



Diamond Creek Football and Netball Club

Life Membership

Policy:

This policy sets out the minimum requirements for the selection of Life Membership of the Diamond Creek Football and Netball Club.

It is to be awarded to deserving individual members and players who have rendered outstanding service, contributing to the Club's development and success on and off the field for a minimum of ten (10) years.

During the nomination and selection process due respect must be paid to the honour and privilege associated with the award and the fact that Life Members become role models for other Club members.

Life Membership should only be granted after careful consideration of the merits of each nominee's overall contribution to the development and functioning of the Club.

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 then be at the discretion of the executive committee as to how many awards are given.

Alternatively, it is not mandatory to select a Life Member each year if a suitable candidate is not available.

Life Membership Committee:

The Life Membership Committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) Life Members of the DCFNC and an Executive Member of the current Senior Football Club Committee.

Selection Criteria:

The eligibility for Life Membership is considered different for a player and a volunteer:

Player:

A player is eligible for Life Membership when the following criteria are met:

- The player has played at least 200 games in the open-age teams and has been retired from club football for at least one (1) season.
- Given a minimum of 2 years' service to the Club in an off-field capacity.
- The players' character, personal standing and behaviour are beyond reproach.

Volunteer:

The nominated volunteer is eligible for consideration for Life Membership within the following guidelines

- He/she must have given a minimum of 10 years' service to the club in one or more of the following areas –

Office Bearer, Committee Member, Sub-Committee Member, Member of the Coaching Staff, Full Time Runner, Full Time Team Manager, Bar Manager, Canteen Manager, Time Keeper, Other (At the discretion of Life Members Committee)

- Volunteers working within the DCFC Junior Administration will also be considered using the above criteria, however years of service will be counted on a 2 to 1 pro-rata basis. For example working for six (6) years within the junior body will be counted as three (3) years toward achieving the ten (10) years minimum for Life Membership consideration.

Procedure:

Nominations for Life Membership must be made on the official Life Member Nomination Form.

The nominee must be nominated and seconded by existing financial members of the Diamond Creek Football and Netball Club, one of which should be an active member (as the holder of historical knowledge)

Length of membership (10 years) alone is not appropriate.

The nomination must articulate the reasons why Life Membership is considered appropriate, and where possible, specific examples of involvement within the Club should be documented.

Nomination/s should reach the **Secretary** no later than **six** weeks before the AGM

Process:

All nominations are to be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Once the Secretary receives the nomination/s the Life Membership Committee will be convened to consider and scrutinise the valid nominations.

A recommendation will be prepared by the above committee to either reject or accept the nomination/s.

Formal acceptance of nomination/s must be accepted by the Senior Club Committee.

The presentation of Life Membership is to be made the following year at the Annual Past Players and Life Member's day.