

DRIFTERS ROCK 'N' ROLL CLUB RULES

1. Entry to Functions

The Committee reserves the right to admission to any function. A good standard of dress is required at all functions.

2. Smoking And Drinking

No smoking or drinking is allowed on any dance floor at any function which the Club is holding or attending.

3. High Heels

High heeled shoes or heeled boots are not permitted to be worn at any Club function.

4. Floor Craft

Consideration to other dancers must be given at all times, particularly when doing aerial acrobatics.

5. Entrance Fees

The Committee may, at its discretion, waive or alter any entrance fee to any or all of its functions for individual members.

6. Drugs

Possession and use of illegal drugs at any Rock 'n' Roll function is strictly prohibited. People indulging in this will be banned from the Club.

7. Use of Club Name

No member shall use or dance under the "Drifters Rock 'n' Roll Club Inc" unless they have prior permission from the Committee. E.g. on flyers etc.

Club apparel shall be worn with pride and dignity on appropriate occasions. Misuse may result in disciplinary action as allowed in the constitution.

8. Sale of Personal Property

The sale of any property at any club function must have prior permission from the Committee.

9. Racism

Any member who speaks or acts in a racist manner will not be tolerated at the Club's functions, and will be asked to vacate the premises.

10. Children / Junior Members

Children under the age of 16 years are to be accompanied and supervised by a parent or caregiver at all times.

11. Nationals

Drifters subsidises special events, Nationals etc., at a level determined by the Committee in the year of the event. For competitors or supporters to receive subsidies, fundraising or sponsorship, they must be involved in Club activities and participate at club nights at regular intervals. Should a dispute arise about what constitutes an involved member, then the committee will determine this on a case by case basis

Drifters reimburse competition entry fees for participating members at the discretion of the Committee. Notification of your intention to compete needs to be given to the secretary 14 days prior to entries closing, and entry forms must be given to the secretary at least 7 days prior to entries closing. **If these conditions are met, reimbursement will be made for competing dancers after the event.**

Competitors will be encouraged to do a demo in front of the Club before Nationals. National competitors will be encouraged to dance at our Club Championships.

Dual Partnerships

A dual partnership is defined as:

Where one person in a partnership is a financial supporting Drifters Member and the other(s) a financial member(s) of another club while not being a Drifters Member(s).

Entries to Outside Competitions

1. In the case of dual partnerships our competitor must communicate with our secretary at least 14 days prior to entries closing date re entry forms, and our secretary must at least sight the entry form before it is sent.
2. On receiving communication from our competitor of dual entry to outside competition it then becomes the responsibility of our secretary to communicate with the secretary of the other club(s) involved re entry form.
3. Reimbursement is to be applied as per current club rules.

Drifters Club Championships

Dual partnerships may enter only our invitation section at our club championships.

12. Demos

Demos are to be done in Club uniform unless otherwise advised by the Demo Officer. Uniform consists of;

- Official Club Shirt
- Black skirt (females) or black trousers (males)
- Black or red petticoat with frill (females)
- Black or red (must match petticoat) **full brief** underwear (females)
- Red socks
- Black shoes
- Red belt

Where stated otherwise, National Dress Code is expected.

13. Misconduct

If conduct of any Member is such as to endanger the character, good order, welfare or interest of the Club, the Committee shall have the power as per Clause 6 of the Club's Constitution:

If conduct of any Member is such as to endanger the character, good order, welfare or interest of the Club, it shall be in the power of the Executive Committee to conduct such a hearing or investigation as the Executive Committee deems warranted and to take the following action after that member has been heard if her or she so desires, after having been given reasonable written notice to:-

- a) *Expel the Member; or*
- b) *Suspend the Member from taking part in the Club's activities for such a period as the Committee may specify; or*
- c) *Where the misconduct took place during an event or competition conducted by the Club, disqualify the Member from that event or competition as the case may be: or*
- d) *Reprimand the Member.*

PROVIDED HOWEVER that at all times the Rules of natural justice will be adhered to. All notices shall be in writing and all decisions majority decisions.

14. Club Champs

No member can enter Club Championships without being an active financial member of the Club for at least two months prior to the competition.

15. Outside Competitions

Drifters may subsidise Outside Competitions. The level of subsidy will be determined by the Committee in the year of the event. For competitors or supporters to receive subsidies, fundraising or sponsorship, they must be involved in Club activities and participate at club nights at regular intervals. Should a dispute arise about what constitutes an involved member, then the committee will determine this on a case by case basis.

Drifters reimburse competition entry fees for participating members at the discretion of the Committee. Notification of your intention to compete needs to be given to the secretary 14 days prior to entries closing, and entry forms must be given to the secretary at least 7 days prior to entries closing. **If these conditions are met, reimbursement will be made for competing dancers after the event.**

Competitors will be encouraged to do a demo in front of the Club before the Outside Competition.

16. Spending By Committee

The committee has the authority to spend capital of up to \$5000 within that Committees financial year. Spending over this amount can only be achieved by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Club.

17. Selling Assets

The Committee has the authority to sell individual assets of up to \$500 within that Committees financial year. The value of the asset is to be determined by the asset register. Selling assets with a list price exceeding \$500 can only be achieved by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of the club. Assets to be sold will be offered to club members first.

18. Definition of an active club member

An active member is someone who either:

1. Attends more than 75% of club nights; or
2. Holds an executive position on the Drifters Committee; or
3. Attends more than 50% of club nights and contributes to more than 50% of fundraising activities; or
4. Holds paid membership no less than four months prior to nationals, participates in at least one fund raising event in a meaningful way AND attains a combination of three or more items (a-j) below:
 - a. Attends more than 33% of club nights
 - b. Is a member of the Drifters Committee
 - c. Contributes to more than 50% of fundraising activities or amount
 - d. Teaches a set of Lessons
 - e. Holds a key role at a Drifters event e.g. Full Kitchen Duty, MC, DJ, Event Coordinator, Door (not less than one hour session), Judge, Scrutineer, Judges Sheets/Music.

- f. Represents Drifters as either a Competitor or active (wearing club gear) Supporter at two or more Competitions
- g. Coaches/teaches Drifters Competitors (workshops not included)
- h. Competes at club champs in either unders/overs or experienced/inexperienced sections (must have practiced for this event with their partner).
- i. Teaches at a weekend Drifters Workshop for dancers – competitive or social.
- j. Hosts a Drifters event e.g. bbq.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING A DRIFTERS MEMBER

1. Your membership gets you entry to many Rock 'n' Roll Clubs of a casual basis at their member's rates.
2. Drifters subsidises Club outings at a level determined by the Committee.
3. Drifters has video tapes of previous competitions available on placement of a returnable bond with the Property Officer.
4. Drifters waives the Committee's entry to the annual Drifters Birthday Hop.
5. Drifters holds workshops from time to time that are only open to members. These may involve general or specific facets of dancing, and may include provision for National competitors from other Clubs and/or judges as appropriate.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU AS A DRIFTERS MEMBER

1. Helping with:
 - Club nights – clean up or door duties, both on a roster
 - Set up, decorate and clean up halls
 - The kitchen duties for supper at the Birthday Hop
 - Anything else the Committee requests assistance with
2. Participating in demos – they will be announced when dates are known.
3. Members are advised there is a misconduct rule. Alleged misconduct of a member, as defined by Clause 6 of the Club's Constitution, may be initiated by any committee member.