

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual club members whose exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time.

Processes and Criteria Nomination

1. Any full member can be nominated by any current full member with the nomination seconded by at least one other full member.
2. Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate with the support of favourable applications demonstrating minimum service requirements and examples meeting the criteria.
3. This should be a written document and signed by the nominating members and passed to the secretary to be tabled at the next Management Committee meeting.
4. Life Membership cannot be nominated by an immediate family member.
5. In the event that the nominee is serving on the Management Committee at the time of nomination that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.
6. Using a secret ballot a simple majority of a quorum of the Management Committee is sufficient for the nomination to be pursued. At this time the Management committee shall appoint an individual or subcommittee to further research the nomination and report back to the committee.
7. In the event that the Management committee believes the nomination is worthy of life membership a secret ballot with a 3/4 majority is required to formalize the nomination.
8. The Management Committee will present the nomination to the annual general meeting or special general meeting for the final

ratification of the nomination and awarding of life membership. The result shall be determined by way of a secret ballot with a majority of 2/3 required.

9. Life Membership must be recorded in the club's official records.

10. The granting of life membership and the recipients service to the club should be publicised in the club's media and any other club communication tool considered appropriate.

11. The nomination form must be received by the Secretary or President by 31st May.

Criteria

Life membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison with others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.

Granting life membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided as a guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominees strengths against the various criteria will apply.

To assist with the nomination, some or all of the following criteria should be considered.

For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the club and membership.

1. Extensive service in a range of roles that contribute to the benefit of the club, these roles may include but not restricted to – service on the committee, coordinator roles, fund raising activities, promotional and marketing, committee and/or event coordinator roles, committee and/or event support roles.
2. Has the nominee demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the club?

3. Has the nominee provided valued leadership around the club and is considered a role model?

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