



CLUB Development

Incorporation

The Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Vic) provides for the simple and inexpensive incorporation of Clubs, Societies and Associations.

Consider some of the disadvantages of an unincorporated Club:

In unincorporated Clubs there is personal liability on the Committee Members, which in some cases may also extend to the members. This means that they may be sued for the debts of the club and the negligence of any of its members.

The Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance Cover provided under the Football Federation Victoria (FFV) Compulsory Group Insurance Scheme does not apply to unincorporated Clubs.

An unincorporated Club cannot enter into tenancy or lease agreements in its own right, this includes Council Leases for facilities.

An unincorporated Club is not a legal entity.

An unincorporated Club cannot sue and be sued in its own right.

An unincorporated Club cannot own land and chattels in its own right.

An unincorporated Club cannot enter into contractual agreements in its own right.

The advantages of Incorporation are:

The Club will acquire a legal existence.

Members are not personally liable for the debts of the Club nor the negligent acts or omissions of other office bearers and members.

The Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance Cover provided under the FFV's Compulsory Group Insurance Scheme applies to incorporated Clubs.

An incorporated Club may make contracts and enter into tenancy agreements in its own right.

An incorporated Club may sue and be sued in its own right.

An incorporated Club may own land and chattels in its own right.

An incorporated Club may receive a bequest or gift from a will.