



## CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

### Overview

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of *Life Membership* of the Goulburn Rugby Union Football Club.

This award exists to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of the Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

It is the Clubs prerogative to decide how it will award *Life Membership*. However, it must be kept in mind that this is no small honour and must remain a prestigious award.

Only **ONE** recipient should receive this award in any one year period. The Club recognises that exceptional circumstances may arise, when two worthy recipients are eligible. It will be then at the discretion of the committee how many awards are given.

It should also be recognised that *Life Membership* does not need to be awarded each year.

### Goal

*Life membership* is only to be awarded to those who have made a significant contribution to the club. The aim is to make *Life Membership* hard to obtain so that it is respected by members and valued by recipients

In consideration of *Life Membership* an individual should have demonstrated **significant, sustained and high-quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the overall club.**

### Qualification Criteria

#### 1. General Considerations

- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the club
- Commitment to the values of good sportsmanship
- Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the club

#### 2. Length of Service

***Qualifying Service is to be 20 years which equates to 300 games***

Note; One year's official or volunteer service equates to 15 grade games played

The highest grade played at each venue is only to be considered as games played

Maximum qualifying service achieved in one year can not exceed 15 games i.e. one cannot double up on game time and official or volunteer service in the one year

- Nominee should have actively served the club as an administrator, official or volunteer for a minimum of 20 years

Or

- Played 300 games for the Goulburn Rugby Club – Junior games will be considered

Or

- A combination of games played and works done as an administrator, official or volunteer totalling 300 games

### 3. Other Criteria

- Specific achievements both on and off the field can be taken into consideration
- Dispensation for Key Positions – If a member has held a senior position as an official or administrator for 15 years he automatically qualifies for life membership

#### **Benefits of Life Membership**

- Award of Life Membership to the Goulburn Rugby Union Football Club to be given at the Club Presentation event
- Exemption of fees associated with the Football Club ( this excludes player registration costs)
- Personal invitations to both junior and senior presentation evenings
- Status of being a member of a select group within the Club

#### **Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership**

- Nominations for *Life Membership* (Appendix) should be forwarded to the committee at any time throughout the year but no later than 4 weeks before the AGM in each year
- Nominees should demonstrate
  - Attainment of minimum service requirements
  - An outstanding contribution in at least one of the areas of service
  - Other details of exemplary service
- Nominations shall be voted upon by the full committee at any monthly meeting. Nominees that receive a simple majority vote (ie more in favour than against) shall be put forward to the AGM or next suitable general meeting to be voted upon by the club's full membership.
- Such nominees that receive a two third majority vote by all members at a General Meeting shall be confirmed as Life Members. (It may be a useful practice to have the nominee leave the room for the vote).
- Retraction of *Life Membership Award* may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Goulburn Rugby Union Football Club to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status



**3. Other Criteria**

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This Life Membership was approved by our Club Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Club President)

(Club Secretary)