



North Launceston Football Club Incorporated

Life Membership Guidelines

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Standard Operating Guidelines

Life Membership appointments for the information of the Committee of Management (COM)

Life Membership

Background

The Constitution of the North Launceston Football Club Inc allows for the Committee of Management to “annually elect as Life Members any two persons who have rendered outstanding service”.

Purpose

This policy has been developed to provide guidance to the North Launceston Football Club Committee of Management with respect to the election of people as Life Members of the Club.

Definitions

“**The Club**” means the North Launceston Football Club Incorporated

“**Players**” means any person who is or has been registered under a playing contract with the Club.

“**Life Member**” means a member who has been elected to life membership.

Aims

This policy aims to ensure that the Life Membership is awarded for long and outstanding service to the North Launceston Football Club Incorporated.

Application

This policy applies to all office bearers, committee of management, staff, players, volunteers and consultants associated with the Club.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Committee of Management is responsible for:

- Reviewing nominations for Life Membership consistent with this policy
- Awarding Life Memberships

General Manager

- Receiving nominations and ensuring process has been followed

Nominator

- Nominating individuals for Life Membership in accordance with the procedures outlined in the policy

Nominee

- Endorsing the nomination for Life Membership in accordance with the procedures outlined in the policy

Policy Principles / Guidelines

1. General

These Guidelines have been approved by the Committee of Management consistent with the Club's Constitution.

1. Each complete nomination for election is to be forwarded in the first instance to the General Manager who will forward copies of it and all other relevant information to the Committee of Management for consideration.
2. The Committee of Management may at its discretion annually elect as Life Members up to two persons who have rendered outstanding service to the Club.
3. The name of each Life Member shall be entered on to the Register.
4. Any person elected to Life Membership shall be exempt from payment of any further subscription but shall nevertheless be entitled to all the privileges and benefits and be subject to the same liabilities and duties as an Ordinary Member.

2. Criteria for Life Membership

1. The election of a Life Member is recognition by the Club of long and outstanding service to the North Launceston Football Club by a member.
2. This honour may be bestowed on a person by the Club at any appropriate time, and is not linked necessarily with that person's retirement from the Club.
3. An outstanding service to the Club is one which:
 - a) results in the Club being substantially, demonstrably and positively changed by that contribution, and
 - b) ongoing commitment which occurs over a significant period of time (minimum of 10 years), and
 - c) required substantial, commendable and regular personal input, and
 - d) exemplifies our Clubs values, and
4. Automatic Life membership will be awarded for:
 - a) 150 senior or
 - b) 12 seasons representing the games as a player, and/ North Launceston Football Club as a player in a combination of under age, reserve and senior football teams (this may include a year of injury), and/or
 - c) 10 years service on the Committee of Management, and/or
5. Any combination of (4) as above
6. The Committee of Management can decide that up to two Life Memberships can be awarded in any one calendar year. Notwithstanding the above criteria, the Committee of Management may also at its discretion annually elect as Life Members any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Club, or at its discretion not award any Life Memberships.
7. Nominations will generally not be considered if more than three years have passed (in the opinion of the Committee of Management) since the primary component(s) of the outstanding service (on which the nomination for Life Membership is being judged) was completed or made, unless the Committee of Management so determine. This places the onus on proposers/ nominators to act promptly and ensures that worthy would be contemporary recipients are not displaced from the period in which their contributions should be recognised.

3. Procedure for Nomination

Any current member of the Club who wishes to have a person considered for nomination for Life Membership may complete and forward a submission to that effect in writing to the General Manager.

A nomination for election of a person for Life Membership shall be made on the official nomination form and be accompanied by the required supporting information. The official nomination form is available from the Committee of Management secretary.

Each nomination for Life Membership shall be endorsed by:

- a) The Nominee, and
- b) Two members supporting the nomination.

4. Procedures for awarding a Life Member

All applications for Life Membership will be reviewed annually by the Committee of Management (usually by August in any calendar year) for consideration and recommendation.

Election to Life Membership shall be by a majority of Committee of Management members. In the event the Committee of Management is deadlocked the President shall have the casting vote.

Life Membership will be awarded to the member at a function designated by the Committee of Management.

5. Related Policies/Procedures

The North Launceston Football Club Constitution