



The South Australian Gamers4Croydon Constitution

Definitions

Elector: individuals who are electors as defined by the South Australian Electoral Act 1985.

Human Rights: the rights set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

National Organisation: the national organisation of G4C, representing those who are not SA residents

Political Party: a registered political party, as defined by the South Australian Electoral Act 1985

The Party or ***G4C:*** the South Australian political party, of which this document is the constitution, unless otherwise indicated.

1. Don't be a dick
 - a. Treat others – within and outside the party – with due respect.
 - b. Do not impinge on the freedoms or Human Rights of other individuals.
2. Tiberium is not the answer.
 - a. The preservation of the environment is essential to our way of life.
 - b. Conservation need not be in conflict with economic development.
3. The Party will operate by consensus as much as is practical.
 - a. Other provisions specified herein are only to be used when consensus is not possible or not practical, unless otherwise specified.
 - b. The lack of objection made known to State Council will be considered abstention.
- π. Have fun.
4. The policies of G4C will be in accordance with the principles set forth in this constitution.
 - a. G4C will provide a framework for its aims, sufficiently general to allow individuals to disagree on how those aims can be best achieved, but specific enough to be meaningful.
5. The name of the Party is Gamers4Croydon, also known as G4C.



6. This constitution sets out the principles which govern the operation of the Party, and which the Party will seek to promote.
7. All other Party documents are subsidiary to this constitution.
8. The Party will endorse and promote candidates for election to either or both houses of South Australia's parliament.
9. Membership is open to all Electors.
10. Associate Membership shall be available to South Australian residents who are at least 17 years of age and not Electors.
 - a. Associate Members are afforded the same responsibilities and privileges as Members, unless otherwise specified.
11. Membership:
 - a. is not conditional on payment of dues, provision of service or any other form of payment; and
 - b. bestows no obligation beyond adherence to this constitution.
12. Members may not be punished for speaking their opinion in public, so long as:
 - a. they ensure it is understood they do not speak for the Party; and
 - b. they do not breach this constitution.
13. Eligible individuals may apply for Membership by providing the Registered Officer with a completed application form, which must include:
 - a. full name of the applicant;
 - b. the residential address of the applicant as it appears on the electoral roll;
 - c. the postal address of the applicant;
 - d. a valid email address for the applicant;
 - e. a declaration that the applicant is an Elector;
 - f. a declaration that the applicant agrees to be bound by this constitution;
 - g. a declaration that the applicant is not a member of another political party, and does not intend to become a member of another political party while a member of the Party; and
 - h. a signed declaration that the information provided is correct.



14. Eligible individuals may apply for Associate Membership by providing the Registered Officer with a completed application form with the same elements as s.13:
 - a. excluding s.13.e; and
 - b. a declaration that they will in future be eligible to be an Elector, and that they intend to become an Elector as soon as practical.
15. When an Associate Member becomes an Elector, they will become a Member upon informing the Registered Officer of this fact in writing.
16. The Registered Officer must place the applicant's details on the Party's Register of Members as soon as practical after they are satisfied that:
 - a. the applicant is eligible; and
 - b. the details provided are accurate.
17. Members whose details (as s.13 & s.14) change must provide updated details to the Registered Officer, in writing, as soon as possible.
18. Personal details of members will not be shared with any external body without direct written consent of the member involved, unless required to do so by law.
19. A name-only version of the Register of Members shall be freely available to all members.
20. Individuals who joined before the official registration of The Party will be considered members so long as they fulfil all relevant requirements except s.13 & s.14.
21. Members may be expelled from G4C by State Council if they:
 - a. fail to uphold this constitution;
 - b. no longer agree to be bound by this constitution;
 - c. become a member of another Political Party; or
 - d. are an Associate Member and no longer intend, or are ineligible to become, an elector.
22. Individuals faced with expulsion will be provided an opportunity to defend themselves.
 - a. If the individual in question is a Voting Member of State Council, they shall be denied their State Council vote on this matter.
23. A State Council will be established, drawn from the membership of the Party, to be responsible for all matters not otherwise specified in this constitution.



24. The State Council may, at its discretion, delegate its responsibilities to another individual or body, drawn from G4C membership.
 - a. The State Council will remain responsible for the actions of any such individual or body.
25. The State Council and all individuals and bodies to which it delegates are bound by this constitution at all times.
26. State Council decisions will be by majority vote unless otherwise specified.
 - a. In the event of a tied vote, the issue will be decided by majority vote of the following groups, in order of precedence:
 - i. Councillors appointed under s.37;
 - ii. Non-Voting Members of State Council; or
 - iii. a majority vote of all Party Members.
27. All members of State Council who wish to be heard on a matter must be given opportunity to do so.
 - a. Where practical, Party Members must also be allowed to address the Council, either directly or through correspondence with a Councillor.
28. State Council must meet at least twice a year.
 - a. Meeting dates will be announced at least a fortnight in advance.
 - b. The agenda for State Council meetings must be available for all Members to see.
 - c. State Council must take submissions for agenda items from Members.
 - d. Councillors will remain in contact between official meetings to confer and decide on emerging issues.
29. In the interests of efficient operation, the Council is considered to have been delegated the responsibility for forming consensus under s.3.
 - a. State Council must give due consideration to the positions of all members.
30. State Council is not delegated responsibility for forming consensus on:
 - a. the elected members of State Council;
 - b. G4C candidates for South Australian elections; or
 - c. anything requiring a referendum (as s.63.b)



31. State Council will have 5 elected positions, drawn from Party membership.
32. Elections for State Council will be held biennially, employing an optional preferential voting system that provides proportional representation.
 - a. Where viable, voting in State Council elections will be electronically, by secret ballot.
 - b. State Council elections shall be held as soon as practical after G4C is officially registered.
 - c. Until such time as elections can be held for the first time, State Council will be appointed by the National Organisation.
33. Election to State Council will be voluntary.
34. If you can think of a lie, a politician, somewhere, has told it.
 - a. If not, someone, somewhere, will.
 - b. Don't be one of these people.
 - c. This applies to dealings within, or related to, the Party.
 - d. The cake is a lie.
35. Nominations may be presented to the Secretary from 28 days before the election until 7 days before the election.
36. Casual vacancies on State Council will be filled by State Council consensus. Preference shall be given to a replacement nominated by the outgoing Councillor.
37. Party Members who have been elected to, or are currently holding a seat in either house of South Australian Parliament will be granted a seat on State Council, in addition to the elected Councillors.
38. The Voting Members of State Council are those:
 - a. in elected positions (s.31); and
 - b. appointed under s.37.
39. Individuals appointed to State Council under s.40, and any other individual appointed by the Council, are Non-Voting Members.
 - a. Non-Voting Members may contribute to consensus if invited to do so by Council.



40. The State Council will appoint Officers to the following Offices from Party membership:

- a. President;
- b. Secretary;
- c. Treasurer; and
- d. Registered Officer.

41. The President will:

- a. be a councillor appointed under s.37 if possible;
- b. be chosen from the Voting Members of State Council;
- c. oversee the operations of the council;
- d. ensure the smooth running of meetings;
- e. be the primary public voice for G4C; and
- f. fulfil any other duties that State Council delegates.

42. Public consultation does not happen behind a 'Beware of Tiger' sign.

- a. All Councillors will promote responsible, transparent and accountable representation.
- b. If the release of information could cause s.1 or applicable laws to be breached, a specific, narrow exemption will be granted only to the extent that the breach is avoided.

43. The Secretary will:

- a. publish State Council meeting dates;
- b. keep minutes of council decisions;
- c. make a summary of minutes available to Party members;
- d. be responsible for those party records which are not the responsibility of the Treasurer or Registered Officer;
- e. oversee the nomination process for Council elections; and
- f. fulfil any other duties that State Council delegates.



44. The Treasurer will:

- a. ensure the keeping of comprehensive records of all transactions involving party funds;
- b. provide the council with copies of these records, monthly;
- c. have bookkeeping carried out by a skilled bookkeeper, where practical;
- d. ensure that applicable laws are followed in the Party's financial dealings; and
- e. fulfil any other duties that State Council delegates

45. The Registered Officer will:

- a. fulfil the statutory requirements of that role under South Australian law;
- b. receive and process G4C membership applications;
- c. maintain the Register of Members;
- d. oversee release of information from the Register of Members in accordance with this constitution; and
- e. fulfil any other duties that State Council delegates.

46. Officers will designate a Deputy.

- a. The Deputy President must be chosen from the Voting Members of State Council.
- b. When an Officer is unable or unwilling to fulfil their duties, their Deputy shall be considered an Officer in their stead.
 - i. If an Officer is a Voting Member, their deputy does not receive their voting privileges.

47. Multiple Offices may be held by an individual.

48. Outgoing Officers must ensure their replacements are provided all documentation and information required to fulfil the duties of the Office.

49. G4C must never be without a Registered Officer or Deputy Registered Officer for a period exceeding 21 days.

50. Party Members must be endorsed by the Party to stand as a candidate for election to South Australian Parliament.

51. State Council will determine which electorates are to be contested, and how many candidates will be endorsed for the Legislative Council ticket.



52. Nominations for candidacy will open for at least 2 weeks, no sooner than 6 months before an election.
53. Nominees must be approved by State Council as suitable representatives of G4C and its principles.
54. Elections of candidates for the House of Assembly will employ an optional preferential voting system.
 - a. At State Council's discretion, priority on choosing a candidate for a given electorate may be given to Members resident in that electorate.
55. Elections of candidates for the Legislative Council will employ an optional preferential voting system, with proportional representation if multiple candidates are to be endorsed.
56. Where viable, voting for candidates will be electronically, by secret ballot.
57. Distribution of preferences will be determined by the State Council, to advance the Party's principles and policies.
58. Members of Parliament must apply the principles and policies of G4C in their official duties.
 - a. A Member of Parliament may vote on conscience if G4C policy:
 - i. would be counter to the interests of their constituents; or
 - ii. has not been clearly defined by the Party.
 - b. Council may allow a conscience vote on other matters at its discretion.
59. When a Member of Parliament votes against established G4C policy, a written explanation must be provided to State Council, who will then make it available to the Party.
60. Councillors, Officers, endorsed Candidates and Members of Parliament must not knowingly engage in illegal activity in relation to their official duties.
61. Councillors, Officers, endorsed Candidates and Members of Parliament must endeavour to protect the reputation of The Party and its members, unless doing so would be otherwise counter to this constitution.
62. This constitution may be amended by consensus of State Council, unless otherwise specified.



63. 28 days notice must be given of intended amendments.
- a. During this time, submissions will be taken from party Members.
 - b. If objections to the proposed amendment are received from 5% of Members, a referendum of Party Members will be held.
 - i. Electronic voting will be used if practical.
 - ii. Results will be determined by majority of votes cast, unless otherwise specified.
64. Sections pertaining to the obligations, election and powers of State Council will not be amended without a referendum (as s.63).
65. Sections pertaining to the amendment of this constitution will not be amended without referendum (as s.63), unless otherwise specified.
66. The Party name may be changed through a mechanism determined by State Council that must:
- a. be in compliance with electoral law;
 - b. give preference to names that preserve the 'G4C brand'; and
 - c. acknowledge any ongoing role of the National Organisation.
 - d. The name decided by this mechanism must be approved by consensus of State Council and a referendum (as s.63).
67. When Michael Atkinson is no longer the Member for Croydon, or an R18+ classification for video games has been properly implemented, the name of the Party will be changed in accordance with s.66 to reflect its general principles, except that:
- a. the name change requires majority vote of State Council and no referendum; and
 - b. when s.67 has been enacted, the constitution will be amended without need for State Council consensus or referendum to remove s.67.
68. When State Council uses discretion as allowed by this constitution to specify arrangements, it must record the arrangements as By-Laws.
- a. When practical, sufficient notice of changes to By-Laws must be given to Party Members.
 - b. By-Laws must be available for all Members to view, at no cost.