General or by such other person on such terms and conditions the Auditor-General may impose.
11. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, the Council shall transmit to the Minister -
- (a) a copy of its statement of accounts for such year;
 - (b) a copy of the report made thereon by the Auditor-General or such other person as may be appointed under the provisions of section 10; and
 - (c) a report on the activities of the Council during such year.
- (2) The Minister shall cause copies of the accounts and reports of the Council to be laid before the National Parliament.
12. (1) Neither the Council nor any member or employee of the Council shall be personally liable for any act or omission of the Council, any committee or panel done or omitted to be done in good faith in the course of operations of the Council, any committee or panel, as the case may be.
- (2) In this section the words 'committee' and 'panel' means respectively a committee or panel established under the provisions of paragraph 8 of the Schedule.

Finances.

Investment
of Funds.

Account.

Audit.

Accounts to
be laid
before
Parliament.Non-liability
of members
and employees.

Regulations.

13. The Minister may make regulations generally for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act and in particular in respect of any matter which he considers necessary or desirable for the furtherance of the functions of the Council.

SCHEDULE (Section 3)

1. (1) The Council shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and not more than ten other members, two of whom shall be nominated by the Solomon Islands Sports Federation.

Constitution
of the
Council.

(2) The Chairman, the Vice Chairman and other members (excluding the two nominated members) shall be appointed by the Minister, and the terms of their appointments shall be as determined by him.

2. (1) Every member of the Council shall subject to the provisions of this Schedule hold office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

Terms of
office.

(2) The Chairman shall be appointed for such term, not exceeding five years.

(3) The Vice Chairman shall be appointed for a term of not more than three years.

(4) No member shall be appointed for a term of more than three years unless such member is the Chairman of the council.

(5) The Chairman, Vice Chairman and all other members shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(6) A member may at any time by notice in writing to the Minister resign his office.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 or the terms of his appointment, any member may at any time by notice in writing given under the hand of the Minister be deprived of his membership of the Council -

Revocation
of appointment.

- (a) if he is declared an undischarged bankrupt; or
- (b) if in the opinion of the Minister he is guilty of an offence of a fraudulent character; or
- (c) if he has conducted himself in such a way which in the opinion of the Minister renders him unfit to remain in office.

4. Save as is provided in this Schedule, the Council shall not make to any of its members any payment by way of remuneration for his services as a member, but may reimburse to any such member expenses reasonably incurred by him in the performance of such services.

Reimbursement
of members.

5. The Council shall, if the Minister so directs, make to its Chairman and the Vice Chairman such remuneration whether by way of honorarium, salary or fees and such allowances as the Minister may determine.

Remuneration.

Proceedings
and quorum.

6. (1) The Council may act notwithstanding a vacancy among its members and the validity of any proceedings of the Council shall not be affected by any defect in the appointment of a member.

(2) The quorum of the Council shall be five members personally present, or such greater number as the Council may from time to time determine.

Procedure.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

Appointment
of Committees
etc.

8. (1) The Council may appoint committees or panels to exercise, or advise it on the exercise of, any of its functions, and may -

- (a) appoint to any such committee or panel persons who are not members of the Council; and
- (b) at any time revoke the appointment of any member of any such committee or panel.

(2) The Council may appoint as Chairman of any such committee or panel any member, who is a member of the Council.

Procedure
of committees
etc.

9. The Council may regulate the procedure of any committee or panel appointed pursuant to paragraph 8.

Attendance
of meetings
by public
officer.

10. Any public officer appointed by the Minister under the provisions of this Schedule to be a member to the Council, or to any committee or panel, shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the Council, committee or panel, as the case may be.

Delegation.

11. The Council may with the approval of the Minister, delegate the performance or supervision of any of its functions to any approved regional sports council.