

Membership

Bylaw 002

1 Introduction

This bylaw is written to amplify the requirements for membership given in the Rules of Association. If there is conflict between this bylaw and the Rules of Association, the Rules of Association shall apply.

2 Classes and Types of Membership

The classes of membership defined in the Rules of Association are Ordinary Member, Life Member and Junior Member. Privileges of these classes of membership are defined in the Rules of Association.

From the point of view of fee structure, the following types of membership are defined.

2.1 Single Membership

Single Membership is open to one person only. Single members over 18 years of age are Ordinary members of the club.

2.2 Family Membership

Family membership is open to a group of two to four people comprising 2 spouses or partners and 2 dependent children, who are living together. All members of the family group are Ordinary members of the club, except for those under the age of 18 years of age, who are Junior members with no voting rights.

2.3 Student Membership

Student membership is open to individuals engaged in full time study. Student members are Ordinary members of the club, except those under 18 years of age are Junior members with no voting rights.

2.4 Life Membership

Life membership is for a member who have rendered special service to the club, as is defined in the Rules of Association. Privileges of membership apply to only the Life Member. Life Member's family may join the club as Single or Family members.

3 Membership Fees

Fees are payable for each calendar year from 1st January to 31st December in accordance with the table below. Members can only renew membership for a whole calendar year. New members joining after 31st July are eligible to pay the reduced fees shown in the table below. Members that have paid membership on any one year must pay their membership fees for the new year in full not later than three ordinary club meetings after the annual general meeting. Note that members joining in December are not considered financial, and need to pay the annual subscription before the AGM to have voting rights.

Membership Type	Annual Fee	Feb to July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Student/Junior	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	Free
Single	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$19.00	\$14.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	Free
Family	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$29.00	\$22.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	Free
Life	Nil	Not Applicable					

Membership fees may be varied by a motion carried at the Annual General Meeting. Failure to pay due fees by 1st April in a will lead to commencement of disciplinary proceedings in accordance with Clause 31 of the Rules of Association, unless the member resigns in writing as detailed in Clause 12 of the Rules of Association.

4 Privileges of Membership

Club members are entitled to:

- Enter club competitions and exhibitions
- Submit images for appraisal at club judging evenings
- Participate in workshops, outings and other functions the club organises
- Represent the club at Interclub competition
- Participate in WAPF competitions, events and functions as a member of a WAPF Affiliated Club
- Have access to Members only pages of the Club's web site.

5 Responsibilities of Members

Participate in club activities with respect to all other members' rights. Maintenance of a friendly group is essential to our club.

6 Membership Applications

Membership applications are preferred to be through the club's internet web site MandurahPhotographyClub.org, although those on a paper membership application form are also considered.

In the case of an application received by the internet, the application is considered signed and the member nominating the interim application is either the club secretary or president. The Secretary shall table membership applications for formal approval at the next committee meeting.

6.1 Access to the club web site

Access to the club's web site will be approved by the web master or Treasurer, when payment of the club fees is confirmed. The applicant's status on the site will be changed to "Active".

6.2 Interim Membership

Once the applicant has paid the subscription due, they shall be eligible to participate in club activities. They will be granted ability to log into the club's web site and become a member of the club's Facebook closed group.

7 Induction and Welcoming New Members

Once all the items under clause 6 have been complied with the Secretary will forward a welcome pack to the new member.

8 Guest participation

The club does not function without the assistance of guest judges and expert photographers to facilitate workshops, who shall be shown every courtesy.

Guests considering joining our club are welcome at 2 monthly image judging evenings before making application for membership.

They may also attend workshops or Club functions by invitation.

Other guests, particularly members' family are permitted to attend certain nominated club functions.

9 Ceasing Membership

Membership and the associated privileges will cease in accordance with the Club's Rules of Association.

10 Membership Records

The secretary shall maintain the list of members along with contact details in terms of the Club's Rules of Association.

11 Communication to Members

All communication with individual members shall be by the President, Secretary or Vice President.

Approved by the Committee of Management 16 January 2023