

FALSE CREEK YACHT CLUB

Policy on Spousal Members

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It has been the normal practice to “swap” the membership classification of a Member and their spouse who is a Spousal Member. For example, A and B are spouses, A is an Active Member and B is a Spousal Member, and they request that B be the Active Member and A be the Spousal Member. The Club normally agrees. Moreover, compassion is normally shown on the decease of a Member. This policy makes the practice transparent and consistent.

1. “Full Member” means a Member whose spouse is a Spousal Member. “Spouse” is defined as in the Society Act.¹
2. A Full Member and their spouse, who is a Spousal Member, may request in writing that the Spousal Member be admitted to the membership class of the Full Member and that the Full Member be admitted to the class of Spousal Members. Reasons should be given for the request. A request may not be made under this policy if the Full Member is an Honorary Life Member or if the purpose of the request is to take advantage of discounts provided to Senior Members.
3. Upon the decease of a Full Member, the Spousal Member may request in writing that they be admitted to the membership class of the Full Member. In the case that the Full Member is an Honorary Life Member, the Spousal Member may request that they be admitted to the class of Active Members. No initiation fee is payable if the request is granted.

¹ As of 2020, the Act states that “spouse” means a person who (a) is married to another person, or (b) is living with another person in a marriage-like relationship. The Club’s definition changes automatically with the Act. A marriage-like relationship is defined in case law. The onus is on a member to establish, by appeal to case law, to the Board’s satisfaction, that they are in a marriage-like relationship.

4. The Board delegates decisions on requests under this policy either to the Director with responsibility for membership recruiting or to the Membership Committee. Members have a right to appeal a negative decision to the Board. The Board reserves the right to decline any request.