



# MEMBERSHIP POLICY AND PROCEDURE

## 2021-2022

### **Purpose**

This policy and procedure outlines the process and procedure of becoming a member of the South Brisbane District Cricket Club Inc. (SBDCC).

### **Requirements for Membership**

Membership of the SBDCC is open to individuals who are 16 years or over (on 30 September) and have been approved by the Club's Membership Committee and ratified by the Club's Management Committee.

The Membership of the Club will consist of the following classes of members:

- (a) Members
- (b) Junior Members
- (c) Life Members
- (d) Honorary Members.

### **Member's Obligations**

As per clause 8 of the Club' Constitution, a member must:

- (a) act in the best interests of the Club and any of its associates (such as the Association)
- (b) faithfully observe and comply in all respects with the terms of the rules
- (c) not be convicted of an indictable offence
- (d) not accept any bribe
- (e) not agree to play on anything less than their own merits
- (f) not participate, or be directly or indirectly involved in any way, in gambling in relation to the Club or Associations competitions, whether as to the performance of a player or a team, the outcome or course of a match or the outcome or course of a competition
- (g) not engage in any form of conduct that might bring into disrepute or be detrimental to the interests, welfare or image of the Club or any of the its associates (such as the Association); and
- (h) not conduct themselves on any form of social media in a manner which is rude, abusive, threatening, unsportsmanlike or otherwise likely to bring the Club into disrepute.

Any person wishing to become member, agrees to adhere to these rules. The Management Committee reserves the right to take necessary action where a member fails to adhere to these rules in line with clause 11 of the Club's constitution. Suspension or Expulsion of a Member – If the conduct of a member is considered not to be in the interests of the Club the member may be suspended or expelled by the Club in accordance with Rules 16 and 17 of the Club Rules

### **Membership Subscription Fees and Expiration**

Membership is renewable on an annual basis and expires at the conclusion of the next scheduled Annual General Meeting.

If the member does not renew by 31 October of the calendar year, their membership will expire and they will be subject to the new membership provisions as set by the Club's Management Committee

As the Club is a not-for-profit organisation, fees are set by the Club's Management Committee to reflect the Club's actual and forecast costs in meeting its objects. Fees may be set and reviewed by the Club's Management Committee at most once a year. Members will be advised of any change in the fee.

Life Members are not required to renew their membership or pay a membership fee.

### **Process to become a Non-Playing Member**

A person may make written application to become a Member and upon payment of the annual subscription fee and acceptance by the Management Committee, will become a Member of the SBDCC

An application for a non-playing membership must be made using the Membership Application Form (Attached to this Policy and Procedure) or as required by the Membership Committee.

All applications for membership will be assessed and determined by the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will report the members so accepted to the Management Committee at the next available Management Committee meeting where members will be ratified by the Club Management Committee. Once ratified, the person becomes a member.

New members of the club will be subject to a period of probationary period.

The Management Committee may reject an application for membership if in the Management Committee's opinion the person does not comply with the obligations as stated in clause 8 of the Constitution and within this policy.

### **Process to become a Playing Member**

A person wishing to become a playing member, can make application through My.Cricket website and pay the relevant fee.

All applications for membership will be assessed and determined by the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will report the members so accepted to the Management Committee at the next available Management Committee meeting where members will be ratified by the Club Management Committee. Once ratified, the person becomes a member.

The Management Committee may reject an application for membership if in the Management Committee's opinion the person does not comply with the obligations as stated in clause 8 of the Constitution and within this policy.

### **Membership Records**

Information relating to members and membership details is held within the membership database maintained by the Membership Committee.

All details in the Membership Register are kept as accurate and complete as possible.

All personal membership data will be treated in accordance with the National Privacy Principles. No identifiable membership data will be passed on to anyone outside the Club. Club bulk emails are issued using Bcc (blind carbon copies) so that member email addresses are not available to other recipients on the email list.