



Summary of Key Changes: Current vs. Draft RAYC Constitution 2025

Most clauses in the draft RAYC Constitution 2025 are from the current version or have been updated in line with Sport NZ recommendations while maintaining the same intended outcomes.

The draft adopts the structure and order of the Sport NZ template for clarity and consistency, with the most significant change being the addition of Dispute Resolution, which is a mandatory requirement under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

General Overview

- Most clauses are retained or updated per Sport NZ guidance
- Addition of Dispute Resolution section – required under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Key Updates

Legal & Structural

- Updated Legal Framework: The 2025 Draft aligns with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, replacing references to the 1908 Act
- Modernised language and clearer formatting

Membership

- Existing classes retained with clearer definitions
- New Clubhouse Membership replaces Social Member (non-voting)
- Detailed procedures for suspension/expulsion and maintaining a membership register
- To keep and maintain a membership register (mandatory under Incorporated Societies Act 2022)

Governance

- Defined roles: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and General Committee
- Removed roles: Club Captain, House Committee, Watersport Manager
- Introduced Club Manager (non-voting)
- Subcommittees and conflict of interest rules clarified

Meetings & Voting

- Voting rights clarified which membership classes can vote and how votes are cast
- Electronic voting in online meetings only
- No proxy/postal voting (this is unchanged)

Financial

- GC to set fees/subs; clearer rules for unpaid dues
- Removed long-service discounts
- Special levy cap raised to 100% of annual fee
- Annual audit by Chartered Accountant now mandatory
- Reinforced no personal gains benefit from club funds

Dispute Resolution

- New section with formal complaint, investigation, and appeal processes

Miscellaneous

- Introduced Code of Conduct.
- Yacht definition rig measurement etc, Common seal and club jacket removed
- Updated winding-up procedures
- Transition clause ensures smooth adoption