

# Bylaws of the Rotary Club of

## Tiruvallur

### AMENDMENT 2019-20 on 15-03-2020

#### **Definitions**

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this Club
2. Director: A member of this Club's Board of Directors.
3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this Club.
4. RI: Rotary International.
5. Year: The twelve-month period that begins on 1 July.

#### **ARTICLE VII -- FEES AND DUES**

##### **Section 7 a**

**Fees and Dues – No Increase.** Membership dues, admission fees, and related charges shall remain unchanged for the current Rotary year (1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021).

#### **Article 17 A: Membership Admission**

##### **1. Eligibility Requirements**

- Membership in the Rotary Club is open to individuals who meet the following criteria:
  - Exhibit good character, integrity, and leadership.
  - Possess the willingness and ability to serve the community in alignment with the club's goals.
  - Agree to abide by the Rotary International and Rotary Club bylaws and Code of Conduct.

##### **2. Membership Proposal and Nomination**

- A candidate for membership must be sponsored by a current member in good standing.
- The sponsoring member shall submit a proposal form to the club secretary, including the candidate's background, community involvement, and reasons for membership interest.
- A committee designated by the club board (such as a Membership Committee) will review the proposal to ensure eligibility and alignment with the club's values.

##### **3. Notification and Objection Period**

- The proposed candidate's information will be shared with the club members, providing a 7-day period for members to raise any objections.
- Objections must be submitted in writing to the club secretary. Any objections will be confidentially reviewed by the club's Membership Committee or Board.

#### **4. Approval Process**

- If no valid objections are raised, the Membership Committee or Board will vote on the candidate's admission.
- A simple majority vote by the Membership Committee or a two-thirds vote by the club's board is required for approval.
- Upon approval, the candidate will be invited to join the club and complete an orientation session within 30 days of acceptance.

#### **5. Induction Ceremony**

- New members shall be formally inducted into the club during a regular club meeting, where they will receive their membership pin and Rotary literature.

#### **6. Including a New member in Rotary international**

- New members shall be added to the Rotary International membership only during the final week of June or December, aligning with semiannual reporting periods, regardless of prior subscription payment.

#### **7. General Body Approval.**

- Acceptance of new members or reinstatement of former members requires affirmative decision by the general body at a duly convened meeting. Proposals approved by the board shall be published to members; if no objection is received within seven days, or if approved despite objection, final induction awaits general body ratification.

#### **8. Refunds on Rejection.**

- In case of rejection of a new member proposal or reinstatement by the general body, all subscriptions, admission fees, or other dues paid shall be fully refunded without deduction.

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### **Article 18: Membership Removal**

#### **1. Grounds for Membership Removal**

- A member may be subject to removal for any of the following reasons:
  - Violation of Rotary International's Code of Conduct or club bylaws.
  - Failure to pay dues within the period specified by the club's financial policies.
  - Inactivity, defined as absence from a majority of club meetings or events without valid reasons for a period of six months.
  - Any behavior that damages the reputation or well-being of the club, its members, or Rotary International.

#### **2. Procedure for Removal(Other than Nonpayment of Subscription)**

- **Written Notice:** The member in question will receive a written notice outlining the reasons for possible removal, along with any relevant evidence. The member will be granted 14 days to respond in writing.
- **Hearing:** Upon receiving the response, the Membership Committee or Board may schedule a hearing, giving the member an opportunity to present their case in person.
- **Voting for Removal:** Following the hearing, the board will vote on whether to proceed with removal. A two-thirds majority vote is required for the removal decision to pass.

#### **3. Appeal Process(if removed Other than Nonpayment of Subscription)**

- A removed member may file a written appeal within 30 days of the removal decision.
- The club board or a designated appeal committee will review the appeal within 30 days, after which a final decision will be made.

## Reinstatement of Membership

- A former member who was removed for nonpayment or inactivity may request reinstatement after a minimum period of 6 months.
  - The reinstatement process requires the member to fulfill any financial obligations owed to the club and undergo a review by the Membership Committee.
  - A simple majority vote by the Membership Committee or board is required for reinstatement.
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## Article 19: Amendments to Membership Bylaws

### 1. Amendment Proposal

- Any proposed amendment to the membership bylaws must be submitted in writing to the club secretary.
- The proposal will be reviewed by the club's bylaws committee (or equivalent committee) and presented to the club board.

### 2. Approval of Amendments

- Amendments to these membership bylaws require a two-thirds majority vote of the club's board and ratification by a majority of club members.

### 3. Notification of Amendments

- All members shall receive written notification of any bylaw amendments within 30 days of ratification.



President



Secretary