

# **RULES FOR MEMBERSHIP**

## **1. General Provisions of these Rules**

- 1.1. These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Club's Constitution Part 3 - Membership
- 1.2. References to "Part" "Division" and "Clause" in this Document are references to the relevant sections of the Constitution.
- 1.3. References to "Rules" and "subrule(s)" in this document refer to the clauses contained within this document

## **Division 1 –Classes and Definitions of Membership**

### **2. Classes of Membership**

The Club must have at least five (5) eligible Voting Members under Rule 2.1 to maintain its registered status as an Incorporated Association. The Club shall consist of the following classes of members:

#### **2.1 Voting Members –**

- 2.1.1 General Members
- 2.1.2 Life Members

#### **2.2 Non-Voting Members -**

- 2.2.1 Junior Members
- 2.2.2 Other classes of Members as determined by the Board from time to time

## **3 Definitions and Entitlements of Classes of Membership**

### **3.1 General Members**

- 3.1.1 Any person aged not less than 18 years who pays the annual subscription fees as set out in Clause 4, will be deemed to be a General Member of the Club.
- 3.1.2 General Members shall, during the year in respect of which such subscription fees have been paid:
  - 3.1.2.1 Be issued with a membership card for entry into home games and non-paying Club events
  - 3.1.2.2 Be eligible to vote at meetings of the Club
  - 3.1.2.3 Be eligible to nominate for the Board
  - 3.1.2.4 Have the right to call special general meetings in accordance with the Constitution Part 5 Division 4 Clause 46 and the Rules for Meetings

### **3.2 Life Members – Service**

- 3.2.1 A General Member who has rendered exceptional and distinguished service to the Club, may be nominated for life membership in writing by any other eligible General Member, such nomination to be approved considered by the Board before appointing a panel to review such nomination of not less than three existing Life Members.
- 3.2.2 The panel will be appointed by the Board to review and evaluate the nomination. The panel's review must be completed within one month of nomination, and the recommendation must be documented in writing to the Secretary.

- 3.2.3 If the nomination is approved by the panel, such nomination will be ratified at the next Board meeting. The Secretary will notify the nominated person of the Club's intention to present them with Life Membership.
- 3.2.4 Presentation of Life Membership shall be made at the next Club presentation night. However, all rights of Life Membership will exist immediately upon approval of the nomination.

### **3.3 Life Members - Playing**

- 3.3.1 A football or netball player who has played a total of 200 senior grade games with the Club may be nominated for Life Membership by the Board. Such player nominees must have been a registered member of the Club for the years in which they accumulated the 200 games with the Club.
- 3.3.2 Where a player has left the Club to play elsewhere, or retired, and then returned to play with the Club, the Board may take into account previous games accrued with the Club when assessing nomination for a Life Membership.
- 3.3.3 Nominations for such life membership will be reviewed on the achievement of the 200-game milestone and must be approved by the Board; taking into consideration the players conduct and commitment during the totality of their playing career.

### **3.4 Life Members – Rights and Privileges**

- 3.4.1 All Life Members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Club indefinitely, unless otherwise determined by the Club that such membership is no longer applicable.
- 3.4.2 All Life Members shall not be required to pay any annual subscription fees except where the Life Member is still playing football or netball in which case playing fees must be paid.
- 3.4.3 Life Members shall:
  - 3.4.3.1 Be issued with a membership card for entry into home games and non-paying Club events
  - 3.4.3.2 Be eligible to vote at meetings of the Club
  - 3.4.3.3 Be eligible to nominate for the Board
  - 3.4.3.4 Have the right to call special general meetings in accordance with the Constitution Part 5 Division 4 Clause 46 and the Rules for Meetings

### **3.5 Junior Members**

Any person aged less than eighteen years on the 1st of January of each year who shall pay the annual subscription for a Junior Member shall become a Junior Member of the Club and shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of Junior Membership during the year in respect of which such subscription has been paid.

- 3.5.1 Junior members are not eligible to hold office or vote at meetings of the Club
- 3.5.2 Junior members are not permitted to call a special general meeting of the Club

### **3.6 Other Members**

- 3.6.1 The Board may, from time to time, introduce other types of membership if deemed necessary

## **4 New and Continuing Members**

- 4.1 **New Members** - A person becomes a Member of the Club and is entitled to exercise his or her rights of Membership from the date when all subscription fees

(including player registration fees where applicable) are paid in full, and the details of the Membership are registered in the Register of Members

- 4.2 **Continuing Members** - where a person has previously been approved as per Rule 4.1 they are deemed to continue to be a member of the club in subsequent years on the payment of all applicable subscriptions and fees in full within the term of Membership
- 4.3 **Life Members** - A person who is a Life Member is deemed to be a Continuing Member of the club unless the Board deems that Membership is ended
- 4.4 **Lapsed Member** – refer Rules 6.3 and 6.4

## **Division 2 – Roles and Responsibilities and Terms and Register of Membership**

### **5 Roles and Responsibilities of all Members**

Any Member of the Club, under any Class of Membership is required to:

- 5.1 Comply with all the provisions of the Constitution, Rules and any other applicable guidelines and policies of the Club, and
- 5.2 Uphold the appropriate values and behaviours as determined by the Club from time to time when participating in any Club event, when communicating with the Club and its members and when representing the Club in any capacity, and
- 5.3 Promptly advise the Club of any changes to their details in the Register of Members
- 5.4 The rights of a Member are not transferrable
- 5.5 Membership is for the Term of Membership as set out in Clause 6 of this Division

### **6 Term of Membership**

- 6.1 The term of membership for new and existing members is a twelve (12) month term that ends on 31st December of each year
- 6.2 In addition to the twelve month membership term, the Club allows a further three (3) months from 31st December to 31st March where membership remains renewable until all applicable annual subscriptions are paid in full.
- 6.3 During the three-month extension period the membership is deemed to be a lapsed membership until the receipt by the Club of all applicable annual subscription fees are paid in full
- 6.4 During this period the member's privileges will be suspended

### **7 Cessation or Termination of Membership**

A membership is deemed to be terminated if;

- 7.1 The member has not renewed their membership within the Term of Membership as per Rule 4; or
- 7.2 The member formally resigns their membership during the term of Membership; or
- 7.3 if the Board deems the person to be no longer suitable to be a Member because of their actions or behaviour. Such termination of a Membership must be conducted in accordance with the Rules for Disciplinary Action and Grievance Procedures.
- 7.4 Any Membership shall cease if the member is deceased

## **8 Register of Members**

The Secretary is responsible for recording and maintaining the Register of Members.

This must include the Member's

- i. Full name
- ii. Registered or Postal Address
- iii. Email address and contact phone number
- iv. Class of membership
- v. Status of membership and date of commencement if relevant.