Volleyball Manawatu (Board) Policy

Membership

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1. Introduction

The Volleyball Manawatu Constitution has four categories of membership; as a club, a school, an organisation or an individual [1]. Becoming a Volleyball Manawatu member requires an active consent and has an explicit set of rights and obligations [2]

It is a Volleyball NZ rule that all players and support staff participating in their events or pathways are obliged to become a member of Volleyball NZ [3] and their regional volleyball association. [4]

Following the model of Volleyball NZ, Volleyball Manawatu has a representative voting model, with those members who meet specific criteria becoming voting members.

2. Joining Volleyball Manawatu

A person or organisation applying to join must formally consent and agree to pay any membership fee.

Membership applications for people under 18 require parental/caregiver consent, unless the GM agrees this is unnecessary.

A person or organisation that is applying to join must provide their contact information, be made aware of how this information is going to be used and agree to the membership obligations.

All membership applications are decided by the Board, which may accept or decline an application in its absolute discretion.

Apart from Appointed Members (Section 5), membership will be until the end of the current financial year, unless the GM recommends an alternative.

Apart from voting members, or where there is a perceived conflict of interest, membership applications may be approved by the General Manager on behalf of the Board.

3. General and Special Meetings

Members of the financial year in question, plus those who have joined since then, have the right to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Only current members may attend a Special Meeting.

4. Financial Obligations

Volleyball Manawatu operates under a “no pay, no play” principle.

A joining or existing member of Volleyball Manawatu who has not paid their membership or event participation fees may not play in that event or any other Volleyball Manawatu event, unless the General Manager agrees otherwise and informs the Board.

5. Voting Members

According to the Constitution a Club, School, Individual or Life Member may be granted voting rights based on their engagement, participation or representation. Voting Members are expected to be involved in Volleyball Manawatu activities and forums, and have additional responsibilities. [5]

The Association will maintain a Bylaw defining the criteria for voting membership, and invite schools, clubs or individuals that meet the criteria to become voting members.

The term for Appointed Voting Members is for three years and is renewable.

A club or school taking part in VNZ national or regional events will be invited to become a voting member. The Board may invite other clubs or schools based on the alternative criteria in the Bylaw.

6. Sanctioned/excluded members

If a member fails to uphold their membership obligations, and the Board believes it is in the best interests of Volleyball Manawatu to do so, it may suspend the member until the issue is resolved.

In such circumstances, the member is not entitled to any rights or benefits that they would otherwise receive from Volleyball NZ or any other Regional Association. Accordingly, Volleyball Manawatū may notify those organisations of the member's status

References

1. Volleyball Manawatu Constitution Section 4
2. Volleyball Manawatu Constitution Section 4.10
3. https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/about-us/vnz-membership
4. VNZ Constitution Section 4.6
5. Volleyball Manawatu Constitution Section 4.11