

Questions and Answers

about the changes to the Women of the Melbourne Cricket Club Rules

Administration

[Can only women be members of the WoMCC?](#)

The WoMCC is inclusive and welcomes all MCC members that want to be a member of the WoMCC.

[Are all categories of MCC membership eligible to join WoMCC?](#)

WoMCC membership is open to all categories of MCC membership.

[How do I apply to join the WoMCC?](#)

There is an online form on the WoMCC webpage, or an expression of interest via email to the WoMCC.

Governance

[What are WoMCC Position Descriptions?](#)

Several roles of the WoMCC are outlined with position descriptions to allow for easy handover between incumbents. There are position descriptions for Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Patron and Committee Member.

[Does a Committee Member need to have been on the Committee for a minimum time before being eligible to become an Office Bearer?](#)

A Member needs to be elected to the Committee by the Members first, before putting themselves forward to be appointed as an Office Bearer. The tenure of a Committee Member begins at the announcement at the Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) at which they are elected.

All Office Bearers are appointed by the Committee and in some circumstances a vote by the Committee may be required. This appointment process prior to the AGM is to allow for continuity of governance.

There is no minimum tenure requirement for a Committee Member to be eligible to be appointed as an Office Bearer.

[Can a Committee Member or Officer Bearer take a leave of absence from the Committee?](#)

The Office Bearers with the endorsement of the Committee can grant a leave of absence for Committee Members (including Office Bearers) for up to 12 months.

Can there be a casual vacancy for an Office Bearer?

Yes, and the Committee can appoint a casual replacement to be an Office Bearer, but the role would then require a nomination and appointment process by the Committee prior to the next AGM. There are provisions for an Office Bearer to hold up to two (2) Office Bearer positions, so the casual vacancy may not need to be filled.

Can a member (i.e. not a committee member) be appointed to the subcommittee of WoMCC?

Yes, under the “other Member” provision of Rule 3.8(c), but they must be a WoMCC member.

How soon after the financial year must the AGM be held?

The Committee must conduct the AGM within 6 months of the end of the financial year. Currently the AGM is held soon after the end of the financial year to avoid Christmas and summer holiday demands on Members’ time and other commitments.

How is the business of the AGM or Special General Meeting (SGM) determined?

The Secretary will seek input from the Office Bearers and the Committee on the Agenda of the AGM or SGM, and all relevant business will be agreed and included in the Agenda.

What if the MCC Management or the MCC Committee were also WoMCC members? Can they vote at an AGM or SGM?

No, because of their position, their vote may bias other Members in an open show of hands vote at the AGM or an SGM.

Who can call a SGM?

The Committee can call a SGM. Not less than 5% of Members via a written request can request a SMG. The number of Members has been amended from a direct number to a percentage to align with MCC Committee practice and to provide for the growing number of Members.

Finance

When is the WoMCC financial year?

Currently, the WoMCC financial year runs from 1 November until 31 October. The financial year can be changed at the discretion of Office Bearers.

What Charity fundraising is being done now?

None. Fundraising requires approval from the Victorian Liquor and Gambling Commission, which would also require us to be a ‘legal entity’. As a ‘special interest group’ of the MCC,

we currently do not have the correct legal structure to comply with the current legislation. We are discussing what we can do with the MCC, so we are pausing fundraising until we have more clarity. Once clarity is provided, the WoMCC will create a Charity Guideline. Given this uncertainty, the reference in the Rules to charitable funds has been removed.

[What is the Charity Guideline?](#)

If and when, there is a clear path to conduct fundraising activities, the Charity Guideline will be developed by the Committee and posted on the WoMCC webpage.

General questions

[How many proposals are there?](#)

There will be a single motion to adopt the amended Rules. The proposed amendments to the Rules will cover administrative and typographical errors, improve governance provisions and introduce certain financial administration and integrity provisions.

[What is a ‘special interest group’, and how does this impact rules? What compliance or regulation do we need to comply with, and are the rules in plain language?](#)

A special interest group is a community within a larger organisation (in this case, the MCC) with a special focus on particular interests or a shared objective. The WoMCC is a special interest group within the MCC aimed at building a sense of belonging for women in the MCC. The WoMCC is an unincorporated association, and its rules are not subject to any particular legislation and/or regulations.

The rules have been drafted in plain language and will be available on the WoMCC website.

[Who are our stakeholders and is it clear who these rules have jurisdiction over?](#)

Our stakeholders are all members of the WoMCC, and the new WoMCC Rules govern all activities by and for the WoMCC.

[Does the WoMCC charge a subscription for membership?](#)

The WoMCC membership is free, whereas some Special Interest Groups within the MCC charge a subscription fee for membership. To be part of the WoMCC, you also need to be a financial member of the MCC.