



SHREE SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE MELBOURNE INC

69 Wadhurst Dr, Boroonia, VIC - 3155 ✨ Inc No: A0052751G

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I _____

Of _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Wish to become a member of SHREE SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE MELBOURNE INC.

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

I would prefer all notices and communication by form of e-mail.

Applicant Signature _____

To be completed by a Current Registered Nominee.

Nominee 1

I _____,

a member of the Association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Nominee Signature _____ Date: _____

Nominee 2

I _____,

a member of the Association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Nominee Signature _____ Date: _____

***NOTE:** Please print this form and complete the relevant information then upload it onto the SSTM Member portal www.sstmelbourne.org.au/member through the "Register" link.

Please read the Membership Rules & Regulations on page 2 and 3 before signing the form.

NOTE: Membership Rules & Regulations pages are not required when submitting this form onto the SSTM Member Portal. You are only required to submit the 1st page of the membership application form.



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MEMBERSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS (with reference to SSTM Constitution)

1. Who is eligible to be a member

- a. Any person irrespective of gender, caste, race or creed: -
 - i. Is over 18 (eighteen) years of age and is a faithful follower and devotee of the Swaminarayan Sect and the original teachings of Lord Shree Swaminarayan (under the Said Seats).
 - ii. Observes the five Panchvartman of householder of the Swaminarayan Sect,
 - iii. Is not a member of another faith, sect or institution not recognized by either Said Seats of the Swaminarayan Faith, and
 - iv. Participates actively and whole-heartedly in the daily routine activities, events and festivals while fully supporting and sympathizing with Mandir's objectives.

2. Application for membership

- a. To apply to become a member of the Association, a person must submit a prescribed application form onto the SSTM Membership Portal that the person:
 - i. Wishes to become a member of the Association; and
 - ii. Fully supports and sympathizes with the purposes of the Mandir; and
 - iii. Agrees to comply with these Rules.
- b. The application must be signed by the applicant and nominated by 2 (two) members of the Mandir.
- c. All new membership applications received after the notice of the Annual General Meeting has been sent out will be processed after the conclusion of such AGM.

3. Consideration of application

- a. As soon as practicable after an application for membership is received, the Committee must decide by resolution whether to accept or reject the application.
- b. The Committee must notify the applicant in writing of its decision as soon as practicable after the decision is made.
- c. No reason need be given for the rejection of an application.

4. New membership

- a. If an application for membership is approved by the Committee: -
 - i. The resolution to accept the membership must be recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting; and
 - ii. The Secretary must, as soon as practicable, enter the name and address of the new member, and the date of becoming a member, in the register of members.
- b. A person becomes a member of the Association and, subject to rule 13(2), is entitled to exercise his or her rights of membership from the date the Committee approves the person's membership.

5. Annual subscription

- a. No new membership or annual subscription fee shall be payable for membership of the Mandir.

6. General rights of members

- a. A member of the Association has the right: -
 - i. To receive notice of general meetings and of proposed special resolutions in the manner and time prescribed by these Rules;
 - ii. To submit items of business for consideration at a general meeting;
 - iii. To attend and be heard at general meetings;
 - iv. To vote at a general meeting;
 - v. To have access to the minutes of general meetings and other documents of the Association as provided under rule 75; and
 - vi. To inspect the register of members.
 - vii. To be selected into the Managing Committee and other Sub-Committees. As long as the member's membership rights are not suspended for any reason.



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7. **Renewal of membership**

- A member of the Mandir must renew his/her membership within two (2) months after the Annual General Meeting each year in a prescribed form to continue his/her membership rights.
- Annual membership renewal form must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association after each AGM.
- Members not renewed as per sub-clause (1) will need to submit a new membership form.

8. **Rights not transferable**

- The rights of a member are not transferable and end when membership ceases.

9. **Ceasing membership**

- The membership of a person ceases on resignation, expulsion, death or failure to renew membership annually as per clause 14.
- Membership shall automatically cease when a member takes up residence out of State of Victoria (Australia) for over six (6) months and has no intention to return within the year.
- If a person ceases to be a member of the Association, the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, enter the date the person ceased to be a member in the register of members.
- The expelled member shall not be refunded any membership fees or any donations made in kind or cash.
- Any person who uses vulgar language, abusive words or behaves rudely or incites the people gathered at any event of festival thereby interfering with the prayers and worship of the devotees within the Mandir premises may be ordered by the principal office bearers to leave the premises of the Mandir. The Managing Committee may recommend to a special general meeting for such person be expelled from membership.

10. **Resigning as a member**

- A member may resign by notice in writing given to the Association.
- A member is taken to have resigned if: -
 - The member has not renewed his/her annual membership as per clause 14; or
 - The Secretary has made a written request to the member to confirm that he or she wishes to remain a member; and the member has not, within 3 months after receiving that request, confirmed in writing that he or she wishes to remain a member.

11. **Register of members**

- The Secretary must keep and maintain a register of members that includes: -
 - For each current member: -
 - The member's name;
 - The address for notice last given by the member;
 - The date of becoming a member;
 - The date of renewing a membership;
 - Any other information determined by the Committee; and
 - for each former member, the date of ceasing to be a member.
- Any member may, at a reasonable time and free of charge, inspect the register of members.

12. **Grounds for taking disciplinary action**

- The Association may take disciplinary action against a member in accordance with this Division if it is determined that the member: -
 - Has failed to comply with these Rules; or
 - Refuses to support the purposes of the Association; or
 - Has engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Association.