

SwissCommunity: Organisation of the Swiss Abroad

The Swiss Society of New Zealand Incorporated, as the umbrella organisation of the Swiss Clubs in New Zealand, was officially recognised as a Swiss Society by the Swiss Community. We completed a declaration that we would notify the Swiss Community if any of the following eventuated:

- less than 50% of our members are Swiss citizens.
- the majority of office holders are NOT Swiss citizens.
- the President of our Society is NOT a Swiss citizen.

Moved policy is accepted:

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Membership policy

All citizens of Swiss origin in New Zealand and their descendants shall be eligible for membership of the Society. Children up to 18 may participate in Society sporting activities if their parents are members.

Persons who are not Swiss citizens or descendants, but who have an affinity to Switzerland or Swiss people may be eligible for membership by special decision of the committee. They shall have all the rights, including voting, of ordinary members but may not hold office in the Society.

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Ambassador

When a new Ambassador of Switzerland commences their appointment in New Zealand, the Swiss Society of New Zealand Incorporated must formally invite them to become Patron of our Society and explain the role to them.

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All Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings must be advertised in the Helvetia magazine in a timely manner, together with an agenda and any special business to be dealt with.

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Financial requirements

The bank accounts will be operated on severally – meaning any one of the people authorised at an AGM can ask for information, transact or open / close accounts. All payments must be authorised by another committee member and all payments made during the financial year must be passed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Income and Expenditure Statement and the Balance Sheet must be reviewed, passed at the AGM and published in the issue of the Helvetia magazine immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

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Subscription payments

At the beginning of September every year the Secretary or Treasurer of the Swiss Society of NZ Inc will invoice all clubs with the number of members on the database (less life members), with the invoice being payable by clubs by the 30th of September.

All Society Only members will be invoiced on the 1st of April annually.

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Club affiliations

The Swiss Society of New Zealand Incorporated currently has members of the following clubs affiliated – Auckland Swiss Club Incorporated, Hamilton Swiss Club, Taranaki Swiss Social Club Incorporated and Wellington Swiss Club. All members of these clubs MUST be members of the Swiss Society of NZ Inc. The rules of the affiliated Swiss Clubs must conform and comply with the constitution of the Swiss Society of New Zealand Incorporated.

All members who are not members of the above clubs are Society Only members.

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