



LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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This By-Law has been approved by a majority of not less than three fourths of the members present and voting in person or via proxy in a General Meeting. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Club Constitution and other relevant Regulations, Codes, Policies, and Documents

1. Purpose

Members that have demonstrated exemplary service to the Club can be nominated for Life Membership. This policy advises on the process to be followed by the Club member and Committee when considering such nominations.

2. Criteria

- ✎ Life membership is taken very seriously by the Club and should be considered an honour upon a financial member of the Club for services that goes beyond that of other volunteers. The service should be sacrificial in nature and not directly for personal status, kudos or gain.
- ✎ Nominee/s must:
 - be financial member of the Club;
 - have a minimum of ten years of consecutive membership; and
 - have given five years of exceptional service.Meeting these minimum criteria's does not automatically entitle Life Membership.

3. Process

- ✎ All nominations must be:
 - in writing by the nominator and seconded by financial member of the Club
 - contain sufficient information (with examples where applicable) which demonstrates exceptional contributions made by the nominee. Such information can include reference to:
 - significant contributions
 - achievements that have had a positive impact at/on the Club
 - outstanding representation of the Club
 - commitment towards the club
 - character, personal standing, and behaviour
 - received by the Club Secretary by no later than 31 July of each financial year.
- ✎ Upon receipt, the Executive Committee may decide that further information is required, and the nominator may be asked to present such information at the July committee meeting.
- ✎ All nominations will be presented to committee members at the August committee meeting for consideration. Through a secret ballot, at least 75% of attending committee member must vote in favour of endorsing each nomination.
- ✎ All Committee endorsed nominations will be published in the Club October Paw Print newsletter (or similar) each year.
- ✎ All nominations must be treated as confidential by all parties concerned, until such information becomes common knowledge through the publication of the Committee endorsed nominations.
- ✎ All Committee endorsed nominations will be presented at the Annual General Meeting for ratification. Through a secret ballot, at least 75% of attending Financial Member must vote in favour of approving each nomination.



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4. Award of Life Membership

Upon being awarded life membership a member is entitled to the following privileges:

- ✍ the Member's name be placed on the Life Membership board within the Clubhouse, and
- ✍ the member is exempt from paying ongoing joining and/or annual subscription fees for life. Refer By-Law 08 – Annual Subscription and Joining Fee.