



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure that the Polish Association of Queensland Inc. continues to strive towards fairness, recognition, honesty, responsibility and integrity in keeping with the Objects of the Association.

POLICY STATEMENT

There are increasing requirements and fiduciary responsibilities of the association that require us to adhere to stricter laws, insurance requirements and risk management objectives.

As we find that many are not aware of the rules concerning membership, we think it's prudent to remind you by providing some relevant extracts from the Polonia Constitution. You may obtain a copy of the Constitution from our web page.

There shall be four classes of membership:

1. Ordinary member
2. Associate Member
3. Honorary Member
4. Life Member

Notwithstanding any roles contained in this Constitution, only persons of eighteen years of age, and over, of sound mind, good character and reputation are eligible for membership of the Association: Applicants for membership shall complete a membership application form and must be supported by **two existing financial members**. Every Member must uphold the values contained in this Constitution.

Part VII - Eligibility for Membership:

1. **Ordinary Members** - The numbers of Ordinary Membership shall be unlimited. Any person of Polish descent shall be eligible for membership. Only Ordinary Members shall be eligible to vote and serve on any, office of Management as elected by Annual General Meeting. Ordinary Members shall pay membership fees as determined from time to time by General Meetings.
2. **Associate Members** - Any person who does not qualify for Ordinary Membership, but who in the view of the Management maintains close ties with the Association may become Associate Member. Associate Members shall pay membership fees as determined from time to time by General Meeting. Associate Members shall not be eligible to vote at the meetings nor can they be elected to any office of Management of the Association.
3. **Honorary Members** - Any person who is not eligible for Ordinary Membership, but who rendered a conspicuous service to the Association may be elected by the Management to Honorary Membership. Honorary Members shall **not be eligible to vote at meetings nor serve on any electable office** of the Association. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay membership fees.
4. **Life Members** - A General Meeting of the Association may upon the recommendation of the Management grant Life membership of the Association to an Ordinary Member of the Association who rendered outstanding and conspicuous services to the Association over a period of at least five (5) years by motion passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ (75%) majority of the Members present at the meeting. Life Members shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as Ordinary Members, but shall not be required to pay membership fees. Not more than one Life Membership shall be awarded in any one year.



Worthy of your attention are also other rules, such as:

- Admission to membership
- Rejection of membership
- Appeal

Thus in summary, in order to process your application promptly and straightforwardly, we wish to set out all the steps to which we all should adhere when applying for membership:

1. Complete the correct form
2. Kindly write legibly
3. Provide a copy of any acceptable form of your ID (This is a requirement by Clubs Queensland)
4. Note that the form must be signed by two proposers who are current Ordinary financial members and that a proposer cannot sign for more than FOUR persons per year. (The latter is the Association's Membership policy).
5. Forward your application with the necessary requirements to the Treasurer, Polonia Polish Association of Qld. Inc. 10 Marie Street, Milton 4064 or by email to: treasurer@polonia.org.au
6. Withhold your payment prior to your acceptance of membership by the Committee.

Carefully please take note of other policies to which we all must adhere:

Code of conduct, privacy, anti discrimination and racial vilification etc. Be aware of the fact that these are over arching by the liquor act and the state and federal laws of this country.

A Member of the Association should be an Australian Citizen or Permanent resident.

As the laws and incorporation rules with respect to this country demand, minutes and all legal documents are to be in English. Hence any Application sent in Polish will be returned to you to be translated into English prior to lodgement.



Membership Fees:

Yearly Fees as at 01 July, 2019 are as follows:

- ☐ Ordinary Member \$33
- ☐ Ordinary Member Couple \$55
- ☐ Pensioner/ Student \$25
- ☐ Pensioner Couple \$35

- ☐ Associate Member \$25
- ☐ Associate Member Couple \$40
- ☐ Pensioner/ Student \$15
- ☐ Pensioner Couple \$30

Please note:

All classes of members are eligible to receive a membership rate for hiring the hall, the use of the restaurant and bar areas.

All Members who are providing volunteer support are entitled to be covered by the Association's volunteer and public liability insurance. However, any wilful damage or harm shall not be covered by insurance.