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BY-LAWS

The following are the by-laws of Loch Vaal Club, as referred to in Clause 25.2.7 of the Club Constitution. Members who fail to abide by these bylaws may be suspended or, in severe cases, have their membership terminated.

Notes:

- Where there is any conflict in interpretation between the Constitution and these bylaws, the Constitution shall prevail.
 - Individual members may apply to the Management Committee for the temporary relaxation of these bylaws.
 - Regulations governing the use of watercraft are detailed in a separate document available on our website.
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New Members

Membership applications will only be considered by the Management Committee once all applicable membership fees have been paid in full. During the thirty-day probation period, new members may use Club facilities and launch their watercraft from Club property but may not introduce guests. All boat launching must comply with relevant SAMSA regulations for pilots and watercraft.

Club Fees

The Club's financial year runs from 1 June to 31 May. All fees are due on or before 1 June each year. Members who do not meet this deadline may be automatically classified as defaulters. For more details, refer to Clause 10 of the Club Constitution.

Access to Club Property

- Members in good standing (i.e., with all subscriptions and fees fully paid) have unlimited access to Club property. Gate activation tags are strictly for personal use and may not be loaned under any circumstances. Violation of this rule may lead to membership being revoked.
 - Members without a gate tag may access the Club via the gate attendant from 08h00 to 17h00 on weekends and public holidays. During the week, access is available during these hours by prior arrangement with the Club office.
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Guests

- Each senior member in good standing may bring up to four (4) guests per day. Members must ensure all guests are signed in and that the required fees are paid upon entry. To host larger groups, members

must submit a written request to the Committee. No member may invite the same guest more than once per calendar month.

- Members are fully responsible for the conduct of their guests. Membership cards and gate tags may not be lent to guests. Guests brought onto the Club property after hours must be registered and paid for at the office or with the gatekeeper the next morning. Members must personally let their guests in and out after hours. Guests are not permitted on Club property unless accompanied by the hosting member.
 - Guests are not allowed to bring watercraft onto Club property or launch from Club slipways under any circumstances.
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Dogs

- Only small dogs are permitted and only with written permission from the Committee. This permission must be renewed annually. No large dogs are allowed; the Club's definition of a "large dog" is final.
 - Dogs must be leashed at all times, with one end attached to a person or an immovable object. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. A maximum of two dogs per family is allowed.
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Member Conduct

Members must conduct themselves in a manner that does not disturb others. Specifically:

- Loud music is prohibited.
 - Vulgar or offensive language is not permitted.
 - Socializing after 22h00 must occur without disturbing others, preferably at the clubhouse or waterfront.
 - Abuse of alcohol or use of illegal substances is not tolerated.
 - Speeding on the Club grounds is prohibited (speed limit: 10 km/h).
 - Motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, and golf carts are not permitted.
 - Only licensed drivers may operate vehicles on Club property.
 - Littering is prohibited; use the provided bins.
 - Exercise caution when using thatch lapas to avoid fire hazards.
 - Student rates apply only to full-time students under 24 years of age, with annual proof of enrolment.
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Leave of Absence

Members may apply for a leave of absence (maximum of two years) under the following conditions:

- Illness.
- Financial hardship.
- Temporary relocation or emigration.

All leased assets must be returned to the Club for reassignment during the leave period.

Environmental Care

- The Club is a bird sanctuary; do not disturb birdlife.
- Trees may not be removed without written permission.
- Boathouse occupants must maintain their allocated grounds.
- Club tools and equipment may not be used for personal maintenance.
- Respect other members' garden areas.

- Hedges are not allowed between garages. Elsewhere, maximum height is 800mm, except for authorised hedges next to footpaths (max 1800mm, if not hazardous).
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Children

- Parents are responsible for their children's behaviour.
 - Children under 8 or who cannot swim must be supervised in the ablution block, swimming pool, trampolines, and control tower/lookout deck.
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Clubhouse

- Senior members may request after-hours access keys from the office. The clubhouse must be left clean and tidy. The last person out must ensure the premises are locked and lights are off, and keys returned the next day.
 - Bikes, rollerblades, ball games, and similar activities are not permitted in or around the clubhouse, ablutions, or pool area.
 - Pool and table tennis equipment must be treated with care. Eating or drinking while playing is not allowed. A refundable deposit is charged for equipment. The user must pay for damages.
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Swimming Pool, Trampolines, and Swings

- No glassware in the pool area (except under the lapa).
 - No large pool toys allowed.
 - Keep the area tidy.
 - Be respectful of other swimmers.
 - No shoes on trampolines; max two persons at a time.
 - Swings are for children only, who must be supervised.
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Leased Facilities

In case of conflict, lease agreements override these bylaws.

- Only senior and special senior members may lease facilities.
- Facilities must be used at least once every three months, or the lease will be revoked.
- No subletting unless approved in writing.
- The Committee must approve all joint leases.
- Leased facilities may not be used as permanent residences and cannot be occupied for more than three consecutive months at a time.
- Only watercraft may be stored under carports or in leased facilities (exceptions may apply for tractors used for launching).
- Asset swaps must be approved in writing.
- No member may lease more than one of the following combinations:
 - Boathouse and boat garage.
 - Boathouse and caravan port.
 - Boat garage and caravan port.
 - Multiple caravan ports or shelters.
- Canvas blinds must be rolled up when not in use.

Boat Shelters and Caravan Ports

- Lessee members must maintain these in good condition.
- Shade netting and other improvements require written Committee approval. All items are stored at members' risk.

Boat Garages and Boathouse

- The lessee must maintain the garage and the surrounding area at their expense.
- No alterations may be made without written permission from the Committee.
- Only approved items may be stored within.
- Garden watering may only occur between 06h00 and 18h00 using handheld hoses.
- Exteriors must be painted in Club-approved neutral colours. The approved palette is available from the Club office.

Campsite and Rondavel

- Reservations must be made via the Club office.
- Fees must be paid in full for confirmation.
- During peak periods (Easter, Christmas), only one guest site per member; others as available.
- Refunds only if cancelled 4+ weeks in advance.
- Preference during peak periods is given to bookings of 10 days or more in the main park.
- Max 8 people per site.
- Accommodation must stay within site boundaries:
 - One caravan, one standard tent, and one two-man tent permitted.
 - Or, two tents only.
- No sleeping in vehicles unless designed for that purpose.
- Vehicles and boats must be parked outside the park.
- Fires must be raised at least 200mm from the grass, and the area kept wet.

Caravans

- May not be left permanently on-site (except in caravan ports).
- May not be unattended on a designated campsite for more than 24 hours without approval.
- Visitors' caravans are allowed (with a member present and fee paid).
- No bespoke-built Caravans, modified Caravans, Plett homes, modified shipping containers, or bespoke-built dwellings on wheels of any sort are permitted on the clubs' grounds. The two bespoke-built Caravans/dwellings on wheels currently on the property are legal and are seen as Grandfathered in.

Jetties

- Members may reserve a jetty only if their watercraft is on the water and a visible sign is displayed after launching.

- Signs may not be left overnight.
 - Visitors arriving via water may use available jetties for up to four hours.
 - Slipways are for launching and retrieving only; no mooring permitted.
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Watercraft Registration

All member watercraft must be registered with the Club and display their assigned number on both sides at the stern and on the trailer.

Petrol Jetty

Strict safety protocols apply:

- Approach from east to west at <5 kph.
 - Queue on the east shore side of the marker buoys.
 - No wake zone.
 - No skiing, water toys, mooring (except when refuelling), loud music, or maintenance allowed.
 - No repairs or maintenance are permitted on or at the petrol jetty; craft needing attention must be moved to the harbor jetty for attention.
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Petrol Sales

- Sold only during posted hours.
 - Petrol must be paid for in cash or by credit/debit card. Payment must be handed to the attendant before fueling begins, along with the amount to be pumped. American Express and Diners Club cards are not accepted.
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Parking

- Do not park in front of boathouses, boatshelters, or garages without permission.
 - Park trailers in designated areas.
 - Always park considerately.
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Braai Facilities

Braais are only allowed using Club facilities or members' appliances - no open fires are permitted.

Consumable Sales

All purchases (gas, ice, charcoal, tuckshop) must be made and paid for at the Club office during office hours.

Derelict Boats

Derelict boats are not allowed. Owners will be given 30 days' notice before removal at their expense.

Fishing

Permitted under these conditions:

- No shoreline camping.
 - Rods only - catch-and-release (max 2 rods/person), no keep nets are permitted.
 - No fishing from jetties or slipways.
 - Permitted areas:
 - The right of the “No Fishing” sign extends to the first reed bank on the western boundary.
 - Cruiser Bay from the last slipway to the northern boundary.
 - Valid fishing license required.
 - No unattended rods.
 - Respect others when casting.
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Permanent Staff

- Members may not employ Club staff during working hours.
 - After-hours employment is at the member's risk.
 - No personal deliveries by on-duty staff.
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Casual Staff and Contractors

- An advance permit is required.
 - Members must be present while they are on-site.
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