



# LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

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## INTRODUCTION

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the Newport Ladies Lacrosse Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

## NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Any financial Member may nominate another member for consideration for the Life Membership award. Nominations must be submitted in writing & must be signed by two current financial members (unrelated members) of the Club.

The nomination should be prepared so as to set out the achievements & activities of the nominee & at a minimum must meet the award criteria as set out below. Nominations must be received by the executive committee no later than the 1st of September in the year which the nomination is to be considered.

## AWARD CRITERIA

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Club.

The following points will be taken into account when considering any nomination:

- The nominee's length of service to the Club shall be **at least 10 consecutive years** in either or both on field or off field roles.
- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the Club
- The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to the principals of fair play & good sportsmanship.
- The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the members in general.
- The nominee's service must reflect favourably on and brought credit to the Club.
- The nominee must be a currently active member.
- The nominee must be a currently financial member.

*Important Note:*

*These points apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during their service in the Sports Club (on or off the field). Achieving the minimum service levels will not in any way automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership.*

*The criteria for candidature, as described herein, may be adjusted in extreme circumstances, including but not limited to posthumous Life Membership, at the discretion of the NLLC Committee and current Life Members.*

## **PROCESS FOR ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS**

All nominations must demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service.

The Committee (a minimum quorum is required) will assess any nominations for Life Membership based on the established criteria.

The final list of endorsed nominations for the award of Life Membership will be individually voted upon (a unanimous vote will be required for approval). Life Memberships will be awarded at the next Annual presentation night.

## **RETRACTION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Retraction of a 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 unanimous agreement of the Committee to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

## **AUTHORISATION**



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