



AWARDS: LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is the highest individual club honour available to recognise exceptional and sustained contribution by an individual to the Football Club. It is therefore only awarded to a member in exceptional circumstances and has strict governance criteria.

To be considered for Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high-quality service to the club which includes enhancing the reputation of the club and is in line with the values of the club.

As a general rule there should be no more than two (2) life memberships awarded in any one year. Additionally, there is NO requirement to award life membership in any one year.

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for Life Membership an individual must have attained and served the club as financial member for minimum of 10 years' either in an on field or off capacity or both.
- The Management Committee can however, override the eligibility protocols under a "above and beyond" clause. Under these circumstances the Management Committee must put it to a vote. Under these circumstances the points scoring criteria does not apply.

Criteria:

After eligibility is met the Management Committee should score the nomination using the points scoring system below. As a guide a nomination should attain at least 110 points.

Baseline Points:

- 10 points for each year served as a Player, Coach, Official or Umpire.
- 15 points for each year served as a Committee Member.
- 20 points for each year served as an Executive Committee Member.
- 25 points for each year served as a President.

Additional Points:

- 5 points for reaching the milestone of 50 games.
- 10 points for reaching the milestone of 100 games.
- 20 points for reaching the milestone of 150 games.
- 25 points for reaching the milestone of 200 games.
- 10 points for each recognition award received.
- 20 points for each Best Club Person or President's Award received.
- 5 points for each playing award received.

In addition to the guidelines for the points scoring system the following factors must be considered as part of the selection criteria:

- The general attitude and overall demeanor of the nominee is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the club.
- The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to the principals of fair play & good sportsmanship.
- The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the members in general.
- The nominee will have demonstrated going beyond what is expected of a member.
- The nominees' service must reflect favorably on and, or brought credit to the club.
- The nominee is regularly in attendance at official functions or volunteers on a regular basis and participates in club activities.
- The nominee is a major financial contributor to the club.

Nomination:

Nominations are sought from financial Club Members, Life Members and Committee. The nomination must include commentary outlining why the individual should receive the award.

Selection:

The Management Committee **MUST** second and approve each nomination. This does not mean the individual has been bestowed life membership rather it means the nomination will move to the selection phase.

The Management Committee is run to selection criteria against the nomination or vote under the "above and beyond" clause. This will be provided to the selection panel.

A minimum three-person selection panel is chosen by the Management Committee from the existing pool of Life Members to consider, endorse or oppose the nomination(s) based on the information provided. The eligible nomination(s) along with the supporting artefacts are provided to the selection panel.

The selection panel provide their endorsement or opposition back to Management Committee and the Management Committee bestow the honour on the individual where endorsement is given.

