

BY-LAWS

INTRODUCTION

The membership card you have been issued allows you to take advantage of all member facilities and benefits. However, until your application for membership has been accepted at a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors this is only a temporary member card.

You desire to become a Member of the Penrith Rugby League Club Limited and you hereby agree, if admitted, to be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club.

Any member who wilfully refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of the Club's Constitution or any by-law may be subject to disciplinary procedures – under Article 135 of the Constitution of the Club.

1. CONSTITUTION

- 1.1 Any member wishing to study the full context of the Constitution may purchase a copy for \$2.00 at reception at the club's premises;
- 1.2 Changes to the Constitution can only be effected by special resolution passed by a majority of at least 75% of those attending and voting at an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting who are entitled to vote.

2. TRADING HOURS

- 2.1 Trading area hours vary at different club premises. Panthers operates during advertised hours as are required by law from time to time.

3. DRESS REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Members and guests are required to be dressed in attire that is neat, clean and not offensive.
- 3.2 The door staff or security may determine if a person is suitable attired to enter Panthers.
- 3.3 If a member or guest disagrees with the decision of the door staff, the Duty Manager shall be the final arbiter.

4. CHEQUES

- 4.1 Panthers has a policy of not cashing cheques.
- 4.2 Cheque cashing is not available at club premises.

5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, DISORDERLINESS OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

- 5.1 Anti-social behaviour, disorderliness or offensive language will not be tolerated.
- 5.2 Each is an offence for which a member or guest may be asked to leave club premises/property and/or be cited to appear before the Judicial Committee to show cause why the member or guest should not be reprimanded, suspended, expelled or have the resignation of the member accepted.

6. NON-BAR AREAS

- 6.1 Members and guests are asked not to take or consume liquor, in places not set aside for that purpose, e.g. foyer, front steps etc.
- 6.2 Members in a Poker Machine area not playing a poker machine and drinking may be asked to move to a bar or lounge area.

7. **POKER MACHINES**

- 7.1 Only \$1 Australian coins and \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 Australian notes and approved cash out tickets are to be inserted in poker machines coin or note acceptors.
- 7.2 It is the player's responsibility to report the following matters:-
- a machine not paying correctly on winning combinations;
 - a machine being able to be played without credits being deducted or coins/inserted; or
 - a machine door or cash-box door being unlocked.
- 7.3 Legal proceedings may be instituted against any player who:-
- makes any fraudulent claim;
 - causes malicious damage to a poker machine;
 - tilts, rocks or mishandles any machine;
 - uses undue force when playing a machine;
 - uses any foreign object on, in or near any poker machine; or
 - fails to report any malfunction of a poker machine.
 - uses a gaming machine for the intent of money laundering
 - break any of the clubs Gaming machine rules
 - removes credits from a Gaming machine that they are not entitled to
- 7.4 Panthers reserves the right to:-
- withhold any payout to any person not abiding by these By-Laws;
 - withhold any payout, where such payout is in dispute or where the credentials of the player to receive the jackpot are not established;
 - to refuse any person, member or guest, the right to play machines;
 - place any machine "out of order"; or
 - ask any player to only play one machine at any one time.
- 7.5 Only one machine may be reserved at any one time and only for the period specified on the machine.
- 7.6 It is the player's responsibility to ensure that he/she has been given the correct amount of money by a cashier.
- 7.7 Any disputes over payment or non-payment by any poker machine will be decided within one week by management.
- 7.8 The Club operates a self-exclusion scheme for people who wish to exclude themselves from gaming at any of the club premises. Details of the scheme may be obtained from the Duty Manager.
- 7.9 Syndicate play, evidenced by such actions including, but not limited to, organised group monopolisation of gaming machines, providing payout details of individuals other than those in control of the machine at the time of the win, and individuals playing more than one machine at a time, is not permitted at any time, and any person, member or guest engaging in this conduct may:
- have any payouts withheld;
 - be asked to leave the premises;
 - be cited to appear before the Sub Judiciary Committee to show cause why they should not be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled. Must be posted on the notice boards.
- 7.10 Any member violating these rules will be liable to suspension.
- 7.11 Any guest violating these rules may be asked to leave Panthers.

8. **MULTI-TERMINAL GAMING MACHINES (MTGM)**

- 8.1 All relevant rules pertaining to poker machine operations will apply to a MTGM.
- 8.2 Only one person may operate any terminal at any one time.
- 8.3 Legal proceedings may be taken against any person who:-
- causes or attempts to cause disruption to any event conducted by a MTGM;
 - disconnects or attempts to disconnect the power to a MTGM; or
 - wagers on the result of any event conducted by a MTGM with another person.

9. **LINKED JACKPOTS**

- 9.1 All relevant rules pertaining to poker machine operations will apply to linked jackpots.
- 9.2 In the event of a dispute over a linked jackpot, Panthers reserves the right to:-
- accept evidence from parties involved in the dispute;
 - reserve judgement on a disputed payout for a period of one week;
 - make a judgement as to which party is entitled to the disputed payout;
 - make a judgement to divide the disputed payout between parties in the event that the evidence does not indicate which party is entitled to the payout; or
 - make a judgement that neither party is entitled to the payout; or
 - refer the matter to the NSW Office of Liquor and Gaming.
- 9.3 Legal proceedings may be instituted against any person who:-
- makes a false claim to a linked jackpot; or
 - uses a foreign object on, in or near any link controller.

9A. **PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY**

- 9A.1 All prizes can be paid by a Cash Redemption Terminal (under \$5,000) or by a cashier.
- 9A.2 Any prize money over \$5,000.00 will be issued by a crossed cheque by Supervisor or Duty Manager.

10. **KENO**

- 10.1 It is the player's responsibility to:-
- check the original entry form for incorrect markings;
 - check ticket/s immediately they are issued; and
 - ensure he/she has sufficient time to place a wager on a particular game.
- 10.2 A ticket may only be declared void and monies refunded if the ticket is presented prior to the next game being conducted.
- 10.3 All disputes will be referred to Club Keno for its determination.

11. **PROMOTIONS**

- 11.1 All gaming promotions, unless when the rules of an individual promotion specify otherwise, are for financial members of Panthers.
- 11.2 All promotions are to be conducted in strict adherence to the conditions as approved by any relevant Government Department.
- 11.3 In the event of a dispute, the matter will be decided by Panthers within one week;
- 11.4 If Panthers is unable to give judgment on any dispute, the matter may be referred to the Liquor and Gaming NSW or any other relevant Government Department.

12. **LENDING OR BORROWING**
12.1 Persons attempting to borrow money on Panthers premises from employees, members or guests are liable to be suspended from membership.
13. **ENTERING PANTHERS**
13.1 A member is required to show his/her membership card to door staff. Door staff or security have the right to refuse admission to anyone unless proof of membership or acceptable proof of age or guest bona fides can be shown.
13.2 The use of a door not designated as an entrance is an offence against Panthers rules and the Registered Clubs Act.
14. **MINORS**
14.1 Persons under the age of 18 years may subject at all times to the provisions of the Registered Clubs Act and any other legislation:-
 - use the non-restricted areas of Panthers provided they remain under the constant supervision of a parent, relative or responsible adult;
 - attend special events at Panthers where Panthers agrees to provide supervision for the duration of the special event; or
 - be permitted to use any area designated as a 'Child Minding Area' where Panthers agrees to provide supervision by qualified staff members.
14.2 A member or guest who is responsible for supervising a person under 18 years of age and who fails to do so, may be cited to appear before Panthers Judiciary Committee which may result in reprimand, suspension or expulsion from Panthers. Such person may also be liable to penalty under the Registered Clubs Act.
15. **GUESTS**
Subject at all times to the provisions of the Registered Clubs Act.
15.1 Each member is entitled to bring guests to Panthers and each guest's name and address must be written in the guest's Book with the signature of the member.
15.2 Persons under 18 cannot enter club premises except as a guest and are restricted as outlined in clause 14.1.
15.3 Members are directly responsible for the actions of their guests while on club premises. A member could be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from membership because of the behaviour of a person signed in as a guest, so members should be careful not to introduce guests indiscriminately.
16. **DEPARTING FROM PANTHERS PREMISES**
16.1 Members and their guests are specially requested to leave the building as quietly as possible to comply with the relevant laws and with respect for our neighbours.
16.2 Members who refuse to comply with this request are liable to face suspension from membership.
17. **UNATTENDED CHILDREN**
17.1 Children are not to be left in cars or other vehicles while their parents, guardians or carers are in or on club premises. It is against Panthers rules to leave children unattended in club premises foyer or outside club building.
18. **RULES AND BY-LAWS**
18.1 Any By-Law passed by the Board of Directors shall come into force and be fully operative upon the posting of an appropriate notice containing such By-Law on the Notice Board.

19. **SUSPICIOUS MATTERS**

- 19.1 Money is only to be inserted in Gaming machines to enable Gaming Machine play. Persons who insert amounts in excess of \$100 into a Gaming machine at a time and then cash out after no play or minimal play without excuse may be guilty of misconduct and excluded from the Club.
- 19.2 Gaming machines are provided for the recreation of individual patrons and activities of a commercial nature including syndicate play, "link chasing", bet hedging on Multi Terminal Gaming machines or arrangements to play a Gaming machine on behalf of another person are prohibited.

20. **MASS INFORMATION MEDIA**

Members using mass information media (including but not limited to Facebook, Youtube, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram the forum other online social forums etc (collectively "Mass Information Media") for the purpose of deliberately insulting, harassing or unfairly criticising another member or organisation may be reprimanded, suspended, expelled from membership or otherwise dealt with. Members who have nominated for election to the board of the Penrith District Rugby League Football Club Limited and the board of Penrith Rugby League Club Limited or any Advisory Committee are requested not to make comments or statements about their candidacy or the candidacy of any other person by way of Mass Information Media during the course of the elections, which is the period from when nominations close to when the ballot closes.

21. **BOARD ELECTIONS**

Members who have nominated and are standing for election to the board of Penrith District Rugby League Football Club Limited and Penrith Rugby League Club Limited or any Advisory Committee are asked not to involve themselves or other person(s) on any Panthers club premises or property, or in the vicinity of any club property, in any activity either directly or indirectly involved in their candidacy (activity - which includes but is not limited to distributing documents, making public statements, advertising or by other means and includes Mass Information Media as defined in Penrith Rugby League Club By-Law 19).