



***This section must be completed by a Proposer and Seconder, or TWO Referees that are current financial WATA Members. Failing this you can apply for a WATA membership via an interview with an appointed Committee member***

Proposed Membership for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate)

**Proposer/1<sup>st</sup> Referee**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname Given Name/s

Contact Details Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

WATA Membership No \_\_\_\_\_ Has known the Candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ Years

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Proposer/2<sup>nd</sup> Referee**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname Given Name/s

Contact Details Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

WATA Membership No \_\_\_\_\_ Has known the Candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ Years

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*In order to avoid delays, please ensure all information is completed before returning.*

## **PART 4 - MEMBERSHIP**

### **4.1 Membership Categories**

The members of the Association are:

- (a) Full Members;
- (b) Junior Members;
- (c) Corporate Members;
- (d) Life Members;
- (e) Honorary Members.

### **4.2 Application for membership**

An application for membership shall be made on the form approved by the Chief Executive and shall be accompanied by payment of the relevant annual subscription.

### **4.3 Election procedure for full, junior and Corporate Members**

- (1) This clause applies to the election of any:
  - (a) Full Member;
  - (b) Corporate Member;
  - (c) Junior Member.
- (2) A member wishing to propose a new member shall complete a nomination form in a form approved by the Chief Executive and lodge the form with the Chief Executive.
- (3) The nomination form shall be signed by the nominator, the seconder and the candidate for new membership.
- (4) The Chief Executive shall submit the nomination form to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (5) The Committee shall determine all nominations for new membership under this clause.
- (6) Maximum number of Members.  
The combined total number of Full Members is not to exceed 700.

### **4.4 Annual subscriptions**

- (1) The Committee shall determine the annual subscriptions payable by members.
- (2) Unless and until the Committee determines otherwise, the annual subscriptions payable are:

(a) Full Member	\$300.00
(b) Corporate Member	\$500.00
(c) Junior Member	\$50.00
(d) Life Member	Nil
(e) Honorary Member	Nil

  - (f) in the case of:
    - (i) a Full Member who usually resides more than 60 kilometres from the GPO Perth; and
    - (ii) a Full Member who is determined by the Committee to be a Concessionary Full Member, an amount equal to 50% of the annual subscription for a Full Member, together with an additional amount payable in respect of any goods and services tax.
- (3) If a member fails to pay the applicable annual subscription on or before 31 August in respect of which the annual subscription is due, then the member shall forfeit all entitlements under these by-laws.

### **4.5 Eligibility and election of Full Member**

- (1) Any person who is over the age of 18 years is eligible to be elected as a Full Member.
- (2) Clause 4.3 applies to the election of a Full Member.

### **4.6 Entitlement of Full Member**

- (1) A Full Member is entitled to:
  - (a) attend and vote at general meetings;
  - (b) vote in elections for members of the Committee and in referendums;
  - (c) propose or second candidates for membership;
  - (d) propose or second candidates for election to the Committee;
  - (e) receive a copy of the annual report of the Association;

- (f) receive a copy the Association's newsletters;
- (g) free entry to and use of the members' facilities at any metropolitan harness racing venue of the Association during race meetings by the member, and 1 guest;
- (h) subject to clause 3.3, stand for election to the Committee; and
- (i) parking for one vehicle in the members' reserved parking area, subject to availability.

### **4.7 Eligibility and election of Corporate Members**

- (1) Any company or body corporate is eligible to be elected as a Corporate Member.
- (2) Clause 4.3 applies to the election of a Corporate Member.

### **4.8 Entitlement of Corporate Members**

- (1) A Corporate Member is entitled to:
  - (a) receive a copy of the annual report of the Association;
  - (b) receive a copy of the Association's newsletters; and
  - (c) the free entry to and use of by any one of its officers or employees, the members' facilities at any metropolitan harness racing venue of the Association.
- (2) A Corporate Member is not entitled to:
  - (a) attend and vote at general meetings;
  - (b) vote in elections for members of the Committee or in referendums;
  - (c) propose or second candidates for membership;
  - (d) propose or second candidates for election to the Committee; or
  - (e) Parking

### **4.9 Eligibility and election of Junior Members**

- (1) A person who is:
  - (a) the child or grandchild of a Full Member; and
  - (b) aged 16 or 17 years of age,is eligible to be elected as a Junior Member.
- (2) Clause 4.3 applies to the election of a Junior Member.

### **4.10 Entitlement of Junior Members**

- (1) A Junior Member is entitled to sit in the members' areas of any metropolitan harness racing venue of the Association as if he were a Full Member.
- (2) A Junior Member has no entitlement other than that referred to in subclause (1).

### **4.11 Eligibility of Life Members**

Any Full Member of the Association is eligible to be elected as a Life Member.

### **4.12 Election of Life Members**

- (1) At any general meeting, the members entitled to vote may elect a person who is considered to have rendered special services to the Association to be a Life Member, provided that:
  - (a) not less than 14 days notice of the motion is given to the Chief Executive; and
  - (b) the resolution is passed by not less than 75% of the persons present at the meeting and entitled to vote.
- (2) Persons elected as Life Members prior to 1 September 1999 continue as Life Members after that date.

### **4.13 Entitlement of Life Members**

A Life Member is entitled to the same privileges as a Full Member but is not required to pay an annual subscription.

### **4.14 Election of Honorary Members**

The Committee may, at any time without notice, elect an Honorary Member and cancel the membership of an Honorary Member.

#### 4.15 Entitlement of Honorary Member

- (1) An Honorary Member is entitled to free entry to and use of the members' facilities at Gloucester Park.
- (2) An Honorary Member is not entitled to:
  - (a) attend and vote at general meetings;
  - (b) vote in elections for the members of the Committee or in referendums;
  - (c) propose or second candidates for membership;
  - (d) propose or second candidates for election to the Committee;
  - (e) receive a copy of the annual report of the Association;
  - (f) receive a copy of the Association's newsletters; or
  - (g) parking.

#### 4.16 Cessation of membership

- (1) A member shall cease to be a member upon the member's:
  - (a) written resignation;
  - (b) death;
  - (c) disqualification under the Rules; or
  - (d) failure to pay the applicable annual subscription on or before 31 August.
- (2) If a former member who has ceased to be a member under paragraph (d) of subclause (1) makes payment of all arrears during the then current financial year, then the Committee may reinstate the person as a member.
  - (a) If the Committee reinstates a person as a member pursuant to subclause (2) then, for the purpose of clause 3.15(b) the period during which the person ceased to be a member by virtue of clause 4.16(1)(d) shall not be taken into account in determining whether a person has been a Full Member for not less than 12 continuous months immediately prior to the closing date.
  - (b) If a former member who has ceased to be a member under paragraph (d) of subclause (1) was a member of the Committee, then a decision by the Committee to reinstate the person as a member under subclause (2) is taken to be a decision to reinstate the person as a member of the Committee.
- (3) If a member:
  - (a) becomes bankrupt or makes any assignment for the benefit of his creditors;
  - (b) fails to comply with any of these by-laws or the Rules or any other order or direction of the Committee or of the members passed at a general meeting;
  - (c) is convicted of any offence punishable summarily or of any crime or misdemeanour; or
  - (d) in the opinion of the Committee, is guilty of conduct unbecoming of a member or any act, practice, conduct, matter or thing calculated to bring discredit on the Association or its members or on the sport of harness racing or to impair or affect the enjoyment of the Association by the other members,then that member shall be liable to be suspended or expelled from membership by resolution of the Committee.
- (4) Before the Committee suspends or expels any member, the Committee shall follow the following procedure:
  - (a) the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Committee, shall give to the member notice in writing of the matter of complaint;
  - (b) the Committee shall cause notice of the complaint to be sent to the member by registered letter and directing the member and the accuser, if any, to appear before the Committee at a hearing to give evidence;
  - (c) the Committee shall give the member at least 7 days notice in writing before the date of the hearing;
  - (d) the Committee shall give at least 3 days notice in writing of the hearing to any other member required

by the Committee to appear before it and give evidence;

- (e) the Committee may take evidence and decide the case notwithstanding the failure by any party to attend.

- (5) Any person ceasing to be a member for any reason shall remain liable for the payment of all subscriptions and other money due and payable by the person.

#### 4.17 Appeals from expulsion or suspension

- (1) Any member expelled or suspended under clause 4.16(3) who feels aggrieved by the expulsion or suspension by the Committee may appeal to a special meeting of the members.
- (2) An appeal under subclause (1) shall be lodged by written notice lodged with the Chief Executive within 14 days of the expulsion or suspension.
- (3) A notice of appeal shall set out the grounds of appeal and be accompanied by an appeal fee determined by the Committee.
- (4) Until the hearing of any appeal the decision of the Committee shall have full effect, but the expelled or suspended member shall have the right to attend the special meeting.
- (5) If the majority of the members present and entitled to vote at the special meeting resolve to uphold the appeal, then the appeal fee shall be returned to the member and the member's rights and privileges shall be restored.

#### 4.18 Absentee members

- (1) If a member:
  - (a) intends to leave the State for a period not less than 6 months; and
  - (b) has paid all subscriptions and other monies due by the member to the Association,then the member may, on application in writing to the Chief Executive, be placed on the list of absentee members.
- (2) During an absentee's period of absence, the member shall be liable for a subscription at the rate of half of the applicable annual subscription commencing as from 31 August next until the person's return.