



LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY 1.2

Purpose:

Diamond Creek Women's Football Club (DCWFC) bestows Life Membership to deserving players, committee members and supporters who have rendered outstanding service & commitment to the Club:

- First and foremost, our Club wishes to recognise players who have been loyal members, and
- Additionally, we wish to recognise all persons who have made a significant contribution to our Club and our Community
- For this policy, senior games include any game played in an open age competition

Eligibility Criteria:

The eligibility criteria for Life Membership for a player and a person differ:

- **Players** - A player is eligible for Life Membership when the following criteria are met:
The player has played at least 150 'senior' games at DCWFC. The player's character, personal standing and behaviour are beyond reproach
- **Nominated persons** - A nominated person is eligible for consideration for Life Membership after a Club member (social or player) nominates that person for Life Membership. The nominating member is requested to complete the 'Life Member Nomination Form' in support of the persons they are nominating for consideration by the DCWFC Committee

A nominated person's outstanding service in the interest of DCWFC will be evaluated within the following guidelines:

1. It has been conspicuous, seen by the members in its execution or seen by the members as an enduring legacy
2. It has been substantial, as measured by the number of years involved, the amount of time and effort taken, the quality of results and the benefit to DCWFC and members/football
3. The person's character, personal standing and behaviour are beyond reproach
4. The person has at least 5 years' service on the Committee and/or in any recognised capacity

Nominations:

Nominations for Life Membership are to be conducted at the end of each season and must be advertised for at least 14 days. All nominations from previous year's will form part of the current year's selection process and do not need to be nominated again.

All nominations must be forwarded to the Secretary before the closing of nominations.

- **Players** - The Secretary will review the club's records of games played to determine whether the nominated players are eligible for Life Membership
- **Nominated Person** - The Secretary will review the club's records to determine whether the nominated persons are eligible for Life Membership



Selection Process:

The Committee will meet to assess the nominations as an agenda item at the next committee meeting following the closing of nominations. The Committee will judge the relative merits and contributions towards outstanding service and commitment to the Club in determining whether a Life Membership is to be awarded.

A maximum of up to 2 can be selected as a Life Member per season; made up of 1 or 2 players and/or 1 or 2 nominated persons (any mix). There can be 0 selected in any season as well.

The following selection guidelines are to be applied to both players and nominated persons:

1. The Committee must review each nomination independently and determine whether the nominated person has met the eligibility criteria
2. A Life Membership can only be awarded if ALL the required criteria are met
3. Eligibility for Life Membership does not entitle a person to Life Membership
4. Each Life Member must receive at least 75% 'yes' vote from the Committee members
5. The endorsement of a Life Member is solely at the decision of the Committee, and no correspondence will be entered into

Recognition:

Life Members to receive a free Club membership for life, a plaque/trophy and be named on the Honour Board. Life Membership may be presented at the AGM or the senior team's presentation night, as decided by the Committee.

Name of person being nominated for Life Membership _____

Please provide details to support your nomination. Attach sheets as required.

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