



## **POLICY TO RE-INSTATE UN-FINANCIAL MEMBERS AFTER A PROLONGED PERIOD**

### **BACKGROUND:**

Previously it has been the committee's policy to remove un-financial members from the Membership Register after 3 years of unpaid subscription fees and after written notification.

Requests from such members are frequently received, enquiring as to how they might re-instate their memberships after a prolonged period of time. The loss of their financial status is often due to financial hardship during early adulthood or extended absences overseas.

Such "lost" members are a valuable resource to the club both historically and financially.

Under the constitution, it may be possible to re-instate un-financial members (who have been removed from the membership register) without them having to meet the membership criteria.

*Clause 12 (b) The following persons are not required to fulfil the Residential Condition:*

- (1) a Member who fulfilled the Residential Condition at the time of gaining membership of the Association but whose usual place of residence has subsequently altered; and*

*Clause 16 The annual subscription and/or levies and/or debenture payment shall be due and payable to the Treasurer by every Member and shall be due and payable within one (1) month of issue of the account or applicable request. Accounts may be delivered either in writing or by electronic means (email) where an email address has been provided to us. A Member shall be deemed to be unfinancial when his or her annual subscription and/or levies for that year and/or debenture payment is unpaid two (2) months after issue of the account or application request. The Committee shall have the power to remove from the list of membership the name of any unfinancial Member at the expiration of two (2) weeks after such Member has been advised in writing by the Secretary of the Committee's intention to take such action.*

Committee has the power to, but is not obliged to, remove un-financial members from the list of membership.

Given such, if the committee were to decide to re-instate to the register previously removed members to an un-financial status upon request, then a policy of financial remittance might enable "lost" members to return to the club. Those members who have been removed from the register for disciplinary reasons would not be eligible for this consideration.

### **Financial Remittance for re-instatement:**

Un-financial members who have been removed from the Membership Register would be eligible to become financial members again if;



- They pay the value of all outstanding annual subscription fees or the equivalent of the Adult Joining fee, at the time of application, whichever is the lesser at the time of application.
- Committee decides to re-instate an un-financial member who have been removed from the register to an un-financial member status on the register.
- These members will not be required to meet the residential condition for membership application (clause 12 (l) of the constitution).

**A new Policy regarding un-financial Members:**

Those members who lapse into Un-financial status should remain on the membership register but be made inactive on the web-site to prevent them using club facilities until they become active and fully subscribed.

All members who resign their membership, having been made aware of this new policy, or are removed for disciplinary reasons shall be removed from the Membership Register.