

**SOUTHPORT AUSTRALIAN  
RULES FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED  
ACN 010 452 936**

**MEMBERS' RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. Admission and number of Members**

The number of Members will be unlimited.

**2. Classes of Membership**

The membership will consist of the following classes of members:

- a) General Members;
- b) Player Members;
- c) Honorary Members;
- d) Life Members;
- e) Player Life Member;
- f) Foundation Life Members; and
- g) Temporary Members.
- h) Other class of members that may be determined by the Board from time to time.

**3. General Membership**

The following conditions will apply to a person applying to be a General Member:

- (a) Any person having attained the age of 18 years will be eligible to be a General Member.
- (b) Upon application for Membership, the applicant will agree to be bound by the SAFC Constitution, By Laws, Rules and Regulations in force at the time.
- (c) The application form must be accompanied by payment of the current year's Membership Fee.
- (d) A General Member is entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Company.
- (e) A General Member will have such other rights and obligations as determined by the Board from time to time.
- (f) The rights and privileges of Membership are not transferable and no General Member is competent to exercise any of the rights and privileges unless all monies due by him to the Company have been paid and such person has not been suspended under the Constitution.

#### **4. Player Membership**

In each year that the Club exists as an entity:

- (a) All Australian Rules Football players who are registered with the Company as players automatically become Player Members on signing the registration form prescribed by the Board.
- (b) Player Members have the same rights and privileges as those conferred on General Member.

#### **5. Honorary Membership**

Persons possessing the following qualifications will be eligible to be an Honorary Member:

- (a) Past and present officials and players of any sporting association which is competing against the Team on a particular day will be eligible to be Honorary Members for that day.
- (b) Officials and players of any sporting organisation located outside the State will be eligible to be Honorary Members for a period of not more than one month.
- (c) Officials of the AFLQ, GCFC and other similar affiliated bodies or their successors.

Honorary Members are subject to the following rights and restrictions:

- (d) Honorary Members are not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Company.
- (e) Honorary Members are not entitled to take part in any discussion of the business of the Company at any annual general meeting of the Company unless that Honorary Member has received the permission of the Chairman of that meeting.
- (f) Honorary Members are not entitled to take part in any discussion of the business of the Company at any meeting of the Company (other than the annual general meeting).
- (g) Honorary Members will in all respects be bound and must abide by the Constitution of the Company in force at the time.
- (h) Honorary Members are exempted from paying to the Company any annual membership fee whatsoever for the term of that Honorary Membership.
- (i) The rights and privileges of Honorary Membership are not transferable.

## **6. Life Membership and Player Life Membership**

The Company at each annual general meeting may appoint a person(s) nominated by the Board as a Life Member who, in the sole opinion of the Board, has rendered distinguished service to the Company for a continuous period of not less than five (5) years or in the case of Player Life Membership a person or persons who have played at least 150 games of senior football for the Southport Australian Rules Football Club and rendered 10 years of playing service to the Southport Australian Rules Football Club.

The following rights and privileges are granted to Life Members and Player Life Members:

- (a) Life Members and Player Life Members are entitled to all the rights and privileges that are granted to General Members under the Constitution from time to time.
- (b) Life Members and Player Life Members are exempted from paying to the Company any annual membership fee whatsoever for the term of that Life Membership or Player Life Membership.

## **7. Foundation Life Membership**

The following rights and privileges are granted to Foundation Life Members:

- (a) Foundation Life Members are entitled to all the rights and privileges that are granted to General Members under the Constitution from time to time.
- (b) Foundation Life Members are exempted from paying to the Company any annual membership fee whatsoever for the term of that Foundation Life Membership.

## **8. Temporary Membership**

The board has resolved that the requirements for temporary membership shall be as follows.

- (a) Temporary membership will be available to persons 18 years or over whose ordinary place of residence is at least 15km from the club's premises and who agrees to abide by the club's rules while on the company's premises.
- (b) Temporary membership shall be valid for three consecutive calendar days after which it will expire.
- (c) Temporary members will be unable to introduce guests.
- (d) Temporary membership will not be available to a member who has previously been barred from membership of the company.
- (e) Temporary members will not be entitled to member pricing.
- (f) Temporary members will not be entitled to purchase alcohol to be consumed off the company's premises.
- (g) A person may only be admitted to the company's premises as a temporary member, six times in each calendar year.
- (h) Temporary members will have no voting rights.

- (i) Temporary memberships do not require board approval but instead will be approved by the CEO who may in turn delegate such approval to the Duty Manager.

## **9. Other Classes of Membership**

Subject to the Corporations Act and the Liquor Act, the Board in its absolute discretion has the right to establish other classes of membership, or vary existing classes of membership, from time to time.

## **10. Introduction of Guests of Members**

The board has resolved that the requirements for the introduction of guests to the company's premises shall be as follows.

- (a) each member is entitled to bring on each occasion of visiting the company's premises a maximum of four guests or such other number at the discretion of the duty manager.
- (b) the name and residential address of each guest must be entered in the club's Visitors' Register.
- (c) a guest will not be entitled to purchase liquor for consumption off the company's premises.

Any failure by a member to abide by this policy may result in disciplinary action.

## **11. Member responsible for Guest**

A Member introducing a guest will be responsible for the good conduct and dress of the guest and a Member may have their Membership terminated at the discretion of the Board for introducing a guest who conducts themselves in a manner contrary to the intent and meaning of this Clause.

## **12. Member must accompany Guests**

While a Guest is in the Company's Premises, the Guest must be accompanied at all times by the Member introducing them.

## **13. Exclusion of certain persons as Guests**

No person:

- (a) Who currently has their Membership suspended or has been expelled from the Company; or
- (b) Who has been convicted of any offence of such a nature as in the opinion of the Board renders the person unsuitable as a guest to the Company's Premises; or
- (c) Whose conduct or presence in the Company's Premises is considered by the

Board objectionable or prejudicial to the interests or objectives of the Company;

will be permitted to enter the Company's Premises.

#### **14. Membership Requirements**

Every application for Membership must be in such manner and form and signed by such person or persons and accompanied by such proof of identity or other material as the Board may prescribe from time to time.

#### **15. Consideration of applications for Membership by Board**

After the receipt of any application for membership (other than an application for Temporary Membership), the application must be considered by the Board, which must determine to admit or reject the application.

#### **16. Membership**

Any applicant (other than an applicant for Temporary Membership) who receives a majority of the votes of the Board members present at the meeting at which the applicants application is being considered must be accepted as a member of the class of Membership applied for.

#### **17. Notice of result of Membership application**

Upon the acceptance or rejection of an application for any class of Membership, the Board must promptly give the applicant written notice of the acceptance or rejection. The Board is not required to give reasons for the rejection of an applicant.

#### **18. Register of members**

A Register of Members (other than Temporary Members) must be kept by the Secretary Officer in which must be entered the names and residential addresses of all such Members and the dates of their admission as Members.

#### **19. Other information recorded in Register**

The Secretary must also cause particulars to be entered into the Register of deaths, resignations, terminations and reinstatements of membership and any further particulars as the Board may require from time to time.

#### **20. Inspection of Register**

The Register must be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any Member who makes application in accordance with the Corporations Act and pays the fee (if any) as prescribed by the Corporations Act and determined by the Board.

#### **21. Visitors Register**

A Visitors Register must be kept and maintained by the Secretary in which must be entered the names and residential addresses of all guests introduced to the Company's premises.

## **22. Resignation of Member**

- (a) A Member may at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary resign their Membership and such resignation will take effect at the time the notice of resignation is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice in which case the resignation will take effect on that later date.
- (b) The Member resigning will continue to be liable, however, for any moneys owing by him to the Company and in addition for any sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) for which he is liable as a Member pursuant to the Constitution.

## **23. Cessation of Membership**

- (a) A Member will automatically cease to be a Member of the Company and their name will be removed from the Register of Members if the Member is an Unfinancial Member for a period of more than fourteen (14) days.
- (b) The Member ceasing to be a Member under this Clause will continue to be liable, however, for any moneys owing by the Member to the Company.

## **24. Disciplinary Sub-Committee**

The Board shall constitute and maintain from time to time a Sub-Committee (to be known as the Disciplinary Sub-Committee) consisting of at least two (2) members of the Board or such other two (2) persons as the Board determines from time to time. A quorum of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee will be two (2) members.

## **25. Action by Disciplinary Sub-Committee**

If any Member:

- (a) Is convicted of an indictable offence;
- (b) Fails to comply with any provision of the Constitution or any Policies and Regulations;
- (c) In the sole opinion of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee is guilty of conduct unbecoming of a Member or injurious or prejudicial to the interests of the Company;

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee must, after the Disciplinary Sub-Committee has given the Member an opportunity to put their case in accordance with the Constitution, consider whether to;

- (d) Terminate the Members' membership;
- (e) Censure the Member;
- (f) Fine the Member in such amount as the Disciplinary Sub-Committee thinks fit;  
or
- (g) Suspend the membership of the Member for such period as the Disciplinary Sub-Committee thinks fit;

provided that:

- (h) Such Member shall be notified of any charge against the Member pursuant to this Rule by notice in writing to the Member at least 14 clear days before the meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee at which such charge is to be heard. The notice shall set out the facts, matters and circumstances giving rise to the charge.
- (i) The Member charged shall be entitled to attend the hearing for the purpose of answering the charge or may answer the charge in writing, and is entitled to call witnesses in his or her defence.
- (j) The voting by the members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee present at such meeting shall be by a show of hands and if requested by any member of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee by secret ballot, and no resolution by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall be deemed to be passed unless at least two-thirds of the members of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee present vote in favour of such resolution.
- (k) If the Member fails to attend such meeting the charge may be heard and dealt with and the Disciplinary Sub-Committee may decide on the evidence before it, the member's absence notwithstanding, but having regard to any representations made to it in writing by the Member charged.
- (l) Any decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee at such hearing or any adjournment thereof shall be final and Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall not be required to assign any reason for its decision.
- (m) In the event that a notice of charge is issued to a Member pursuant to paragraph (h) of this Clause, and the Member is not already suspended from all privileges of membership of the Company, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall have power to immediately suspend that Member from all privileges of membership of the Company until the charge is heard and determined.
- (n) The person responsible for reporting the incident giving rise to the charge being heard may assist the Disciplinary Sub Committee in its deliberations.

## **26. Notice of decision of Disciplinary Sub-Committee**

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee must give the Member within fourteen (14) days of the decision notice of:

- (a) the conduct complained of; and
- (b) the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.

Such notice must be given by posting it by ordinary mail to the contact address last notified by the Member to the Company.

## **27. Suspension**

During any period of suspension determined by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee all the rights, entitlements and privileges attaching to or arising from Membership will be suspended.

## **28. Effect of Suspension or Expulsion**

- (a) If a Member is suspended by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, the Member is not entitled to attend the Company's Premises until and except:
  - (i) for the sole purpose of attending the Sub-Committee meeting referred to in Clause 25; or
  - (ii) if the Member is a Director, for the sole purpose of attending Board Meetings.
- (b) If a Member is expelled from the Company by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, the Member will immediately cease to be a Member of the Company and the Member's name will be removed from the register of Members of the Company.

## **29. Effect of Fine**

- (a) If the Disciplinary Sub-Committee imposes a fine on a Member, the member will have fourteen (14) days from the date of the decision of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee to pay the fine to the Company.
- (b) If the Member does not pay the fine within fourteen (14) days the Member will immediately cease to be a member of the Company and the Member's name will be removed from the register of Members of the Company.

## **30. Reapplication for Membership**

Any Member who resigns or for any reason ceases to be a Member must, in order to be considered for Membership, follow the procedure required for those originally seeking Membership set out in the Constitution and must upon making the application for Membership pay any indebtedness owing to the Company together with any Membership Fee determined by the Board from time to time under the Constitution.

## **31. Removal and suspension of member from premises**

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer, or in the Chief Executive Officer's absence the senior employee of the Company then on duty ("the senior employee"), shall have the power to remove and suspend any Member from the Company's Premises:
  - (i) who in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer or the senior employee is then intoxicated, violent, quarrelsome or indecent; or
  - (ii) whose presence on the Company Premises may in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer or the senior employee bring the Company or Chief Executive Officer into breach of any relevant statute or render the Company or the Chief Executive Officer liable to any penalty under any relevant statute.



- (b) The Chief Executive Officer or the senior employee of the Company who has exercised the power referred to in paragraph (a) of this Clause to remove a Member make a written report to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee within 7 days of the date of the removal and suspension of the Member. The report will set out the facts, matters and circumstances giving rise to the removal and suspension.
- (c) Any suspension of a Member by the Chief Executive Officer or the senior employee pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Clause shall continue until further notice is given to the member by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee in accordance with Clause 25.