

WESTERN SPORTS MEDIA MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership of the Association shall be open to all interested persons and organisations.
- (b) All members shall be required to pay an annual membership fee which shall be determined from time to time by the Board.
- (c) Application for membership shall be in such form as is prescribed from time to time by the Board.
- (d)
 - (i) Any member organisation shall be entitled to appoint its own spokesperson, being an officer of such member organisation or some other natural person specifically appointed for the purpose, to represent the interests of the member organisation within the Association from time to time (“nominee”)
 - (ii) Any individual member or nominee shall be eligible to nominate and stand for election to any official position within the association and be eligible to vote at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings three (3) months after such individual or organisation has been accepted as a member.
- (e) The Board shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name and the date of acceptance of every member.
- (f) An application for membership of the association shall be:
 - (i) Made by the applicant in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to these rules

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- (ii) Lodged with the Secretary of the Association.

- (g) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the Secretary shall refer the application to the Board of Management which shall determine whether to approve or reject the application. An application may only be rejected if:
 - (i) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would not abide by the rules and objectives of the association; or
 - (ii) required by law; or
 - (iii) the applicant has been convicted of an indictable offence; or
 - (iv) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would not abide by the Community Broadcasting Code of Practice; or
 - (v) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant would pose a security risk to the members or premises of the association.

- (h) Where the Board of Management resolves:
 - (i) To approve an application for membership, Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after that resolution, notify the applicant of that approval and request the applicant to pay within the period of 28 days after receipt by the applicant of the notification the sum payable under these rules by a member as membership fee.
 - (ii) To reject an application for membership, the applicant shall have the right of reply and appeal under Rule 2. Where the applicant exercises the right of reply the resolution of the Board of Management is of no effect unless the Board of Management, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the service on the applicant of a notice under Rule 3 (a) confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.

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2. RIGHT OF REPLY OF REJECTED APPLICANT OR DISCIPLINED MEMBER

(a) Where the Board of Directors passes a resolution under Rule 1 (g) or

Rule 3 (a), the Secretary shall as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the applicant or member subject of the resolution :

(i) setting out the resolution of the Board of Directors and the grounds on which it is based.

(ii) stating that the applicant or member subject of the resolution may address the Board of Management at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the service of notice;

(iii) stating the date, place and time of that meeting, and

(iv) informing the applicant or member subject of the resolution that he may do either or both of the following :-

1. attend and speak at the meeting

2. submit to the Board of Management at or prior to the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution.

3. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

(a) If any Member shall wilfully refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of the By-laws, Rules or Regulations of the Association or shall be guilty of any conduct which, in the opinion of the Board, is unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the interest of the Association, the Board may by resolution of an absolute majority of the Board, expel such member from the Association and remove that person's name from the register of members. Provided that

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the Member shall be given at least two (2) weeks before such meeting, notice advising the time and place of such meeting, the purpose of the meeting and that the person is entitled to attend such meeting, and will be given the opportunity thereat to be heard.

- (b) A person who from any cause whatsoever, ceases to be a member of the Association shall not have any claim monetary or otherwise, upon the Association, its funds or property.

