

BrisStyle Inc. Membership Policy & Procedures



1. Philosophy

BrisStyle Inc. aims to provide support, advice and opportunities for independent artists, crafters, artisans, and designers who reside within Queensland and Northern New South Wales.

2. Payment

We have a membership fee renewable annually. These funds are used for the general running of BrisStyle, staffing, advertising, promotional material etc. throughout the year.

3. Membership Criteria

- BrisStyle Inc. membership is open to all individual independent artists, crafters, artisans, and designers who reside within Queensland and Northern New South Wales.
- As memberships are for individuals, we do not offer membership to groups of any description including businesses, communities, collectives or charitable groups.

All membership applications will be reviewed on an individual basis to ensure they meet the criteria, as well as upholding the integrity of the BrisStyle Inc. philosophy. The BrisStyle Inc. committee reserves the right to decline any membership application. Should your application be declined, we will inform you of this in writing.

4. Participation in BrisStyle Markets & Events

- Participation in any BrisStyle markets & events is open to all financial members of BrisStyle Inc. provided they meet the given criteria for each market or event.
- All co-contributors of 50% or more to the design and production of handmade wares being sold at the BrisStyle markets and events must be individual members of BrisStyle Inc.
- The selling of franchised or imported wares is not permissible at any BrisStyle market or event.

5. Promoting BrisStyle

The success of BrisStyle has come from the enthusiasm generated via various forms of promotion from our marketing team as well as the members of our community. It is therefore a requirement of membership that all members support and promote BrisStyle and all its online media campaigns and events throughout their channels.

Marketing material for BrisStyle markets and events will be made available before all events.

A range of BrisStyle promotional material will be made available online to all members, as well as printed material at our events.

6. Respecting other BrisStyle Member's Intellectual Property

BrisStyle fosters an environment where creative ideas are respected and valued.

It is every member's responsibility to respect the individuality and integrity of other member's designs and create work that is unique and doesn't infringe on another's intellectual property.

If any member has cause to seek issue with any other member who is copying their personal designs, they will need to resolve the issue with the member in question themselves. The BrisStyle Committee can subsequently assist both parties in seeking the appropriate mediation if this isn't resolved, but ultimately the responsibility for resolution rests with the owner of the original designs.



7. Conduct of BrisStyle Members

The policies and procedures listed in this document must be always adhered to by members when representing BrisStyle in any way, including at markets, events, and exhibitions.

Defamatory remarks by any BrisStyle member against a fellow member or any part of BrisStyle as a whole, including any BrisStyle stakeholders, will be deemed as inappropriate and a breach of BrisStyle's Policies and Procedures and Code of Conduct.

BrisStyle stakeholders include, but are not limited to, all members, event supporters, sponsors, charities, and customers as well as the BrisStyle Staff and Committee members and all should be treated with care, honesty, fairness and respect. Any verbal and/or physical victimisation or public slandering including online harassment of any BrisStyle stakeholders will not be tolerated.

Members who do not comply with BrisStyle's Policies and Procedures and Code of Conduct may be subject to review by the BrisStyle Committee who will work with the member to remedy the situation.

If the situation still fails to meet the standards outlined in BrisStyle's Policies and Procedures and Code of Conduct, this may result in suspension/and or termination of the members' privileges.

8. BrisStyle Online Etiquette

The BrisStyle Members-only Facebook group is an online meeting place that encourages all members to network their creative skills and build relationships throughout the BrisStyle community. To ensure that this remains a happy and peaceful place for all members to gather, please always abide by the BrisStyle Code of Conduct.

In addition to this, if you wish to recruit members for any external event that you are hosting or involved in, we request that out of courtesy, you inform the BrisStyle Committee via email at committee@brisstyle.com.au before posting the information in the Facebook group. Depending on the event, we may be able to send a wider call out for you via our databases. We may also be able to initiate a cross-promotion between the event and BrisStyle via the BrisStyle social networks. However, if the event in any way conflicts with the BrisStyle Code of Conduct or philosophy, we reserve the right to politely decline to assist in promoting it.

9. Creating New BrisStyle Enterprises

If you have an exciting initiative, that you would like the committee or yourself to champion, please send all details to the BrisStyle committee via email (committee@brisstyle.com.au) so that together we can assess its viability and its alignment with the BrisStyle philosophy. If it is viable, the BrisStyle committee will then be able to assist you in contacting members and all parties to be involved. The decision of the BrisStyle committee is final.

10. BrisStyle Intellectual Property

All BrisStyle documents are to be utilised only by current financial members of BrisStyle Inc. during their membership. All BrisStyle Inc. documents, logos and designs remain the intellectual property of BrisStyle and may not be reproduced or distributed for any reason other than what they were intended. In particular, the content of any BrisStyle document may not be reproduced in any part to undertake any similar activities the likes of which are undertaken by BrisStyle Inc.