

BARNSTORMERS MODEL FLYING CLUB

Membership Vetting and Approval Process

Effective date 17th July 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 plus the PRO-RATA amount based on the annual fee (Currently R2450.00) divided by 12 and multiplied by the remaining months of the financial year which will be allocated to your account. (See vi below)
- iii) The prospective member will be issued with a e-version "Prospective Member Card".
- iv) Once the membership application has been approved / processed as detailed below the membership card will be updated to show "ordinary member" and emailed to the member. Note that the membership number will not change only the "Status" of the member.
- 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.

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 to all members present
- 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 proposed unless otherwise required by the club constitution
- iii) The committee retains the right to decline an application where deemed necessary in the interests of the club.
- iv) Should membership be declined only the portion of the remaining months fees for that year will be refunded. The Joining Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.

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” and the “Pro -Rata” Amount
- 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

JOINING or RE-JOINING STRUCTURE R500.00 + Number of Months remaining x R205.00

Example New Member Joins in July – R500 * 8 (Months) @ R205.00 = R2140.00