

EMERALD LAKERS BASKETBALL CLUB INC.

OUR RULES IN PLAIN ENGLISH

WHAT THE CLUB'S RULES MEAN FOR YOU

Adopted by special resolution at a Special General Meeting on **10 August 2026**.

Approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations on **14 August 2026**.

These Rules replace the Rules adopted on 21 September 1989.

This is a summary we have written for members. The Rules of Emerald Lakers Basketball Club Inc. are the authority. Where anything here differs from them, the Rules apply. Rule numbers sit beside each section so you can check the source.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES

RULE 78

If you were a member before the new Rules took effect, you still are. You keep your existing status. You do not need to reapply, re-register or do anything at all.

Your child's registration, their team, training and the season ahead are unaffected. This was a governance change, not an operational one.

THREE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

RULE 10

REGISTERED MEMBER

Season by season

A player registered for the current season. Also the parent or legal guardian authorised to exercise the vote of a player under 18.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Financial year

An adult registered as a coach or team manager, an adult on the Committee, or anyone whose application the Committee has approved. Helping out informally is not enough on its own. The application has to be approved.

LIFE MEMBER

For life

Approved by the Committee, recorded in the minutes and entered in the Register of Members. One may be granted in any calendar year.

HOW VOTING WORKS

RULE 10

Under the old Rules, anyone under 16 had no vote. In a club where most members are children, that meant most of the membership had no say. That has changed.

- **Registered players 18 and over** have one vote in their own right. So do associate members and life members.
- **Every registered player under 18** carries one vote. It is exercised by the parent or guardian recorded in the registration platform, entered in the Register of Members, and recorded as the primary parent, guardian or account holder.
- **An emergency contact** cannot exercise a child's vote.
- **A child's vote** can only be used once per item of business at a meeting.
- **Your own votes do not stack.** Holding more than one role still gives you one personal vote. Being an authorised parent does not add one either, but you exercise your children's votes as well as your own.

WORKED EXAMPLE

You coach a team, manage another and sit on the Committee. That is one vote, not three. You are also the authorised parent for two registered children. You cast three votes in total.

TAKING PART IN A MEETING

RULES 35 TO 37

You can come in person, or join using technology that lets everyone hear and speak to each other at the same time. Either way you count as present, and your vote counts as a vote in person.

You can also appoint another member as your proxy. The form has to reach us at least 48 hours before the meeting. If your proxy is exercising a child's vote, the form must name each child.

Six adult members make a quorum.

THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS

RULE 14

The Secretary keeps a register. It records each member's category, their voting entitlement and, for players under 18, who is authorised to exercise their vote.

Members can inspect it. You can also apply in writing, for yourself or on behalf of your child, to have some or all of your personal details withheld from inspection. Copying or distributing the register is not permitted.

THE COMMITTEE

RULES 45 TO 56

The club is run by a Leadership Committee of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, elected on rotating two-year terms. General committee positions are elected each year for the operational roles we need.

Everyone holding office when the Rules took effect stays in that role until the end of the next annual general meeting. At that meeting all four leadership positions go to election, two for one year and two for two years. That starts the rotation.

To stand you need to be 18 or over and either hold a vote in your own right or be the authorised parent of a registered player. **Parents of junior players can nominate.** Nominations open at least 14 days before the AGM and are published seven days before.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

RULES 20 TO 30

Start with your team manager, then the coach or age coordinator, then the Vice-President or President. Not every issue needs every step, and serious matters can come straight to the President.

Disciplinary action is handled by a subcommittee. You get written notice, a chance to be heard and a right of appeal.

A grievance is a dispute between members, or between a member and the Committee or the club. You have 14 days to sort it out between yourselves, then 10 days to tell the Committee and go to mediation. The mediator cannot have a conflict of interest and cannot decide the dispute. They help you reach your own resolution.

Committee members have to declare conflicts of interest and step out of the decision.

WHAT THESE RULES DO NOT COVER

Fixtures, grading, eligibility, fill-ins, finals and game rules belong to **Knox Basketball**, not to us. These Rules govern how the club itself operates.

Read the full rules

emeraldclakers.com.au/clubgovernance

Every member can have a free copy · just ask

Questions

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