



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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### **Life Membership Guidelines**

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual club members who's exceptional, honest, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has a provided measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time.

Life membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.

Honorary life membership is recognised by M A Olympic Football Club as the highest of recognition that can be awarded onto a member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution – it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

### **Nomination & Process**

1. The club will accept nominations at any time during the season however nominations will only be reviewed during the month of August at a Special Club Meeting.
2. The Club will specifically call for Life Membership nominations on July 1 of the competition season (this includes emailing all current Life Members).
3. No more than two (2) members can be given Life Membership within any one season.
4. Any current full member or retired member can be nominated by any current full member with the nomination seconded by at least one other current member. In the case of a player being nominated, the player must be financial with the club at the time of nomination and in the case of a player nominating a person for life membership, that player must also be financial with the club at the time of nomination.
5. Nominations must be completed on the Club nomination form, signed by the nominating members and passed to the Secretary to be tabled at the August meeting.
6. Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
7. In the event that the nominee is serving on the committee at the time of the nomination, that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.
8. Once a nomination is received, the Secretary shall have the responsibility of calling a 'special meeting' in August for all committee members to decide on the nomination/s.
9. At the meeting, the committee must discuss the application/s, in regard to the criteria and determine if the nomination is worthy. (The emphasis in this determination should be heavily on critical appraisal of



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the level of service this applicant has acquired to be a Life Member. If there is any doubt of such level being achieved, or lack of information about the nominee, Committee Members should consider voting in the negative).

10. A simple majority of quorum of the committee is sufficient for the nomination/s to be pursued. If there is more than two nominations to be considered, the committee will undertake a secret ballot vote to determine the awarding of life membership.
11. The Secretary will present the nomination and awarding of the life membership to the Special General Meeting.
12. Life membership must be recorded on the club's official records.
13. The granting of Life Membership and the recipients service to the club should be publicised in the clubs media and any other club communication tool considered appropriate.
14. A formal presentation to the newly appointed life member will occur at the clubs senior presentation evening, with the life members name being included on the clubs life membership board.

### Criteria

Granting life membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominees strengths against the other criteria should be considered. For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the club and membership.

Some or all of the following criteria should be considered.

1. There are four areas of service within the club. The nominee should have an outstanding contribution in at least one of these areas and at least some contribution in two of the other three areas;
  - A) Playing
  - B) Coaching / Managing
  - C) Administration / Committee
  - D) General contribution (includes fundraising, supporting & other issues that a committee may see as relevant)
2. Minimum 10 years concurrent club membership
3. Minimum 8 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the club
4. Has the nominee demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflect dedication to the values of the club including good sportsmanship?
5. Has the nominee provided leadership around the club and is considered a role model?