

Membership Application

New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club Inc



Full Name _____
Address _____
Occupation _____ Date of Birth _____
Telephone Hm _____ Work _____
Mobile _____ Email _____
Proposed by _____
Seconded by _____

Membership Fees:

Membership Category	1 August 2011 – 31 July 2012	Additional Badge
Full Member – (35 years and over)	\$175.00 (includes two badges)	\$90.00
Metro Member (18-34 years) *	\$90.00 (includes one badge)	\$30.00 *

Members will receive one member card and one guest card. The New Zealand Metropolitan Club Inc Memberships run on a financial year basis – we do not operate on a pro-rata system. No refund given for cancellation of Membership. Prices include GST.

* Applications must be accompanied by photo identification providing proof of age to be eligible for Metro Member status. Please attach a copy to this application.

* Metro Members can purchase one additional badge at \$30. Any additional badges for Metro members are at \$90 each.

HOW TO PAY:

I enclose a cheque for full payment of Membership of _____ made payable to Addington Raceway.

Please charge my Visa or MasterCard with the full payment of Membership of _____

Card #: _____ Expiry: ____ / ____

Cardholder Name: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I _____ (Full Name)

(1) I hereby apply for Membership of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club Inc and agree to abide by the rules of the club (as attached)

(2) No refund will be given for cancellation of Membership.

(4) No admittance into Membership areas without Membership badge.

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Office Use Only:

Club No:		Date Paid:		Date Tickets Posted:	
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Please send completed application form and payment to Addington Raceway,
PO Box 9036, Christchurch 8149 or for more information phone 03 338 9094



Constitution and Rules

New Zealand metropolitan Trotting Club Incorporated



CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Name

1. The Name of the Club shall be the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club Incorporated.

Registered Office

2. The registered office of the Club shall be at Christchurch or such other place as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Objects

3. The objects of the Club shall be:
 - (a) The promotion of harness racing and the holding of harness race meetings and attendant activities in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the same.
 - (b) To acquire by purchase, exchange, lease or otherwise (and either alone or in conjunction with any other person, Club or corporation) upon such terms as it may think fit any real or personal property and any rights and privileges either necessary or convenient for the Club's purposes.
 - (c) To subscribe for and take up shares of any kind or description in any company, public or private, incorporated in New Zealand or elsewhere.
 - (d) To dispose or join in disposing of by sale, lease, licence, exchange or otherwise any property (real or personal) or any rights or privileges not immediately required for use for the Club's purposes.
 - (e) To build and construct, improve or alter stands, entertainment facilities, totalisator houses, totalisators, indicators, racing tracks, and all buildings conveniences necessary or requisite for the Club's purposes.
 - (f) To borrow or raise money on mortgage of the real or personal property of the Club or any part thereof or upon debentures or mortgage debentures of the Club and to issue such debentures or mortgage debentures charging the whole or any part of the assets of the Club and to execute mortgages to secure such debentures or mortgage debentures or to borrow money from bankers or other persons with or without security.
 - (g) To subscribe to or otherwise aid sporting, benevolent, charitable, national or other institutions or objects of a public character or which have any moral or other claim to support by the Club by reason of the locality of its operations or otherwise.
 - (h) To expend such funds of the Club and to do all such acts and things as may be deemed by the Club or the Committee thereof to be desirable or expedient in the promotion and goodwill amongst members of the Club and its guests.
 - (i) To do all such other things as the Club or the Board and Committee may think necessary or desirable for the purpose of furthering any of the objects of the Club or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Membership

4. The Club shall consist of those persons who are now Members and those who may from time to time be elected as members in accordance with these Rules. The words "person" or "persons" in this Rule and wherever used in any Rule shall be deemed to include a corporate body registered in New Zealand or defined by Section 29 of "The Incorporated Societies Act 1908" provided however, that each such corporate body shall have no greater right than any individual Member.
 - 4a. Any person who has become a member of the Club by virtue of amalgamation of the Canterbury Park Trotting Club ("CPTC") and/or the New Brighton Harness Racing Club ("NBHRC") with the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club ("NZMTC") shall have the rights which had accrued to them by virtue of their membership in either or both of those Clubs carried forward into the membership of the Club as accrued.

Election of Members

5. Election of Members shall be in the discretion of the Committee. Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Club must sign a nomination paper and be proposed and seconded in writing by two members. The proposal must contain the full name and address and occupation of the person proposed and must be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer.
6. That upon the death of a Member, the widow or as the case may be the widower or partner shall, if she or he makes an application within six (6) months of the date of death of a spouse or partner be entitled to the same privileges as a Member of the Club on payment of the ordinary Member's annual subscription, if the deceased member was at the date of death liable to pay a subscription.

Honorary Life Members

7. Honorary Life Members may be elected at the Annual General Meeting or at any Special Meeting as an appreciation for services rendered to the sport of harness racing or the Club provided that the name of the proposed Honorary Life Member has been submitted and approved of by the Committee of the Club. Such Honorary Life Member when elected shall be entitled to all the privileges of an ordinary Member of the Club without payment of fees.

Honorary Veteran Members

8. Honorary Veteran Members shall be those Members of the Club who have had forty years continuous membership of the Club. Such Honorary Veteran Members when qualified, shall on receipt of advice from the Committee, be entitled to all the privileges of an ordinary Member of the Club without payment of fees.

Metro Members

- 8a) Metro members shall be persons under the age of 35 years on 31 July each year. Metro members shall be entitled to membership in the same manner as ordinary members and shall have all privileges enjoyed by ordinary members, including voting rights and the right to hold office. The election of Metro Members shall be in accordance with provisions of clauses 5 and 6 of the Constitution. The initial annual subscription for Metro Members shall be \$90 for one badge and \$120 for two badges.

Rights of Members

9. All members shall be bound by these Rules and shall communicate their addresses from time to time to the Chief Executive Officer of the Club who shall register the same and all letters and notices delivered at or sent by post to such address shall be deemed to have been delivered. If no address be given all letters and notices posted to the last-known place of abode of the Member shall be sufficient.
10. Members may apply for a leave of absence and exemption from subscriptions. The Committee may at their discretion exempt any Member from the payment of subscriptions during any period.
11. Every Member shall be supplied with a copy of the Club Rules.
12. The Committee may reserve and set aside for special or exclusive use or purpose such parts of the grounds, stands or buildings as it may from time to time think fit.
13. All Members of the Club shall be entitled, on production of their Members ticket, in addition to free access to all those parts of the Club's Course available to the general public, to admission to those parts of the course set apart by the Committee as exclusively for the use and enjoyment of Members.
14. Unless approved by a majority of Members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special General no member of the Committee of the Club (whether or not he or she is a Board Member) shall receive any remuneration for services to the Club as an Officer or derive any 'pecuniary gain' within the meaning of 'The Incorporated Societies Act 1908' from the property or operations of the Club PROVIDED HOWEVER that any Officer of the Club shall be entitled to receive remuneration for services rendered to the Club as Counsel, Solicitor, Accountant, Auditor, Scrutineer, or Returning Officer or any special services for which he/she may be employed by the Club.
15. Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall notify the Chief Executive Officer in writing of his/her intention at least seven (7) days prior to the beginning of the financial year. In default of such notice he/she shall be liable for his/her subscription for the current and subsequent year.
16. Any Members ceasing to be a Members of the Club on any account whatever shall forfeit all right to or claim which he/she may or might have had upon the Club or its property, by virtue of such membership.
17. The Committee shall have power to suspend for any period not exceeding three months or expel from the Club any Member proved to their satisfaction to have been guilty of such misconduct as in the opinion of the Committee merits suspension or expulsion. Notice of such suspension or expulsion shall be sent immediately to such Member by registered letter. In the case of expulsion, the Member shall have the right to require the calling of a Special General Meeting of the Club within one (1) month of such expulsion to confirm the decision of the Committee.

Annual Subscription

18. The annual subscription shall be such amount as the Club in general meeting shall from time to time determine, except that in the case of a Member who is a corporate body such annual subscription shall be double that payable by a natural person. All subscriptions shall be payable on the 1st day of August in each year or on such other day as may from time to time be fixed by the Club in general meeting. Notice of reminder shall be sent out by the Chief Executive Officer to the Members at least seven (7) days prior to that date. Newly elected

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Members shall pay their subscription within one (1) month after their election. A Member shall remain continuously liable as such until his/her membership is determined by resolution of the Club or by resignation in writing. Any Member having failed to pay his/her subscription by the end of the financial year may at the direction of the Committee be removed from the list of membership.

- 18a. The initial annual subscription for Members on the adoption of these Rules shall be \$175.00 effective from August 1 of the year following their adoption.
19. Members other than Honorary Life Members and Honorary Veteran Members, shall not be qualified to vote or enjoy any of the privileges of Members until their subscription has been paid.

General Meetings

20. The Annual General Meeting ('AGM') shall be held in the month of October in each year or in such other month as the Club in general meeting may from time to time fix and determine, such date to be fixed by the Committee and advertised at least once in a morning and/or evening newspaper, having daily circulation in the City of Christchurch, not less than thirty (30) days before such AGM.
21. A special General Meeting ('SGM') shall be convened at any time upon a requisition signed by not less than twenty Members being sent to the Chief Executive Officer or by instructions from the Chairman or in his absence Deputy Chairman or whenever the Committee shall consider it necessary to do so.
22. Such SGM shall be held not earlier than seven (7) nor later than twenty one (21) days after the receipt of such requisition or instruction provided that if the business of the proposed SGM is considered by the chairman to be of an urgent nature then such General Meeting may be held at any time after twenty four (24) hours' notice has been given to each Member stating the object of the meeting.
23. Notice of all General Meetings shall be given to Members by circular posted to every Member to his/her address in the Club's Register, at least ten (10) days before such meeting except in the cases of urgency as provided by paragraph 22 hereof, but the accidental omission to give any such notice shall not invalidate any business done at the meeting.
24. At all General Meetings twenty (20) members shall form a quorum.
 - (a) At any Annual or Special General Meeting every Member present including the person appointed in writing by any corporate Member to vote or speak on its behalf, shall be entitled on every motion to one vote exercised in person and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
 - (b) The Mode of voting on all questions (other than elections) at all General Meetings shall be by the voices, or if the Chairman or any five other Members present at the meeting shall so require, by a show of hands.
25. The Directors shall, previous to the AGM, appoint two (2) Scrutineers to act at the AGM, whose duty it shall be to examine the voting papers for the election of the Committee of the Club, and report at such AGM the result of such election, and in the event of a tie between two (2) or more candidates for any office, the Chairman of such AGM shall have a casting vote which shall be handed by him/her to the Scrutineers who shall declare the ballot accordingly. The Scrutineers shall as soon as convenient after the declaration of the Ballot, destroy all Ballot papers.

Officers of the Club

26.
 - (a) The Officers of the Club shall consist of a committee of not less than eighteen (18) and no more than twenty four (24) who shall hold office for two years.
 - (b) The Members shall vote to elect eight (8) of the committee to be Directors of the Club and of Addington Raceway Ltd. Each appointment shall be for a 2 year period. Initially the Directors will be appointed in accordance with Clause 46 and 47 of this Constitution and thereafter the Members shall fill any vacancy or vacancies in the number of Directors that arise. The Directors shall appoint one of their Members to be Chairman and another of the Members to be Deputy Chairman of the Club and of Addington Raceway Ltd.
 - (c) Each year one half of the Committee including one half of the Directors shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election or reappointment as the case may be. The Committee and/or Directors to retire shall be those Members who have been longest in office. If one or more Members are of equal seniority then the Members who shall retire shall be determined by lot prior to the date for the closing of nominations of Committee for the ensuing year.
 - (d) Notwithstanding Clause 26 (b) the Directors may appoint up to two (2) additional Members (who shall be Members of the Club)

to be Directors who the Directors consider have business or professional expertise which would assist the Directors in conducting the Club's business more effectively. Such appointment or appointments would be subject to ratification at the next AGM following the appointment and then made in accordance with Clauses 26, 27 and 28."

27. The vacancies of Directors and Committee Members caused by retirement under the preceding Rule shall be filled by ballot at the AGM and at such election it shall be incumbent upon any Members desirous of exercising his/her voting rights to vote for the exact number of candidates required to fill the vacancies and any ballot paper containing votes for a greater or lesser number shall be rejected as informal.
- 27a. Should any Member of the Board or the Committee absent themselves from three consecutive meetings of the Board or the Committee, without leave of absence by the Chairman, their seat shall be declared vacant.

Election of Committee

28. The names of the persons proposed for election as Directors and Committee Members of the Club for each year shall be committed to writing which shall be signed by the Proposer and Secunder and accepted by the Nominee and delivered to the Chief Executive Officer at his office at least twenty one (21) days before the AGM. The names of such persons shall be collected and set forth in a list to be prepared by the Chief Executive Officer. A copy of such a list, which shall be the ballot paper, shall be caused to be posted by the Chief Executive Officer to each Member of the Club at least ten (10) days before the AGM. There may be included with but not forming part of the ballot paper a statement for each candidate setting out the names of the Proposer and Secunder, together with short biographical details for each candidate. The persons so proposed shall alone be eligible for election except that in the case of a sufficient number of candidates not being nominated for the said offices of the Club in the manner aforesaid the positions shall remain vacant and not be filled until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club. Ballot papers must be completed and placed in a sealed envelope and may be either delivered to the Chief Executive Officer or at this office or alternatively may be forwarded through the ordinary course of post duly addressed to the Chief Executive Officer. All Ballot papers must be in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer not later than 12 o'clock noon of the day on which the AGM has been convened. Any voting paper forwarded in any manner other than those hereinbefore provided for shall be deemed to be informal and shall be disallowed.
29. If at any AGM the places of the retiring Members of Committee be not filled the retiring Members of Committee shall continue in office until the AGM for election of Officers in the next year, and so on from year to year until their places are filled. In the event of the place of any retiring Committee not being filled at the AGM and the number of retiring Committee being greater than the number of vacancies left unfilled the personnel of those to continue in office shall be determined by lot to be conducted by the Chairman of the AGM before the conclusion of the Meeting.
30. Any casual vacancy occurring during the year shall remain vacant until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.
31. A Committee meeting shall be convened by the Chief Executive Officer at such times as the Committee may resolve or upon receiving instructions from the Chairman or in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman or at any time upon receiving a requisition requesting him/her to do so signed by six (6) Members of the Committee.
32. At the meeting of the Committee the Chairman should take the chair and at all race meetings he/she will preside. The Chairman shall at all Committee meetings have both a deliberative and if required a casting vote provided that if the Chairman be not present at any Committee meeting or race meeting then the Deputy Chairman or in the absence of both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman then such persons as those present at the meeting shall by a majority vote decide.

Board of Directors

33. The Board of Directors shall conduct generally the affairs of the Club and meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn or otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they think fit subject to the following:
 - (a) A Directors meeting shall be convened by the Chief Executive Officer at such times as the Directors may resolve or upon receiving instructions from the Chairman or at any time upon receiving a requisition requesting him/her to do so by three Directors.
 - (b) At any Directors meeting the Chairman shall have a deliberative and casting vote.
 - (c) At all Directors meetings full and correct minutes shall be kept.

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Powers of the Board

34. It is hereby expressly directed that the Board shall be entrusted with and may exercise the following powers and duties:
- (a) To execute and carry out all the matters and things enumerated in Rule 3 hereof.
 - (b) To appoint the Chief Executive Officer with such duties and upon such terms and conditions as they shall see fit. The terms and conditions shall include inter alia:-
 - i) To be solely accountable to the Board with autonomy for the management of all elements of the business and its performance as measured against approved business plans and budgets.
 - ii) To diligently undertake specific duties and responsibilities outlined in their position description and employment contract.
 - iii) To exercise all the rights duties and powers as may be conferred upon them from time to time by any enactment or delegation from the Board.
 - iv) Such appointee shall for the purposes of the Racing Act and the Rules of Harness Racing be deemed to be the Secretary of the Club.
 - (c) To make such by-laws, regulations and standing orders as may be deemed necessary for the efficient management of the affairs and business of the Club and the Committee, provided that the same are not inconsistent with these Rules.
 - (d) To appoint one (1) or more Sub Committees for any purpose contemplated by these Rules.
 - (e) Prior to the closing of nominations for committee, the Board of Directors shall determine the size of the committee pursuant to rule 26(a).

Delegation by the Board

35. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to standing Committees of the Board consisting of such Directors and Member or Members of the Committee as they think fit and may from time to time remove such delegation. Any Committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any Regulation that may be imposed on it by the Directors.

Quorum

36. A Quorum of Directors shall be four (4).

Auditor

37. At the Annual General Meeting an Auditor shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts and books of the Club during the ensuing year.

Indemnity

38. The Directors of the Club, the members of the Committee, and the Chief Executive Officer shall be indemnified by the Club against any legal proceedings that may be instituted against them on account of any act done or decision given by them in bona fide exercise of their office.

Control and Investment of Funds

39. The funds of the Club shall be under control of the Directors of the Club, and shall be applied by the Directors in furtherance of the objects of the Club and may until required for any of the purposes of the Club, be invested in real estate or upon real or government or municipal securities in New Zealand or may be deposited by the Board with any banking institution or in accordance with the Trustee Act 1956 and Amendments.

Seal

40. The Club shall have and provide a Common or Corporate Seal and shall have power from time to time to destroy the same and substitute a new Seal in lieu thereof. The Corporate Seal of the Club shall be affixed to any document requiring sealing by any two Directors duly authorised to do so by resolution of the Directors in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer of the Club.

Dissolution of the Club

41. The Club may be dissolved or wound up in the manner prescribed by and under the provisions of the 'Incorporated Societies Act 1908' and the Regulations made thereunder. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Club the assets of the Club shall be realised and the funds of the Club (if any) shall subject to Section 34 of the Racing Act 1971 be transferred to any Incorporated Society or Company having as its object

the promotion of harness racing in New Zealand or in default thereof, any organisation engaged in equine sport in New Zealand.

Alterations of Rules

42. No existing Rule shall be altered or repealed nor shall any new Rule be added without the consent of the majority of the Members present at a SGM called for that purpose and unless at least ten (10) days' notice of such proposed alteration, repeal or addition shall have been given to each Member by the Chief Executive Officer.
43. Notice of any proposed alteration, repeal or additions to the Rules shall be given in writing to the Chief Executive Officer at least twenty one (21) days before the date of the SGM to be called for that purpose.

Miscellaneous

44. The decisions of the Board on the interpretation of the Rules or on any matter or thing whether contained in these Rules or not and which pertain to the Club its property or interests or the interest or conduct of its Members shall be conclusive and binding on all Members until revoked at a General Meeting.
45. The financial year of the Club shall terminate on the 31st day of July in each year or on such date as shall from time to time be fixed by the Club in General Meeting.