

Standing Order No 3
REGULATIONS FOR
CLUBS

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 The word “Association” where it appears means the Australian Association of Men Barbershop Singers Inc. (AAMBS) trading as Barbershop Harmony Australia (BHA).
- 1.2 An Association registered Club is defined as any club that:-
 - (2.a) maintains registration with BHA and
 - (2.b) has adopted a Constitution that reflects the aims of AAMBS Inc., and
 - (2.c) is composed of at least five (5) financial members of BHA; and
 - (2.d) maintains a formal executive structure; and
 - (2.e) has office-bearers all of which are all full members of BHA; and
 - (2.f) is not under suspension of its BHA standing.

2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Registration of a club is required to be renewed with BHA 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 BHA membership year, each year.
- 2.2 Registration will be effected by BHA upon receipt of an acceptable application together with any applicable fees, and shall remain in force until:
 - (2.a) confirmed advice is received of the disbanding of the club; or
 - (2.b) more than 10% of its members or five (5) members, whichever is the larger, cease to be full financial members of BHA; or
 - (2.c) BHA determines that such registration shall be suspended or revoked; or
 - (2.d) an application and payment for renewal of registration has not been received within a period of grace to be determined by BHA.

Note: Club registration forms may be obtained from the BHA website, www.barbershop.org.au.

3. CLUB NAMES

- 3.1 Approval of club names is the responsibility of BHA. Names are approved under the following guidelines:
 - (1.a) A name which is a currently registered as a club, chorus or quartet name cannot be used.
 - (1.b) A name must be in good taste, containing no offensive innuendoes.
 - (1.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.
 - (1.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.
 - (1.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 BHA, 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. BHA clubs may:

(1.a) make use of the BHA name, initials or emblem, with the approval of the National Council;

(1.b) claim BHA's protection of its name;

(1.c) be party to BHA Public Liability Insurance cover;

(1.d) be party to the AAMBS Australian Performing Rights Association (APRA) licence, and

(1.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 BHA that it wishes to relinquish the name.

NOTE:

The BHA Council has the right to amend any Standing Order if emerging circumstances dictate. In this event Club Secretaries and all registered Quartets will be immediately notified of any such variation.