



Policy Title:	Hervey Bay City Bridge Club Membership Policy
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1. Purpose —

This policy expands on the categories identified in the *Classes of members* section of the HBCBC Constitution, including the privileges and eligibility for classes of membership.

2. Scope —

This policy applies to all current and prospective members of the HBCBC and supports the membership provisions in the section *New Members* of the Constitution.

3. Policy Statement —

The Hervey Bay City Bridge Club recognises a range of membership classes to support fair access, clear governance, and the effective operation of the Club. Members are entitled to the rights and privileges associated with their class of membership and are expected to meet the responsibilities and standards set out in this policy.

4. Membership Classes —

The Club consists of ordinary or Home Club members and the following additional classes of membership.

4.1. Home Club Member

- A person whose application has been accepted by the Management Committee after payment of prescribed fees.
- A person who nominates HBCBC as their Home Club for QBA and ABF masterpoints.
- Is entitled to all privileges and responsibilities of the Club, including:
 - holding a Management Committee position
 - holding a support role
 - nominating or seconding membership applications
 - submitting motions and voting at the AGM
 - playing in Club Championships, Club GNOT playoffs and Red Point Days
- The number of Home Club Members is unlimited.
- Must comply with Wide Bay Zone regulations.

4.2. Multi-club Member

- A person who has a different Home Club registered with the ABF but wishes to play regularly at HBCBC.
- Must apply through normal membership processes and be accepted by the Management Committee.
- Members who change from Home Club Membership to Multi-club membership must resubmit an application to change their status.
- Pays a reduced membership fee in recognition of existing QBA/ABF levies and pays the same table fees as Home Club Members.
- Must be a financial member of another Home Club and not under suspension or expulsion from any club, the QBA, or the ABF.
- The number of Multi-club Members is unlimited.
- Entitled to all privileges and responsibilities of the Club, including:
 - holding a Management Committee position
 - holding a support role
 - nominating or seconding membership applications
 - submitting motions and voting at the AGM
 - playing in Club Championships, Club GNOT playoffs and Red Point Days

4.3. Temporary Member

- A person applying to join the Club on a temporary basis.
- Not normally resident in the Fraser Coast local government region and admitted for up to four months, extendable at the Management Committee's discretion.
- Must be a financial member of an ABF-affiliated club and not under suspension or expulsion from any club, the QBA, or the ABF.
- Entitled to the privileges and responsibilities of Home Club Members except they **may not**:
 - hold office
 - nominate or second members for office or membership
 - take part or vote at Club meetings
 - compete in Club Championships, Club GNOT playoffs, Red Point Days or Wide Bay Zone events
- The number of Temporary Members is unlimited.

4.4. Youth Member

- A person under 26 years of age as of 1 January each year with rights and privileges conferred by ABF membership.
- Youth players are not required to join HBCBC until age 26 but may choose to join earlier.
- Must apply through normal membership processes and be accepted by the Management Committee.
- Pays reduced membership and table fees in recognition of existing QBA/ABF levies.
- A Youth Member over 18 years of age is entitled to:
 - hold a Management Committee position
 - hold a support role
 - nominate or second membership applications

- submit motions and vote at the AGM
 - play in Club Championships, Club GNOT playoffs, Red Point Days and Wide Bay Zone events
- The number of Youth Members is unlimited.
- Youth Members under 18 may not vote or hold office in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld).

4.5 Life Member

- A *Home Club Member* elected by ordinary resolution at an AGM in recognition of outstanding service for at least 10 continuous years.
- Retains all *Home Club Member* privileges and responsibilities but is exempt from annual fees and levies.
- Entitled to all privileges and responsibilities of the Club, including:
 - holding a Management Committee position
 - holding a support role
 - nominating or seconding membership applications
 - submitting motions and voting at the AGM
 - playing in Club Championships, Club GNOT playoffs and Red Point Days
- Electing a Life Member:
 - Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Management Committee at least eight weeks before the AGM.
 - The nominee must be proposed and seconded by two financial members, with signatures included.
 - A brief profile outlining grounds for nomination must accompany the submission.
 - The Management Committee confirms eligibility and refers the nomination to the AGM if requirements are met.
 - The Secretary notifies the proposer of acceptance or rejection.
 - A full testimonial is prepared for presentation at the AGM.
 - Election is by secret ballot, requiring a majority vote.

4.6 Honorary Member

- A non-playing person elected at an AGM in recognition of service, benefit, or esteem rendered to the Club.
- Election is for one year and may be renewed, during this period the person is exempt from fees and levies.
- Honorary Members **may not**:
 - hold office
 - nominate or second members
 - vote or participate in meetings
- Electing an Honorary Member:
 - Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Management Committee at least eight weeks before the AGM.
 - The nominee must be proposed and seconded by two financial members, with signatures included.
 - A brief profile outlining grounds for nomination must accompany the submission.

- The Management Committee confirms eligibility and refers the nomination to the AGM if requirements are met.
- The Secretary notifies the proposer of acceptance or rejection.
- A full testimonial is prepared for presentation at the AGM.
- Election is by secret ballot, requiring a majority vote.

4.7 Visitors

- Residents within the region may attend as visitors for up to 15 sessions or 3 months, after which they must join the Club.
- Non-residents may become Multi-club Members, Temporary Members, or pay sessional Visitor table fees.

5. Roles and Responsibilities —

The HBCBC Management Committee are responsible for ensuring that all membership requirements are met.

6. Review Cycle —

This policy should be reviewed every five years or when there are changes to the Constitution.
