



MEMBERSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION

These Terms and Conditions constitute a binding agreement between the member and the Groot Drakenstein Games Club (GDGC). All club operations, facilities management, and financial administration are managed by Franschhoek Sport and Social Club (Pty) Ltd (FSSC) ('the Operator'). By accepting membership, the member acknowledges this operational structure.

1. MEMBERSHIP TERM AND CYCLE

- **1.1. Annual Cycle:** The GDGC Membership Cycle runs annually from 1 January to 31 December. The Operator reserves the right to determine seasonal availability and operational hours for specific sporting codes and facilities within this period.
- **1.2. Automatic Renewal:** All memberships automatically renew unless written notice is received by 30 November. The Club/Operator will endeavor to send a renewal reminder and any fee adjustment notices 30 days prior to this deadline.

2. FEES, INVOICING, AND PAYMENT

- **2.1. Invoicing Entity:** All membership invoices will be issued by Franschhoek Sport and Social Club (FSSC). It is the member's responsibility to ensure their beneficiary details are correctly updated per the invoice.
- **2.2. Annual Invoice Date:** Invoices for the renewal of the following year's annual fees shall be issued between 1 December and 15 December.
- **2.3. Payment Due Date and Membership Tier:** The Member agrees to pay the annual membership fee corresponding to their selected tier (e.g., Club, Family, Corporate, Student/Senior). Full annual subscriptions are due by 31 January, unless otherwise specified in your individual billing terms. Failure to pay may result in immediate suspension of privileges.



- **2.4. Discretionary Payment Plans:** The Club may, at its sole discretion, offer a structured payment plan. This must be requested by the member and agreed to in writing by the Club.
- **2.5. Annual Fee Adjustment:** GDGC reserves the right to adjust fees annually. Increases will be communicated via email at least 60 days prior to the 30 November non-renewal deadline. Members may terminate without penalty if they do not agree to the adjustment, provided notice is given by the 30 November deadline.
- **2.6. Sporting Code Subsidies (Seasonal Subscriptions):** Participation in specific codes (e.g., Cricket) requires additional seasonal subscriptions/subsidies and match fees.
 1. **Eligibility:** Selection is contingent upon seasonal subscriptions being paid in full.
 2. **Invoicing:** Seasonal invoices are due in accordance with the specific sporting code's timeline.
 3. **Match Fees:** Each playing member must pay a match fee for all scheduled home fixtures as determined by the sporting code.
 4. **Inclusions:** Seasonal fees may include specific items, such as match shirts, depending on the code.
- **2.7. Pro-Rata Fees:** Members joining mid-cycle will be charged a pro-rata rate based on the number of full months remaining.

3. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS

- **3.1. Compliance Documents:** Membership is contingent upon adherence to the GDGC Constitution, Code of Conduct, and Terms of Entry.
- **3.2. Privileges:** Access to facilities and sporting sections is granted based on the approved membership category.
- **3.3. Family Membership:** Grants privileges to two primary adults and up to three dependent children listed on the application. The Main Member is financially responsible for the entire account.
- **3.4. Corporate Membership:** Grants privileges to one main member and up to nine additional members (max 10). The corporate entity is financially responsible for the membership.



4. CANCELLATION AND NON-RENEWAL

- **4.1. Non-Renewal Notification:** Written notice of non-renewal must be sent via email no later than 30 November.
- **4.2. Late Notice:** Failure to meet the 30 November deadline results in automatic renewal; the member will be liable for the full fees for the following year.
- **4.3. No Reimbursements:** No refunds will be given for memberships cancelled by the member or terminated by the club at any point during the cycle.

5. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

- **5.1. Termination for Cause:** The Club reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership for breaches of these Terms, the Code of Conduct, or conduct detrimental to the Club's reputation.
- **5.2. Non-Payment:** Privileges are suspended immediately upon failure to pay by the due date (Clause 2.3). Membership may be terminated if fees remain unpaid after a final demand notice.

6. LIABILITY AND RISK (CPA COMPLIANCE)

- **6.1. ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** ALL MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PARTICIPATION IN SPORTING ACTIVITIES INVOLVES INHERENT RISKS. BY ENTERING THE PREMISES, YOU VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT ALL RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
- **6.2. Limitation of Liability:** The Club and Operator accept no responsibility for injury, death, loss, or property damage, as per the Constitution and Terms of Entry.
- **6.3. Parental Responsibility:** Parents/Guardians are held responsible for the conduct and safety of their children and any damage caused by them.

7. DATA PROTECTION (POPIA COMPLIANCE)

- **7.1. Consent:** The Club and Operator process personal data (names, contacts, billing info) solely for membership administration and safety. By accepting these terms, you consent to this processing under the Protection of Personal Information Act.



8. DOCUMENT CONTROL & RATIFICATION

This document was formally reviewed and ratified for the 2026 Membership Cycle.

- **Date of Issue:** 1 January 2026
- **Club Chairman:** Sean Petzer
- **Board of Trustee Representative:** Morne Landman
- **Operator Representative:** Robert Walker