SDFC Inc Membership Policy

1. Purpose

Singleton Defence Families and Community Inc. (SDFC Inc) is committed to fostering a supportive, inclusive, and connected community for Defence families and eligible members within the Singleton region.

This policy outlines:

- Membership categories and eligibility requirements
- Membership fees and terms
- Conditions relating to event attendance and ticket purchases
- Member obligations and benefits

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2. Membership Categories

Gold Tier Membership

Gold Tier Membership is the highest level of membership offered by SDFC Inc. It is available to eligible current or former Australian Defence Force (ADF) members residing in the local area (postcodes 2330 or 2335), along with their immediate family members residing within the same household.

Key Details

- **Eligibility:** Must meet the criteria outlined in the SDFC Constitution.
- **Access:** Eligible to attend SDFC events and activities.
- **Subsidies:** Receives the highest level of event subsidy.
- **Benefits:** Access to all SDFC services, activities, heavily subsidised or complimentary events, and occasional Gold Member exclusive offers.

Silver Tier Membership

Silver Tier Membership is available to immediate family members of a Gold Tier eligible member who do not reside in the same household.

Key Details

- **Eligibility:** Must be an immediate family member of a Gold Tier eligible member.

- **Access:** Eligible to attend SDFC events and activities.
- **Subsidies:** Receives partial event subsidies.
- **Purpose:** Enables family members living separately to remain connected and involved within the SDFC community.

Bronze Tier Membership

Bronze Tier Membership is designed for individuals who do not meet eligibility requirements under the SDFC Constitution but wish to participate in selected community events.

Key Details

- **Access:** May attend selected SDFC events as a guest of an eligible Gold Member.
- **Subsidies:** No subsidies apply. Bronze members are required to pay full event costs.
- **Eligibility:** Attendance is by invitation only and must be alongside the inviting eligible member.
- **Purpose:** Allows visiting family and friends to participate socially while ensuring SDFC subsidies remain focused on eligible Defence families.

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3. Membership Eligibility

Gold Tier Eligibility

To qualify for Gold Tier Membership, the household must include one of the following:

- A current ADF member posted to Lone Pine Barracks, Singleton; or
- A current ADF member residing within postcode 2330 or 2335; or
- An ADF Veteran residing within postcode 2330 or 2335 who:
    - has discharged within the past five years; or
    - held membership under this eligibility category during the previous membership period; or
- An Unaccompanied Resident Family (URF), Non-Resident Family (NRF), or Recognised Other Person (ROP) residing within postcode 2330 or 2335; or
- The current Singleton Defence School Mentor (DSM)

All spouses, dependants, and immediate family members residing within the same household must be listed on the membership application.

Definition of Immediate Family

SDFC defines immediate family as:

- Spouse or de facto partner

- Children (biological, step, or adoptive)
- Parents
- Siblings
- In-laws

of a current or former ADF member.

Silver Tier Eligibility

Silver Tier Membership is available to individuals linked to a current Gold Household Membership who are not residing with the eligible member, including:

- A spouse, partner, dependant, or immediate family member of a current ADF member posted to Lone Pine Barracks Singleton; or
- A spouse, partner, dependant, or immediate family member of a current ADF member residing within postcode 2330 or 2335; or
- A spouse, partner, dependant, or immediate family member of an eligible ADF Veteran residing within postcode 2330 or 2335.

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Bronze Tier Eligibility

Bronze Membership is available to:

- Guests invited by a current Gold Member.

Bronze memberships are individual memberships and may be arranged when required.

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4. Membership Terms and Fees

Memberships reset each calendar year.

Gold Household Membership Fees

- **$5** — Up to 6 months
- **$10** — 1 year
- **$20** — 2 years*
- **$25** — 3 years*

* No refunds will be provided for memberships if a member relocates outside the Singleton area before the membership term expires.

Silver Membership Fees

- **$5 per person, per year**

Bronze Membership Fees

- No membership fee applies, as Bronze members do not receive subsidised pricing.

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5. Membership Approval

SDFC Inc reserves the right to approve or decline any membership application at its sole discretion.

Where applicants do not fully meet the eligibility criteria, SDFC may consider exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

SDFC reserves the right to request supporting documentation, including proof of residence and/or Defence posting orders.

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6. Membership Requirements for Event Attendance

6.1

Individuals must hold an active membership and website login before purchasing tickets to SDFC events.

6.2

A financial membership is defined as:

- completion of the membership application process; and
- payment of the applicable membership fee.

6.3

Individuals attending an event without a current financial membership will be required to:

- complete a membership application; and
- pay the applicable membership fee prior to participation.

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Individuals who choose not to become members may:

- be refused entry; or
- be required to pay the full per-person cost incurred by SDFC for the event.

This fee may range between $20 and $200 depending on the event.

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7. Membership Benefits

Financial members of SDFC Inc may receive:

- Priority access to event ticketing
- Discounted event pricing
- Access to member-only activities and offers
- Eligibility for subsidised programs and services

Membership benefits apply only for the duration of the active membership term.

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8. Amendments and Enforcement

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SDFC Inc reserves the right to amend this policy at any time.

8.2

This policy will be enforced consistently. Exceptions will only be considered with prior written approval from SDFC Inc management.

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By purchasing tickets to an SDFC Inc event, members acknowledge and agree to comply with this Membership Policy.

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