

Australian Association of Men Barbershop Singers (Inc)
STANDING ORDER No. 3
REGULATIONS for CLUBS

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NOTE: These Regulations take effect on 1st October 2001.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. An Australian Association of Men Barbershop Singers Inc. (AAMBS) registered club is defined as any club that:-

- (a) maintains registration with AAMBS; **and**
- (b) has adopted a Constitution that reflects the aims of AAMBS Inc., **and**
- (c) is composed predominantly of financial members of AAMBS; **and**
- (d) maintains a formal executive structure; **and**
- (e) has office-bearers all of which are all full members of AAMBS; **and**
- (f) is not under suspension of its AAMBS standing.

2. REGISTRATION

2.1. Registration of a club is required to be renewed with AAMBS on an annual basis. An annual club registration fee may be charged.

Initiation of the registration process is the responsibility of the club.

Registration and any required fees for renewal, are due and payable on the first day of the AAMBS financial year, each year.

2.2. Registration will be effected by AAMBS upon receipt of an acceptable application together with any applicable fees, and shall remain in force until:

- (a) confirmed advice is received of the disbanding of the club; **or**
- (b) more than 10% of its members or one member, whichever is the larger, cease to be financial members of AAMBS; **or**
- (c) AAMBS determines that such registration shall be suspended or revoked; **or**
- (d) an application and payment for renewal of registration has not been received within a period of grace to be determined by AAMBS.

Note: Club registration forms may be obtained from the Secretary, AAMBS Inc.

3. CLUB NAMES

3.1. Approval of club names is the responsibility of AAMBS. Names are approved under the following guidelines:

- (a) A name which is a currently registered as a club, chorus or quartet name cannot be used.
- (b) A name must be in good taste, containing no offensive innuendoes.
- (c) A name cannot be registered which is phonetically similar to one that is already registered as a club, chorus or quartet name or is otherwise so similar as to be confusing or misleading.
- (d) Adding to, subtracting from or changing other than the "essence" of a name does not constitute a new club name. For example, if The Cattlebuster's Club was a registered name, another club could not be registered as The Dunnydoo Cattlebusters Club.
- (e) None of the above guidelines shall prevent registration of a club name that is similar to, or contains, the name of a chorus emanating from that club, provided that the name sufficiently differentiates the club from the chorus.

3.2. The approval given by AAMBS, through the registration, is for the use of the name. A club name may not be registered for the sole purpose of tying up a particular name.

3.3. Acceptance of money or other consideration for the release of a club name is not acceptable.

4. PRIVILEGES

4.1. An AAMBS club may:

- (a) make use of the AAMBS name, initials or emblem;
- (b) claim AAMBS' protection of its name;
- (c) be party to AAMBS Public Liability Insurance cover;
- (d) be party to the AAMBS Australian Performing Rights Association (APRA) licence, and
- (e) be party to any other insurance, performance or copyright protection that AAMBS Inc may effect from time to time.

5. NAME RETENTION

5.1. Once registered, a club name can never be registered by another club unless the club that effected the current registration of the name formally advises AAMBS that it wishes to relinquish the name.