



Skate SA Membership Category Policy

(Implemented in conjunction with Skate Australia By-Law No. 3)

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PREFACE

The purpose of this By Law is to provide guidelines to the relationship between membership levels offered by an affiliated Clubs/leagues and participation in Skate Australia (SA) /Skate SA competitions and programs.

This By-Law confirms that all members of Affiliated Clubs/Leagues must be registered members of Skate SA as per Rules of the Association.

The Skate SA Board believes that providing a mechanism for the Clubs/Leagues to provide different levels of membership to suit local conditions, in relation to cost and level of participation, increases the opportunity for them to attract more members and for all participants to access the benefits of membership as well as allowing them to participate at differing levels to suit their skills.

1.0 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIPS (as per Rule 5.2 of the Rules of the Association)

- 1.1 Revolutionise is the chosen online membership portal adopted by Skate SA to collect and process individual memberships in a simple and secure online registration portal.
- 1.2 Applications for memberships shall be completed by individuals using the online Revolutionise platform prior to commencement of any participation within their Club/State.
- 1.3 Individual members may join a club for each discipline in which they participate.
- 1.4 All participating officials and coaches must be registered members of Skate SA
- 1.5 All Executives and Committee members of Skate SA, its Branches and affiliated Clubs/Leagues must be registered members of Skate SA
- 1.6 All registered members and affiliated clubs will pay a set fee to Skate SA. Failure to do so, may result in withdrawal of and/or acceptance of, individual memberships.
- 1.7 All other applications for membership must be submitted to the State Office for approval and processing. Fees must be paid on registration.
- 1.8 Each affiliated Club/League will forward a list and description of all membership categories, including permitted level of participation within each sub category to Skate SA via the State Office
- 1.9 Skate Australia/Skate SA will provide insurance cover for all financial members participating in a 'Sanctioned Event' as outlined in the insurance schedule of cover.
- 1.10 All memberships are valid January 1st- December 31st of each calendar year
- 1.11 Club secretaries and/or registrars must ensure that all memberships are properly completed and paid before approving individual participation. Membership status can be confirmed by accessing the Club portal via Revolutionise or contacting the State Office.
- 1.12 Club/League Affiliation must be submitted to the State Office on the correct form with proof of payment. On initial application of membership; each Club/League must provide the following:
 - Certificate of Incorporation
 - Copy of its Constitution
 - Copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and/or Inaugural meeting.
 - First financial statement.

- 1.13 The Constitution of each Club /League must be in accordance with the Constitution of Skate SA. If a Club has changed its constitution within the last twelve (12) months, a copy of the amended Constitution must be forwarded to the State Office with the renewal application

2.0 CLUB AFFILIATION and TRANSFER OF CLUB AFFILIATION

- 2.1 Individual members may affiliate with one or more clubs
- 2.2 Individual members may only represent one club, per skating discipline or sub-discipline of the artistic branch, in competition in any competitive year.
- 2.3 A request for a release from a Club, must be made in writing to the Club/League secretary.
- 2.4 Individual Members may transfer their competitive affiliation of a Member Club/League only by providing the State Office with a release, in writing from the originating Member Club.
- 2.5 A club secretary is obliged to supply the Individual Member a notice of release, in writing, within seven (7) days of receipt of the request, unless he/she sets out in writing specific obligations that the Individual Member must fulfil to the Member Club. If the Individual Member does not agree with those obligations, he/she may appeal to the State Executive Board, via the State Office
- 2.6 An Affiliated/Member Club who has objections to the release of an Individual Member as per clause 2.4 must provide those reasons to the State Office at the same time as the Individual Member is supplied with this material.
- 2.8 If the Affiliated/Member Club does not provide a release within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a request for release the release shall be deemed to have been ratified.
- 2.9 If a member is expelled or otherwise released from an Affiliate/ Member Club against their wishes, he/she becomes eligible to apply for transfer of affiliation to another Affiliate/Member Club by giving the new club his/her letter of release and details of Skate SA membership category.
- 2.10 The new Affiliated/Member Club must forward the release to the State Office together with an application for transfer of membership and the appropriate transfer fee.

3.0 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS (As per Rule 5.1 of The Rules of the Association)

3.0 Life Members

- Life Membership shall be the highest honour that the Association can bestow on its members in recognition of exceptional service to the Association over an extended period;
- Privileges of Skate SA Life Membership shall include:
 - No Skate SA component of the annual fee.
(Member only pays the Skate Australia capitation component of the annual fee. The State Branch pays for the Skate SA component of the annual fee.)
 - Free admission to all sanctioned competitions and events (not free participation fees)
 - Invitations to all functions held by the Association
 - Notice of any general meeting of the Association
 - All other privileges available to other individual members

3.1 Affiliate Members (Clubs as per above 1.12 and 1.13 'Application for Membership')

- 3.1.1** An Affiliated / Member Club is an incorporated body comprising registered members of Skate SA, who are united by a common interest in skate sports and who meet periodically for cooperation in promotion and development of one or more skate sport disciplines.
- 3.1.2** Each Affiliated/ Member Club must have constituent documents which clearly reflect and conform with Skate SA's Constitution, Regulations and Policies.
- 3.1.3** Each Affiliated/ Member Club must have a written constitution and be incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act in South Australia.
- 3.1.4** Each Affiliated/ Member Club must be a financial member of Skate SA and ensure that all club members are financial members of Skate SA
- 3.1.5** The elected officers of an Affiliated/Member Club shall be held strictly to account for the actions of that member club and shall perform no act which shall be detrimental to either the Association or any skate sports.
- 3.1.6** Each Affiliated/ Member Club must provide a club representative to sit and vote on their respective Branch (discipline) State Sub Committee
- 3.1.7** Each Affiliated/ Member Club has the right to receive notice of Annual General Meetings and to be present, debate and vote at Annual General Meetings if:
- traditional Clubs/Leagues have a minimum of twenty (20) registered members, including at least eight (8) competitive members
 - roller derby leagues have a minimum of twenty (20) registered members, including at least eight (8) competitive members or fifteen (15) freshmeat members, or a mixture of
 - participation clubs have a minimum of five (5) adult committee members & twenty (20) recreational /development members
- 3.1.8** Each Affiliated/ Member Club must complete the necessary compliance and sanction documents for all their competitions and events.

3.2 Individual Members

- 3.2.1** Competitive
- All members that skate in competition.
 - Skaters who wish to compete anywhere, at any level, including Coaches, Referees, Officials on skates (who require the highest insurance package) - at Club/League level, Interclub, State, Interstate & International events/seasons
- 3.2.2** Non-Competitive
- Skaters who are not competing including Coaches, Referees, Officials, on skates, at club level only.
 - Artistic Only -Skaters may participate in the bronze bar proficiency test program.
 - Roller Derby Only -Skaters (Freshmeat) that are at a freshmeat/learn to skate/beginner level and/or have not yet reached the ability to participate in contact scrimmages or bouts
 - Roller Derby Only - All skating officials/referees
- 3.2.3** Participation

- Skaters who wish to participate in development programs & other Recreational/Promotional Events that have been sanctioned by SkateSA &/or are members of a 'Participation' Club
- They are **not** eligible to participate in formal competition pathways and/or competition within their own club and proficiency test programs.

3.2.4 Associate

- This membership category is for non-skating participants
- All members that participate *off* skates as Volunteers, Judges, Roller Derby Non Skating Officials (NSO's) &/or Committee Members.
- Associate members are not covered by insurance for skating activities

3.2.5 Unattached

- This membership must be applied for through the State Office
- For participants who are not members of an affiliated club

3.3 Other Categories

3.3.1 Late Membership

- Competitive/Non Competitive Membership only for the months of October, November, December or Nov, Dec

3.3.2 Roller Derby Single Event Member

- This membership category is for Non-Member Roller Derby Skaters for the duration of one 'sanctioned' event only

4.0 RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

4.1 Only Affiliated Clubs (as per 3.1.7) are entitled to vote at any general council meeting (AGM) of the Association. Life members are entitled to receive notice of any general meeting (AGM) of the Association

4.2 An Affiliated/ Member Club will be represented at any general meeting of a Skate SA branch, by a representative duly appointed by the Club

4.3 Movement between membership levels will be at the discretion of Skate SA

4.4 All registered members of Skate SA may hold office in the Association provided they have reached the age of majority and meet all criteria for the position.

4.5 Affiliated / Member Clubs may:

- Stage club competitions, tournaments and trainings subject to approved 'Sanctions' by the State Office
- Organise inter-club competitions and tournaments and open competitions subject to approved 'Sanctions' by the State Office &/or Branch endorsement
- Nominate individuals and/or teams to represent the club in 'sanctioned' inter-club competitions and tournaments, and open competitions, and State championships, in accordance with the rules set out by the organisers
- Organise 'sanctioned' proficiency test centres in accordance with the rules of the branch committees
- Permit individual Member Clubs to participate in 'sanctioned' test centres arranged by other clubs, State Branch committees or National Branch Committees
- Arrange 'Sanctioned' 'shows and exhibitions
- Enter into any 'sanctioned' activities which promote skate sports

- Nominate individuals and/or teams to represent the club in overseas events in accordance with the procedure set out in Skate Australia By- Law 17, International competition nomination, travel and accommodation
- SkateSA competitions are defined as any competition requiring sanction from the State Branch Chairman or the State Office.