



Wanda SLSC Inc Constitution – 2026 Review

Key differences between 2019 & 2026 Constitutions

What are the key differences between 2019 and 2026 Constitutions?

Comparison of existing Constitution to the proposed Constitution

The following provides a clause-by-clause comparison between the 2019 Constitution and the proposed 2026 Constitution of Wanda Surf Life Saving Club. The comparison highlights key changes, removals, and additions to help members and stakeholders understand the evolution of governance, membership, and procedural rules.

Clauses 1-2: Name and Definitions

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard club name and definitions relevant to the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated definitions aligned with SLSNSW Model Constitution; more precise legal and operational terms.

Clauses 3-4: Objects (Purpose)

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on surf lifesaving, patrols, community service, training, competition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with SLSA and SLS NSW. Whilst maintaining surf lifesaving (et al) focus, expand charitable purposes including public safety, environmental protection, education, relief of distress at Wanda.



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Clauses 5-7: Interpretations, Compliance, Hierarchy of Documents

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard definitions relevant to the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated definitions aligned with SLSNSW. Updated definitions aligned with the Act and ACNC Addition of terms to make Constitution more readable and less open to different interpretations. In regards to the operations of the Club, clarity that the Club Constitution sits above SLSA, SLS NSW and Branch Constitutions should they conflict (i.e., Wanda Members control the Club through the Club Constitution, not another SLSA body).

Clause 8: Membership

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership categories in Regulations (vs Constitution). Inconsistencies between sub-category definitions. Associate Members voting capped at 40%. 50+ Year Members not defined, however used in practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment to SLS NSW advice that Membership categories should be fully embedded in Constitution. Clear and consistent definitions of Member obligations and entitlements by Member sub-category. Associate Members voting capped at 20% to reflect changes in membership and focus on lifesaving- based members. 50+ Year Members defined.



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Clause 8: Life Membership

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Membership requires 15 years membership, Bronze Medallion, 10 years' service as a Club Officer or on a committee OR exceptional, significant and exemplary service. • No definition or way to define "exceptional", "significant" and "exemplary". • Distinguished Service Membership requires same as Life Membership without the need for a Bronze Medallion. • Process defined, however has some gaps and vagaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguished Service Member category removed (existing four members converted to Life Members). • Life Membership requires 15 years membership, minimum 10 years' exceptional, significant and exemplary service. • Introduce way to define "exceptional", "significant" and "exemplary" so that definitions respect historical precedence and allow for contemporary needs as time evolves. • Removed ability to "tick-the-box" of years of committee membership to achieve Life Membership. • Processes clearly defined.

Clause 3: Subscription and Fees

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees must be approved annually by Members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned with requirements of Act to empower Directors to set fees, to allow them, amongst other obligations, to meet their fiduciary duties, and requirement to not trade whilst insolvent.

Clause 10: Registers

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. • Removal of Life Membership process has some inconsistencies. • No ability to resign as a Life Member. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. • Removal of Life membership process clarified. • Ability to resign as a Life Member added.

Clause 12: Grievances, Judicial and Discipline

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned with SLSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned with SLSA

Clauses 13 – 17: General Meetings

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. • More clarity on conduct of meetings and voting on meetings. • Protection of an individual's privacy during voting.



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Clause 18 - 23: Board

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. • Bronze medallion required for several roles. • Ability for Board to define sub- committees • Ability for Board to define additional roles/positions within the Club. • Life Member, Distinguished Service and Honours Committee appointed by AGM. • Constitution Committee appointed by AGM. • Other Committees appointed by Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. • Updated Director roles to become portfolio director roles, including addition, merging and removal of some roles. • Bronze Medallion requirement limited to President and Director of Lifesaving Services. • Clarification that Bronze Medallion does not need to be current. • Clarification of rules on conflicts, financial interests, meetings, urgent meetings, leave of absence. • Ability for Board to define committees. • Ability for Board to define additional roles/positions within the Club. • All Committees appointed by Board.

Clause 25: By-Laws

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board defines Regulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board defines By-Laws.

Clauses 2C – 35: Administrative

2019	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard definitions relevant to the time. • Alignment to the Act and ACNC. • Clearer rules on record keeping, accounts, income application, negotiable instruments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements relevant to the prior change of constitution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive transitional provisions covering membership conversions, board changes, by-law updates.



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Clause 37: Regalia and Club Symbols

2016	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="256 468 730 499">• Brief clauses on blazer, logo, badges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="799 468 1360 531">• Expanded detailed rules on approval, usage, restrictions.<li data-bbox="799 537 1442 569">• Introduction of Australian Champion Cap Numbers