

Guidelines for Life Membership Nomination

- Life membership should be regarded as a prestigious honour that is not awarded lightly.
- The award should only be granted to members whose accomplishments are outstanding and widely recognised as such.
- Nominees should have more than 20 years of sustained service to the club.
- Nominees should have an established history of:
 - o distinguished or high-quality service to the club
 - o a positive, lasting contribution
 - o exhibiting initiative or leadership
 - o positively contributing to the club on a community, regional, or national level
 - o respect of members of the club
 - o personal integrity.
- Areas of service may include coaching, management/administration, or other services or activities, such as active fundraising, that support the club.
- Nominees should not be current members of the committee recommending the award and should not have served on the committee for at least two years.
- Submissions must include a commentary, specifically outlining the nominee's distinguished contributions, and testimonials or letters of support from at least two club members to ensure wide support.
- The deadline for life membership submissions must be at least three months prior to the AGM to allow the committee time to thoroughly review the submission. Approval by the committee

requires a vote of at least 75% in favour.

- A submission outlining the nominees' contributions and reasons for the committee's recommendations must be made available for all club members to consider at least two weeks before a vote is taken at the AGM.
- A maximum of one life membership should be awarded each year (though zero awards would be more common) to maximise the honour to each recipient.
- The number of active life members should not exceed 5% of the number of active senior members, so as not to diminish the prestige of the award and place the club under financial pressure by having a high number of non-paying life members.