



BARNSTORMERS MODEL FLYING CLUB

Membership Vetting and Approval Process

Effective date 1st June 2026

1. Submission of Application

A prospective member must:

- i) Complete the official membership application form in full (www.barnstormersmfc.club)

Submit all required documentation (Proof of SAMAA etc)

- ii) Pay the applicable joining fee (Currently set @ R500.00) which will serve as a provisional membership fee. (See vi below)
- iii) The prospective member will be issued with a "Prospective Member Card".
- iv) Once the membership application has been approved the prescribed membership fee is paid and a membership card is issued. (See 5 – Membership Vote)
- v) Submission of an application does not automatically constitute approval of membership.
- vi) The initial joining fee is nonrefundable even if the membership is declined as it will have served as "landing fees" during the application process.

2. Probationary / Evaluation Period

i) The prospective member will be required to attend and participate at the club over a minimum of four (4) separate weekends. This must be conducted over a 6 week period unless otherwise arranged.

During this period:

- ii) Existing members will have the opportunity to interact with the applicant
- iii) The applicant's conduct, attitude, safety awareness, and compatibility with club culture may be informally assessed
- iv) The applicant may participate under the supervision and rules applicable to visitors or provisional members

3. Member Sponsorship / Vouching

After completion of the evaluation period:

At least one existing full member in good standing must formally vouch for the applicant

The sponsoring member should confirm that, in their opinion, the applicant:

- i) Conducts themselves responsibly
- ii) Adheres to club rules and safety standards
- iii) Would be a positive addition to the club

4. Introduction at Club Meeting

The prospective member will attend a scheduled club or committee meeting where they will:

- i) Briefly introduce themselves (History of Flying, previous clubs etc
- ii) Provide a short background regarding their involvement and interest in the hobby/sport
- iii) Answer any reasonable questions from attending members if required
- iv) Unless under club instruction, have demonstrated a “club solo” with at least 2 club instructors.

5. Membership Vote

Following the introduction:

- i) Members present at the meeting will vote on whether to approve or deny the membership application, this may be done by a show of hands or if preferred secret ballot.
- ii) A simple majority vote is required for a prospective member to be approved/declined.
- iii) The committee retains the right to decline an application where deemed necessary in the interests of the club.

Additional Notes:

The committee may at its discretion:

- i) Define the rights and limitations of provisional members
- ii) Determine whether votes should be anonymous
- iii) Set minimum attendance requirements at meetings for voting eligibility
- iv) Include a code of conduct acknowledgement as part of the application process

Procedure in short

Prospective members shall:

- i) Complete a membership application form,
- ii) Pay R500.00 (Currently) for the “joining fee”
- iii) Attend and participate at the club over a minimum of four weekends,
- iv) Obtain sponsorship from an existing member in good standing,
- v) Introduce themselves at a club meeting, and
- vi) Be subject to a membership approval vote by attending a club/committee meeting before full membership is granted.”

This procedure replaces all other procedures either currently in place or that were in place previously.

BMFC Committee