

Rule / Section	Heading (verbatim)	OLD wording	NEW wording	Reason for change
Rule 2	MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS	A person is qualified to be a Member of the Club if, but only if – (a) the person is referred to in section 15(1)(a),(b) or (c) of the Act; or (b) the person has been nominated and approved by the Committee.	A person is eligible to be a Member of the Club if they fall into one of the following categories: Adult Player Members – Any player 18 years of age or older, upon completing registration with the Club for that season, is automatically admitted as a Member. Parent/Guardian Members – For every registered player under 18 years, one parent or legal guardian listed on the player’s registration shall automatically be admitted as a Member. Volunteer Members – Any volunteer of the Club, including Coaches, Managers, Committee Members, Ground Controllers or appointed helpers, shall become a Member upon acceptance of their volunteer role and inclusion in the Register of Members. Life Members – As approved at an Annual General Meeting. Other Applicants – Any person not included in the above categories may apply for Membership under Rule 3 and may be approved by the Committee.	Clarifies and modernises membership pathways
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 2 - MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	

Rule 3	NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP	<p>A nomination of a person for membership shall be made in writing by a Member and approved by the Committee. (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 of an appropriate nomination form.</p> <p>(a) 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 to reject the nomination.</p> <p>(3) Where the Committee determines to approve a nomination for membership, the Secretary shall, as soon as possible after the 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 being so entered, the nominee becomes a Member of the Club.</p>	<p>Automatic membership applies to players, parents/guardians and volunteers. A person may apply for Membership of the Club as follows:</p> <p>a) Automatic Membership Exemptions</p> <p>(i) The nomination process in this Rule does not apply to any person included in Membership categories 2(a)–2(d).</p> <p>(ii) These Members are admitted automatically and must be entered into the Register of Members by the Secretary.</p> <p>b) Nominations for Other Applicants</p> <p>(i) Any person falling under category 2(e) must be nominated for Membership in writing by a current Member of the Club.</p> <p>(ii) The nomination must be lodged with the Secretary.</p> <p>c) Committee Approval</p> <p>(i) The Secretary must refer all nominations under 3(b) to the Committee for consideration.</p> <p>(ii) The Committee may approve or reject a nomination at its discretion.</p> <p>d) Admission as a Member</p> <p>(i) Upon approval, the Secretary shall notify the applicant and request payment of any Membership fee (if applicable).</p> <p>(ii) Upon payment of any required fee, the applicant's name must be entered into the Register of Members.</p> <p>(iii) Once entered into the Register, the person becomes a Member of the Club.</p> <p>Other applicants must be nominated in writing, referred to the Committee, approved or rejected, and entered into the Register upon payment of any applicable fee.</p>	Aligns nomination process with automatic membership categories
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 3 - NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	
Rule 4	MEMBERSHIP REGISTER	<p>REGISTER OF MEMBERS:</p> <p>7. (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 principal place of administration of the Club and shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any Member of the Club at any reasonable hour.</p>	<p>REGISTER OF MEMBERS:</p> <p>4. The Club will collect, store, and use personal information in accordance with applicable privacy laws and Football NSW requirements, and will implement reasonable safeguards to protect that information.</p>	Introduces privacy and data protection obligations
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 4 - MEMBERSHIP REGISTER		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	
Rule 8	FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC	<p>A Member shall pay the appropriate fees as determined by the Committee.</p>	<p>A Member of the Club shall, upon admission to membership, pay the appropriate Club registration fees or, where some other amount is determined by the Committee, before round 1 of that season by paid in full or by payment arrangement as agreed with the Club Executive Committee.</p>	Clarifies timing and method of payment including potential hardship cases
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 8 - FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	

Rule 10	DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS	<p>10. (1) Where the Committee is of the opinion that a Member of the Club –</p> <p>(a) Has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these Rules; or</p> <p>(b) Has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the Club</p> <p>The Committee may, by Resolution –</p> <p>(c) Expel the Member from the Club; or</p> <p>(d) Suspend the Member from membership of the Club for a specified period.</p> <p>(2) A Resolution of the Committee under Clause (1) is of no effect unless the Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service on the Member of a notice under Clause (3), confirms the Resolution in accordance with the Rule.</p> <p>(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 –</p> <p>(a) Setting out the Resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based.</p> <p>(b) Stating that the Member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;</p> <p>(c) Stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and</p> <p>(d) Informing the Member that the Member may do either or both of the following: -</p> <p>(i) Attend and speak at the meeting;</p>	<p>a) Persistently failed to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, or policies; or</p> <p>b) Acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests or reputation of the Club.</p> <p>i. Initial Process:</p> <p>a. Secretary acknowledges complaint and may seek informal resolution or mediation.</p> <p>b. If unresolved, refer to a Disciplinary Subcommittee (minimum three non-conflicted Committee Members).</p> <p>ii. Hearing:</p> <p>a. Member receives written notice at least 14 days prior, outlining alleged conduct and hearing details.</p> <p>b. Member may attend, speak, and/or submit written representations.</p> <p>c. Natural justice principles to be observed.</p> <p>iii. Determination: Subcommittee may:</p> <p>a. Dismiss the complaint;</p> <p>b. Issue a warning;</p> <p>c. Suspend; or</p> <p>d. Recommend expulsion (to be confirmed by Committee or General Meeting).</p> <p>iv. Notification: Secretary to notify outcome in writing within 7 days, including appeal rights.</p> <p>v. Effect of Decision: Decision does not take effect until appeal period expires or appeal resolved.</p> <p>vi. External Referral: Matters may be referred to SSFA, Football NSW, or another</p>	<p>Introduces natural justice, written notice and process steps. Required under Act.</p>
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Rule 11	RIGHT OF APPEAL OF DISCIPLINED MEMBER	<p>11. (1) A Member may appeal to the Club in general meeting against a Resolution of the Committee which is confirmed under Rule 19 (4), within 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) Upon receipt of a notice from a Member under Clause (1), the Secretary shall notify the Committee which shall convene a general meeting of the Club to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.</p> <p>(3) 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</p> <p>(b) The Committee and the Member shall be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both; and</p> <p>(c) The Members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the Resolution should be confirmed or revoked.</p> <p>(4) If at the general meeting, the Club passes a Special Resolution in favour of the confirmation of the Resolution, the Resolution is confirmed.</p>	<p>decision. The appeal must be lodged in writing with the Secretary within 7 days of receiving written notice of the outcome.</p> <p>a) Appeals Process:</p> <p>(i) Upon receipt of an appeal, the Secretary shall inform the Committee and refer the matter to an independent Appeals Panel consisting of three non-conflicted persons appointed by the Committee.</p> <p>(ii) Where appropriate, the appeal may instead be referred to the SSFA or Football NSW tribunal for independent determination.</p> <p>(iii) The Appeals Panel must ensure natural justice is observed at all times.</p> <p>b) Conduct of Appeal:</p> <p>(i) The Member shall be given at least 14 days' notice of the appeal hearing, including details of the time, date, and venue.</p> <p>(ii) Both the Member and the Disciplinary Subcommittee (or Committee representative) may present their cases orally, in writing, or both.</p> <p>(iii) The Appeals Panel shall consider all evidence and submissions before making a determination.</p> <p>c) Determination: After reviewing the appeal, the Appeals Panel may:</p> <p>(i) Confirm the original decision;</p> <p>(ii) Vary the penalty imposed; or</p> <p>d) Revoke the decision and any associated disciplinary action.</p> <p>e) Notification and Finality:</p> <p>(i) The decision of the Appeals Panel (or SSFA/FNSW tribunal, if referred) shall be final and binding on all parties.</p>	<p>New independent appeals panel. 14 days notice introduction, Transparency, compliance with modern governance</p>
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 11 - DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	

Rule 13	CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP	<p>13. (1) Subject in the case of the first Members of the Committee to section 21 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of –</p> <p>(a) the 5 Office-Bearers of the Club; and</p> <p>(b) the 24 Ordinary Committee Members, Each of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, pursuant to Rule 14.</p> <p>(2) (a) the Office-Bearers of the Club shall be the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President 2. Vice-President (Administration) 3. Vice-President (Football) 4. Secretary 5. Treasurer 6. Registrar <p>(b)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief Coach 2. Chief Manager 3. Social Secretary 4. Development Officer 5. Child Protection Officer 6. Grading Chairman 7. Chief Ground Controller 8. Website Administrator 9. Equipment Officer 10. Uniforms Officer 11. Newsletter Editor 12. Marketing Officer 	<p>13.(1)Subject in the case of the first Members of the Committee to section 21 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of –</p> <p>(a)the 5 Office-Bearers of the Club; and</p> <p>(b)the remaining Ordinary Committee Members, Each of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, pursuant to Rule 14.</p> <p>(2)(a) the Office-Bearers of the Club shall be the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.President 2.Vice-President (Administration) 3.Vice-President (Football) 4.Secretary 5.Treasurer <p>(b) Ordinary Committee Members: portfolio roles as determined by the Committee (e.g., Registrar; Sponsorship & Marketing; Equipment & Facilities; Member Welfare/Child Protection; Community & Events).</p> <p>The Committee may by resolution create, amend, or retire portfolio roles from time to time.</p> <p>(3)Each Member of the Committee shall, Subject to these Rules, hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting following the date of the Member’s election, but is eligible for re-election.</p> <p>(4)In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the Membership of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a Member of the Club to fill the vacancy, and the Member so appointed shall hold office, Subject to these Rules, until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following the date of the appointment.</p>	Removes the number of "24" from the Committee Members to "remaining" to allow flexibility on numbers available. Allows the Committee to be flexible in the allocation of portfolio roles as determined by the Committee.
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 13 - CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	
Rule 17	TREASURER	<p>17. It is the duty of the Treasurer of the Club to ensure that -</p> <p>(a) All money due to the Club is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the Club are made; and</p> <p>(b) Correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Club, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Club.</p>	<p>17.It is the duty of the Treasurer of the Club to ensure that -</p> <p>(a)All money due to the Club is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the Club are made; and</p> <p>(b)Correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Club, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Club.</p> <p>(c)Monthly and quarterly reporting</p>	Now includes monthly and quarterly reporting
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 17 - TREASURER		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	

Rule 20	GRIEVANCE/DISCIPLINE & REMOVAL OF MEMBER	<p>REMOVAL OF MEMBER:</p> <p>20. (1) The Club, in a general meeting, may by Resolution remove any Member of the Committee from the office of Member before the expiration of the Member's term of office, and may by Resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the Member so removed.</p> <p>(2) Where a Member of the Committee to whom a proposed Resolution referred to in Clause (1) related makes representations in writing to the Secretary or President (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the Members of the Club, the Secretary or the President may send a copy of the representations to each Member of the Club or, if they are not so sent, the Member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the Resolution is considered.</p>	<p>20.(1) A written complaint received;</p> <p>(a) Secretary to seek informal resolution/mediation;</p> <p>(b) If unresolved, Disciplinary Subcommittee (≥3 non-conflicted members) to hear, natural justice observed;</p> <p>(c) Outcomes: dismiss, warn, suspend, recommend expulsion (expulsion by AGM/SGM);</p> <p>(d) Appeal to independent Appeals Panel or SSFA/FNSW tribunal.</p> <p>(2) The Club, in a general meeting, may by Resolution remove any Member of the Committee from the office of Member before the expiration of the Member's term of office, and may by Resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the Member so removed.</p> <p>(3) Where a Member of the Committee to whom a proposed Resolution referred to in Clause (1) related makes representations in writing to the Secretary or President (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the Members of the Club, the Secretary or the President may send a copy of the representations to each Member of the Club or, if they are not so sent, the Member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the Resolution is considered.</p>	inclusion of complaint handling process. Modern Grievance process. Aligns with FNSW codes
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 20 - GRIEVANCE/DISCIPLINE & REMOVAL OF MEMBER		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	
Rule 22	MEETINGS AND QUORUM	<p>(5) Any 7 Members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>(6) No business shall be transacted by the Committee unless a quorum is present, and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting stands adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.</p>	<p>(5) Any 4 Members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>(6) No business shall be transacted by the Committee unless a quorum is present, and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting stands adjourned and scheduled as determined by the Office Bearers.</p>	Reduced number for quorum and also flexibility on rescheduling meetings
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 22 - MEETINGS AND QUORUM		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	
Rule 37	FUNDS – MANAGEMENT	<p>37. (1) Subject to any Resolution passed by the Club in general meeting, the funds of the Club shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the Club in such manner as the Committee determines.</p> <p>(2) All cheques, draft, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two Office-Bearers of the Club.</p>	<p>FUNDS & PROCUREMENT:</p> <p>37.(a) Payments authorised by any two of President, Secretary, Treasurer or another Executive Officer.</p> <p>(b) Purchases > \$3,000 require ≥2 written quotes (minuted);</p> <p>(c) Related-party contracts require disclosure and approval by non-conflicted majority;</p>	Deletion of Funds Management Rule and replaced with Funds and Procurement Rule
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 37 - FUNDS – MANAGEMENT		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	

Rule 45	CONFLICT OF INTEREST	New Rule	<p>45.(a) Members with a direct/indirect interest must declare as soon as aware, have it minuted, and abstain from deliberation and voting;</p> <p>(b) Maintain a Register of Interests available to members;</p> <p>(c) No Committee Member/Officer or relatives may derive financial benefit except reimbursement of approved expenses or bona fide remuneration approved by non-conflicted members.</p> <p>(d) The Conflict of Interest Register must be tabled and reviewed at least quarterly at Committee meetings, and a summary of all declared interests must be presented to members at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(e) As per conflict of interest policy</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST:</p> <p>45.(a) Members with a direct/indirect interest must declare as soon as aware, have it minuted, and abstain from deliberation and voting;</p> <p>(b) Maintain a Register of Interests available to members;</p> <p>(c) No Committee Member/Officer or relatives may derive financial benefit except reimbursement of approved expenses or bona fide remuneration approved by non-conflicted members.</p> <p>(d) The Conflict of Interest Register must be tabled and reviewed at least quarterly at Committee meetings, and a summary of all declared interests must be presented to members at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(e) As per conflict of interest policy</p>	Good Governance practices
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 45 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	
Rule 46	FACILITIES & FIELD HIRE	New Rule	<p>46.(a) All facility hire must be under written contract;</p> <p>(b) Agreements reviewed/approved by Committee, minuted and retained;</p> <p>(c) Payments only from the Club's bank account;</p> <p>(d) Treasurer and Governance & Finance Subcommittee review quarterly and report.</p>	Good Governance practices
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 46 - FACILITIES & FIELD HIRE		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	
Rule 47	SUBLEASING & COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES	New Rule	<p>47.(a) All facility hire must be under written contract;</p> <p>(b) Agreements reviewed/approved by Committee, minuted and retained;</p> <p>(c) Payments only from the Club's bank account;</p> <p>(d) Treasurer and Governance & Finance Subcommittee review quarterly and report.</p>	Good Governance practices
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 47 - SUBLEASING & COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	
Rule 48	TECHNOLOGY IN MEETINGS	New Rule	<p>48.(a) Meetings may be held in person, by telephone, or by electronic means provided all can hear and be heard;</p> <p>(b) Notices, nominations, and ballots may be distributed and returned electronically.</p>	Technology advancement process to be adopted
Motion: Accept changes made to Rule 48 - TECHNOLOGY IN MEETINGS		ACCEPTED/REJECTED:	OUTCOME NOTES:	