



SKATE
AUSTRALIA

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

BYLAW 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 'appointing agency' and participation in Skate Australia (SA) competitions and programs.

This By-Law confirms that all members of Appointing Agencies must be registered members of SA.

"Appointing Agency" means a State Association affiliated to Skate Australia or a State Office of Skate Australia in those States where an affiliated State Association does not exist.

States administered by Skate Australia under a unitary model:

Skate Australia Victoria (SAV)
Skate Australia Tasmania (SAT)
Skate Australia ACT (SAACT)
Skate Australia Northern Territory (SANT)

Affiliated State Associations;

Skate Queensland (SQ)
Skate Western Australia (SWA)
Skate South Australia (SSA)
Skate New South Wales (SNSW)

The SA Board believes that providing a mechanism for the States to provide different levels of membership to suit local conditions, in relation to cost and level of participation, increases the opportunity for the States 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.

	<i>Active in Competition</i> (COMPETITIVE)	<i>Members who have access to the full range of programs and services offered by the organisation, affiliated club or association, as a participant, coach or official. Appointing agencies may create sub categories at their discretion commensurate with the level of competition and athlete ability</i>
2	Program Participants (DEVELOPMENT)	<i>Members have access to learn to skate and development programmes, bronze bar artistic proficiency tests, and competition within their own club. This is the minimum level of membership for coaching activities.</i>
3	Event Participants (RECREATIONAL)	<i>Participants who pay a fee per event to participate in the activity. Participants who participate in any recreational skating activity.</i>
4	Associate	<i>A category of membership for non skating participants. Associate members may be administrators, committee members, and / or officials. . Associate members have no access to proficiency test or competitive programmes. This level of insurance does not provide cover for any on skates or coaching activities.</i>



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1.0 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIPS

- 1.01 Revolutionise is the chosen online membership portal adopted by Skate Australia to collect and process individual memberships in a simple and secure online registration portal. Procedure of Memberships available on page 8 of this Bylaw.
- 1.02 Applications for memberships shall be completed by individuals using the online Revolutionise platform prior to commencement of any participation within their Club/State.
- 1.03 Individual members may join a club for each discipline or subsection of a discipline in which they participate.
- 1.04 All officials and coaches who are accredited with NOAS and NCAS must be members of the Appointing Agency and must be registered members of SA.
- 1.05 The Appointing Agencies will pay a set fee to SA in accordance with terms in the negotiated annual affiliation agreement between the SA and the Appointing Agency. Failure to do so, may result in withdrawal of State peak body recognition and/or acceptance of individual memberships.
- 1.06 All other applications and upgrades for membership must be submitted to the Appointing Agency for approval and processing. Applications must be accompanied by fees at time of application submission or payment within 7 days of invoice allocation.
- 1.07 As of the 1st April 2015, upgrades from a non-skating category to the highest level of skating category ie Associate-> Competitive will not be accepted by the Appointing Agency.
- 1.08 The Appointing Agencies will forward a list and description of all membership categories, including permitted level of participation within each sub category to SA.
- 1.09 SA will provide insurance cover for all financial members as outlined in the insurance schedule of cover.
- 1.10 All memberships are valid January 1st- December 31st of each year or on a date agreed by the Appointing Agency and SA.
- 1.11 Club secretaries and/or registrars must ensure that applications for membership are properly completed before approving individual participation. Membership status can be confirmed by accessing the Club portal via Revolutionise or contacting the Appointing Agency/National Office for a list of financial members.
- 1.12 Club Affiliation must be submitted to the Appointing Agency on the correct form accompanied by the correct membership fee. On initial application of membership; each Club must provide the following:
 - Certificate of Incorporation
 - Copy of it's Constitution
 - Copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and/or Inaugural meeting.
 - First financial statement.



- 1.13 The Constitution of each club and of each State Association / Appointing Agency must be in accordance with the Constitution of SA. If a Club, State Associate/Appointing Agency has changed its constitution within the last twelve (12) months, a copy of the amended constitution must be forwarded to SA with the renewal application
- 1.14 The Appointing Agency must return, within seven (7) days of receipt, membership applications that are incomplete or incorrect.

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 Individual Members may transfer their competitive affiliation of a Member Club/hub/league only by obtaining a release from the Member Club. This will be the case both at the end of the skating year and during the skating year.
- 2.4 A request for a release from a club must be made in writing to the club/hub/league secretary.
- 2.5 A club secretary is obliged to supply an Individual Member with a letter of release within seven (7) days of receipt of the request unless he/she sets out in writing specific obligations that the Individual Member must fulfill to the Member Club. If the Individual Member does not agree with those obligations, he/she may appeal to the executive committee of the Appointing Agency.
- 2.6 A Member Club who has objections to the release of an Individual Member as per clause 2.3 must provide those reasons to the Appointing Agency at the same time as the Individual Member is supplied with this material.
- 2.7 The Individual Member may assume "unattached" status (where otherwise permissible) or give the release to the new Member Club to which he/she wishes to transfer his affiliation.
- 2.8 If the 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 a Member Club against their wishes, he/she becomes eligible to apply for transfer of affiliation to another Member Club by giving the new club his/her letter of release and details of SA membership category.
- 2.10 The new Member Club must forward the release to the Appointing Agency together with an application for transfer of membership and the appropriate transfer fee.

3.0 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS

3.1 Individual & athlete categories

3.1.1 Competitive

Appointing agencies may develop sub categories of competitive membership commensurate with local rules and conditions, and athlete ability.

Athletes competing in "A" grade State competition, State, National and International competition and artistic proficiency tests at bronze medal level and above and Roller Derby Athletes participating in contact training and scrimmages or are at a 'bout ready'



level must have the highest level of competitive membership offered by the appointing agency.

3.1.2 Development

Development level athletes may participate in learn to skate and development programs and participate in competition within their own club.

They may participate in the bronze bar artistic proficiency test program.

3.1.3 JNR

Roller Hockey skaters participating in learn to skate and development programs and participate in competition within their own club for the sport of Roller Hockey only.

3.1.4 Fresh Meat

Skaters 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 for Roller Derby only.

3.1.5 Ref/NSO

All skating and non-skating officials/referees participating at an officiating level in the sport of Roller Derby only.

3.1.6 Recreational

Recreational level participants may participate in promotional events, general skating activities, and learn to skate programs. They are **not** eligible to participate in formal competition pathways and/or competition within their own club and proficiency test programs.

3.1.7 ASSOCIATE

This membership category is for non skating participants. Associate members may be officials, coaches, administrators and committee members. They have no access to proficiency test programs or any level of competitive pathways and are not eligible to participate in skating or coaching activities. Associate members are not covered by insurance for skating activities.

3.1.8 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 of time;

Privileges of life membership shall include:

- (a) No annual subscription;
- (b) Free admission to all sanctioned competitions and events;
- (c) Invitations to all functions held by the Association;
- (d) Notice of any general meeting of the Association; and
- (e) All other privileges available to other individual members

3.2 Organisational Members

3.2.1 Appointing Agencies

"Appointing Agency" means a State Association affiliated to Skate Australia or a State Office of Skate Australia in those States where an affiliated State Association does not exist.

3.2.2 Member Club

- A member club is an incorporated body comprising registered members of 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.



- Each Member Club must have a written constitution and be incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act in its own state. Any clauses or provisions in such constitutions, which are in conflict with the Association's Constitution, shall, for the purpose of relationship between the Member Club and the Association, be inoperative.
- Each member club must be a financial member of SA
- Each member club must ensure that all club members are financial members of SA
- The elected officers of a 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 the sport of roller sports

3.2.3 Voting Club – General meetings of SA and/or the Appointing Agency where clubs can vote

- A Member Club with a minimum of twenty (20) registered members of SA, including at least eight (8) competitive members from all skate sport disciplines.
- A Member Club may affiliate in more than one (1) discipline provided it has a minimum of twenty (20) registered members of SA at least eight (8) of whom are competitive members of the Appointing Agency in each discipline in which the club wishes to affiliate.

3.2.4 Voting Club - Branch

- A member club of a branch comprises a minimum of twenty (20) members at least of eight (8) of whom must be competitive members of the respective branch
- A member league in Roller Derby is a group of at least twenty (20) registered roller derby members of SA at least eight (8) of whom must be competitive roller derby members of SA.

3.2.5 Rights of Members

- Members of all categories are not entitled to vote at any general council meeting of the Association. Life members and member clubs, are entitled to notice of any general meeting of the Association
- Members of all categories shall be represented at any general meeting of the Association by a representative, who must be a personal member of SA in any category, appointed under Rule 10.2 (a) of the Skate Australia Inc Constitution.
- A Member Club with voting rights will be entitled to notice of any general meeting of the Association in accordance with rule 3.6 above
- A Member Club will be represented at any general meeting of a branch by a representative duly appointed by the Club Executive.
- Movement between membership levels set by the Appointing Agency will be at the discretion of the Appointing Agency of which the person is a member.
- All registered members of SA may hold office in the Association provided they have reached the age of majority and meet all criteria for the position.

3.2.6 Member Clubs may:

- (a) Stage club competitions and tournaments subject to State and branch endorsement;
- (b) Organise inter-club competitions and tournaments and open competitions subject to State and Branch endorsement;



- (c) Nominate individuals and/or teams to represent the club in inter-club competitions and tournaments, and open competitions, and state championships, in accordance with the rules set out by the organisers;
- (d) Organise proficiency test centres in accordance with the rules of the branch committees;
- (e) Permit individual Member Clubs to participate in test centres arranged by other clubs, State Branch committees or National Branch Committees;
- (f) Arrange shows and exhibitions;
- (g) Permit individual Member Clubs to participate in shows and exhibitions organised by other groups
- (h) Enter into any activities which promote skate sports;
- (i) Nominate individuals and/or teams to represent the club in overseas events in accordance with the procedure set out in By- Law 17, International competition nomination, travel and accommodation
- (j) SA competitions are defined as any competition requiring sanction from the National Branch Chairman or Skate Australia Chief Executive Officer.

