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MSBCA Membership Rules

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1.0 ABOUT US:

The Malaysia Singapore & Brunei Cultural Association of Vancouver (MSBCA) is an inclusive organization dedicated to promoting and appreciating the diverse cultures of Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei. It is run by its members, especially the elected Directors.

MISSION STATEMENT:

MSBCA creates a welcoming space for individuals from all backgrounds to celebrate and promote our cultural heritage, with active participation from its members and elected Directors.

CORE VALUES:

- Inclusivity: Welcoming individuals of all backgrounds.
- Tolerance: Fostering respect, understanding, and open dialogue.
- Member-Driven: Encouraging active participation in decision-making, programs, and events.

In summary, MSBCA promotes inclusivity and cultural appreciation, driven by its members' commitment to enhancing unity among the communities we represent.



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2.0 MSBCA MEMBERSHIP PLANS:

MSBCA Vancouver proudly offers two categories of memberships each with two types:

2 CATEGORIES OF MSBCA MEMBERSHIPS

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
2. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

2 TYPES OF MSBCA VANCOUVER MEMBERSHIPS

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
 - A. Single Membership (includes Seniors 60+)
 - B. Family Plan Membership
2. LIFE MEMBERSHIP
 - A. Lifetime Single Membership (includes Seniors 60+)
 - B. Lifetime Family Plan Membership

1.A. ANNUAL GENERAL/SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

- Rate: \$30.00 | annual fee
- Also known as General &/or Seniors membership
- Eligibility: Open to anyone 18 years and older, including seniors (60+).

1.B. ANNUAL FAMILY PLAN MEMBERSHIP

- Rate: \$40.00 | annual fee
- Definition: Includes a single-parent adult or two adults in a legal/common-law relationship regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, along with their qualifying dependents (see definition page 4).
- Exclusions: Other relatives/friends, parents or grandparents of members are not included. Only grandchildren or other children under their care, meeting the qualifying dependent definition are eligible, even if under 18.

2.A LIFETIME GENERAL/SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

- Rate: \$300.00 | one time payment for life.
- Criteria: See item 1.A above, for Single Membership criteria.

2.B LIFETIME FAMILY PLAN MEMBERSHIP

- Rate: \$400.00 | one time payment for life
- Criteria: See item 1.B above for Family Plan Membership criteria.



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3.0 QUALIFYING DEPENDENTS:

I. DEFINITION OF QUALIFYING DEPENDANTS

Qualifying dependents under a Family Plan include:

- ✓ Biological children
- ✓ Minors under 18 under the care of a court-appointed guardian who is an MSBCA member
- ✓ Legally adopted dependents under 18 at the time of parental enrollment
- ✓ Qualifying dependents must be under 18 at registration and throughout membership

NOTE: Legal documentation evidencing adoption and/or court-appointed legal guardianship may be required.

II. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING DEPENDANTS:

- ✓ To qualify for the MSBCA Family Plan, children or dependents must be the immediate or legally adopted children of a single parent or a married or common-law couple, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.
- ✓ All children must be under 18 at the time of their parents' or guardians' enrollment and can remain under their parents' membership until they turn 18, after which they may enroll as a Single member, subject to the prevailing fees.

III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING DEPENDANTS UNDER A LIFETIME FAMILY PLAN:

- ✓ Dependents must be under 18 to remain eligible.
- ✓ Once they turn 18, they will no longer be considered dependents and can join another membership plan, subject to the prevailing fees.



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4.0 MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND MSBCA POLICIES:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP EXPIRY RULES

As a non-profit Association, we lack the resources to maintain all inactive records.

Exceptions may be considered with advanced notice to a Board member. MSBCA reserves the right to grant exceptions or amend this regulation with unanimous approval from the Board of Directors.

I. MEMBERSHIP FEES PAYMENT

- Members are responsible for maintaining their membership in accordance with the Association's policies and timelines.
- Failure to meet renewal deadlines or submit required documentation may result in changes to membership status.
- Late or missed payments—regardless of who submits them—may lead to suspension or termination of membership rights.
- To ensure uninterrupted communication, members must keep their contact information up to date for receiving invoices and notices.
- If a member expresses intent to renew but is unable to proceed immediately, this intent will be respectfully considered by the Directors.
- Any applications submitted without payment will be removed from our system after 14 days. Applicants are welcome to reapply at any time with the required payment.

II. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIMELINE

- **30 days before expiry:** An email renewal reminder will be sent to the email on record.
- **30 days after expiry:** A second email reminder will be issued if renewal is still pending.
- **60 days after expiry:** Unrenewed memberships will be marked as **INACTIVE**.
- **Final email notice at 60 days or thereabout:** Members will be informed that their membership will be removed after 90 days of non-payment/renewal.

III. REJOINING:

Members may rejoin the Association at any time by signing up with current their contact details, at the prevailing rate.



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IV. CHANGES IN FAMILY COMPOSITION:

- For any changes such as birth, adoption, marriage, divorce, or other circumstances affecting eligibility, members must inform the MSBCA and update their membership status accordingly.

V. BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES:

- Members of the Family Plan are entitled to the same benefits and privileges as the General members, as outlined in the MSBCA membership guidelines.

VI. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

- MSBCA may terminate or suspend memberships if members violate regulations or policies, such as conducting business on premises, exhibiting rowdy behavior, sedition, or racial discrimination.

VII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- Any disputes regarding eligibility or membership status will be resolved at a meeting of the MSBCA's Board of Directors.
- By enrolling, members agree to follow MSBCA's regulations and any updates.



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5.0 CONDUCT WITHIN THE MSBCA CLUBHOUSE OR ANY OTHER MSBCA EVENTS.

I. PROHIBITION OF BUSINESS, PERSONAL OR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

- MSBCA does not permit the use of its clubhouse, facilities, or events and excursions for any business, personal, or religious solicitations.
- Additionally, it does not allow any displays, solicitations or enticing memberships from any other associations or organizations during any of its events.
- Non-compliance may lead to immediate membership termination or removal after an official reminder.

NOTE:

- Non-Refundable Fees: Membership fees are non-refundable if rules and regulations are not followed. Adherence to these rules is a condition of membership.
- Mandatory Compliance: Following this policy is essential for a respectful and conducive environment. Thank you for helping maintain our community's integrity.

6.0 EVENTUALITIES: DECEASED AND/OR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE.

I. IN THE EVENT OF A DIVORCE:

- The MSBCA will not arbitrate divorces.
- Divorcing Life Members must decide who keeps the membership.
- Annual/Life Membership cannot be divided.
- The member retaining the Annual/Life Membership (if Family Plan) can add a new spouse/partner upon remarriage, whether through common law or legal ceremony.

II. IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH:

- The surviving spouse (if Family Plan) automatically inherits the Family Plan Life Membership.
- They can add a new spouse/partner upon remarriage, whether through common law or legal ceremony.

MSBCA governs all regulations on divorce and death.



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7.0 AMENDMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS:

I. MSBCA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES AS OUTLINED BELOW

- Amend or update regulations as needed.
- Grant exceptions in exceptional cases.
- Unanimous Board approval is required for amendments or exceptions.

By enrolling in the MSBCA membership, you agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

NOTE: These regulations are binding and subject to review by the MSBCA Board. They may be updated as necessary, and we will make sure to inform our members in a timely manner in advance using commonly accepted communication methods.