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All financial members.

This constitution contains important information that affects BBFC members.

Membership

4 Membership qualifications

- (1) A person is qualified to be a member if—
 - (a) the person is a person referred to in the Act, section 21 (2) (a) or (b) and has not ceased to be a member of the club at any time after incorporation of the club under the Act; or
 - (b) the person is a natural person who –
 - (i) has been nominated for membership of the club as provided by Rule 5, and
 - (ii) has been approved for membership of the club by the committee of the club.
- (2) The following shall be deemed to be members of the club:
 - (a) any player registered with the club over eighteen years of age,
 - (b) any person who applies to and is accepted by the Executive for membership.
 - (c) by virtue of Rule 4 (2) (b) then membership shall be from 1st April in each calendar year.
 - (d) any player registered with the club under eighteen years of age, shall be known as a junior member but with no voting rights within the club.
 - (e) any parent or guardian, up to a maximum of two (2), of a junior member who are nominated on the current registration form of each year by the junior member, to be known as a member and with full rights of membership. A person will only hold one membership entitlement at one (1) time.
- (3) All membership shall be from Registration Day to Registration Day subject to payment by the member of the registration fees applicable as per Rule 10 unless their membership continues by virtue of Rule 4 (2) (c).
- (4) A period of grace of one (1) month shall apply from Registration Day to all members whose membership of the club is solely due to their satisfying the requirements of Clause (2)(a), (2)(d) or (2)(e) in the previous year. All such members will cease to be members of the Club if the relevant player registration has not been renewed within one month of Registration Day unless their membership continues by virtue of Clause (2) (c).

<p>5 Nomination for membership</p>	<p>(1) A nomination of a person for membership of the club;</p> <p>(a) shall be made by a member of the club in writing in the form set out in Appendix A to these rules; or</p> <p>(b) shall be made on the current registration form of each year if the person is a parent or guardian of a junior; and</p> <p>(b) the applicable form shall be lodged with the Secretary of the club.</p> <p>(2) As soon as practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the secretary shall refer the nomination to the committee which shall determine whether to approve or reject the nomination.</p> <p>(3) Where the committee determines to approve a nomination for membership, the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after that determination, notify the nominee of that approval and request the nominee to pay within the period of 28 days after receipt by the nominee of the notification the sum payable under these rules by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.</p> <p>(4) The secretary shall, on payment by the nominee of the amounts referred to in clause (3) within the period referred to in that clause, enter the nominee's name in the register of members and, upon the name so being entered, the nominee becomes a member of the club.</p>
<p>6A Life Membership</p>	<p>(1) A nomination of a natural person for Life Membership of the club: -</p> <p>(a) shall be restricted to a person who has been a member for a minimum of ten (10) years or has rendered outstanding service to the club prior to the expiration of ten (10) years and must be financial at the time of nomination.</p> <p>(b) shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the club at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the annual general meeting;</p> <p>(c) shall be considered at the annual general meeting and may be appointed as a Life Member upon approval of a special resolution. Only one member may be so appointed at any given Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(2) Life Members shall not be subject to entrance fees or annual subscriptions and will not be liable for any debts or liabilities of the club.</p> <p>(3) Life Members can attend any club meeting, and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership of the club.</p>
<p>6B Patrons</p>	<p>(1) A person or company may be nominated at the annual general meeting for the position of patron.</p> <p>(2) The position is honorary and the person or company shall not be subject to entrance fees or annual subscriptions, and will not be liable for any debts of liabilities of the club.</p>

7 Membership entitlements not transferable	<p>A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the club—</p> <p>(a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and</p> <p>(b) terminates on cessation of the person’s membership.</p>
8 Cessation of membership	<p>A person ceases to be a member of the club if the person—</p> <p>(a) dies; or</p> <p>(b) resigns from membership of the club; or</p> <p>(c) is expelled from the club; or</p> <p>(d) fails to renew membership of the club.</p>
9 Resignation of membership	<p>(1) A member is not entitled to resign from membership of the club except in accordance with this rule.</p> <p>(2) A member who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the club may resign from membership of the club by first giving notice (being not less than one (1) month or, if the committee has determined a shorter period, that shorter period) in writing to the secretary of the member’s intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.</p> <p>(2) Where a person ceases to be a member, the secretary shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.</p>
10 Fee, subscriptions etc	<p>(1) A member of the club shall, upon admission to membership, pay to the club a fee of \$2.00 or, where some other amount is determined by the committee, of that amount.</p> <p>(2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under Clause (1), a member of the club shall pay to the club an annual membership fee of \$1.00 or, where some other amount is determined by the committee, of that amount.</p>
11 Register of members	<p>(1) The public officer of the club shall establish and maintain a register of members of the club specifying the name and address of each person who is a member of the club together with the date on which the person became a member.</p> <p>(2) The register of members shall be kept at the principle place of administration of the club and shall be opened for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the club at any reasonable hour.</p>
12 Members’ liabilities	<p>The liability of a member to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the club or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the club is limited to the amount (if any) unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the club as required by Rule 10.</p>

13 Disciplining of members

- (1) Where the committee is of the opinion that a member—
 - (a) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of this constitution;
 - (b) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the club; or
 - (c) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of the club's policies, rules and regulations.

the committee may, by resolution impose any of the following sanctions —

- (d) reprimand
 - (e) verbal or written apology
 - (f) place the individual on a bond
 - (g) direction to undertake counselling
 - (h) imposition of a fine
 - (i) ban from any club amenities or areas
 - (j) ban from taking part in any club related activities
 - (k) transfer to another position or role
 - (l) cancellation of any appointed club position
 - (m) suspend the member from such rights and privileges of membership of the club as the committee may determine for a specified period;
 - (n) expel the member from the club; or
 - (o) such other sanctions as are appropriate to the circumstances.
- (2) A resolution of the committee under clause (1) is of no effect unless the committee, at a meeting held not earlier than fourteen (14) days and not later than twenty eight (28) days after service on the member of a notice under clause (3), confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause.
 - (3) Where the committee passes a resolution under clause 1, the secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the member—
 - (a) setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based; and
 - (b) stating that the member may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than fourteen (14) days and not later than twenty eight (28) days after service of the notice; and
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following:
 - (i) attend and speak at that meeting;
 - (ii) submit to the committee at or prior to the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution.
 - (4) Subject to the Act, section 50, at a meeting of the committee mentioned in clause (2), the committee shall—
 - (a) give to the member mentioned in clause (1) an opportunity to make oral representations; and
 - (b) give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the committee by that member at or prior to the meeting; and
 - (c) by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution of committee made under clause (1).

<p>13 Disciplining of members con't</p>	<p>(5) Where the committee confirms a resolution under clause (4), the secretary shall, within seven (7) days after that confirmation, by notice in writing inform the member of that confirmation and of the member's right of appeal under Rule 14.</p> <p>(6) A resolution confirmed by the committee under clause (4) does not take effect —</p> <p>(a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise the right of appeal within that period; or</p> <p>(b) where within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the Club confirms the resolution in accordance with Rule 13 (4).</p>
<p>14 Right of appeal of disciplined member</p>	<p>(1) A member may appeal to the club in general meeting against a resolution of the committee which is confirmed under Rule 13 (4), within seven (7) days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.</p> <p>(2) On receipt of a notice under clause (1), the secretary shall notify the committee, which shall convene a general meeting of the club to be held within twenty one (21) days after the date on which the secretary received the notice or as soon as possible after that date.</p> <p>(3) Subject to the Act, section 50, at a general meeting of the club convened under clause (2)—</p> <p>(a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted; and</p> <p>(b) the committee and the member shall be given the opportunity to make representations in relation to the appeal orally or in writing, or both; and</p> <p>(p) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution made under Rule 13 (4) should be confirmed or revoked.</p> <p>(4) If the meeting passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution made under Rule 13 (4), that resolution is confirmed.</p>