



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

### 1. PURPOSE

To provide criteria and process detail for the granting of life membership.

### 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all staff, members of and visitors to the Axedale Golf Club and Members are encouraged to note the criteria provided and submit nominations as and when appropriate.

### 3. POLICY

#### CRITERIA FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This policy sets out the minimum criteria required to be eligible for nomination for an award of Honorary Life Membership of Axedale Golf Club.

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

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

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 overall Club.

**The criteria to be taken into account when considering any nomination include:**

#### 1. Length of Service

The person nominated should have at least 25 years' service to the Club as a player and/or in a volunteer role with service in either role being taken concurrently. The nominee should also have served for a minimum of 10 years on General Committee or a Subcommittee. The Executive may consider nominations where this criterion has not been fully met in exceptional circumstances.

#### 2. General Considerations

- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the Club.
- The nominee has regularly supported the club and its activities and has contributed significantly to the advancement of the Club.
- The nominee has demonstrated commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Shows valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Club.



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### Specific Criteria

Specific achievements, both on and off the course, will be taken into consideration.

Areas of service in the Club may include:

- Playing
- Leadership
- Administration
- General Contribution
- Other areas that the Executive may see as relevant.

### Benefits of Life Membership

- Recognition of the nominee as making a significant and lasting contribution to the Axedale Golf Club
- Listing in the Club's website and Honour Board.
- Status of being a member of a select group within the club.
- Exemption from paying the Golf Club's annual membership fees.

### Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

- Any current club member may nominate another past or present club member for Life Membership on the official Life Membership application form.
- The completed Life Membership application form shall be forwarded by the nominating club member to the President of the Axedale Golf Club, no later than 6 weeks before the AGM in each year.
- Satisfaction of the criteria described in this policy **does not** infer automatic granting of Honorary Life Membership. The criteria are for the guidance of the Axedale Golf Club Executive when assessing nominated nominees to be put forward to the Axedale Golf Club Annual General Meeting.
- Election as an Honorary Life Member requires an 2/3 majority vote by Axedale Golf Club members at the Annual General Meeting.
- The Life Membership application must address the criteria, including:
  - attainment of minimum service requirements.
  - an outstanding contribution in at least one of the four main areas of service listed above with at least some contribution in two of the other areas or contribution deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Axedale Golf Club Executive.
  - other details of exemplary service.
- The final list of all nominations for the award of Honorary Life Membership will be submitted to the Executive Committee members for assessment before the AGM.
- Subject to agreement by ALL Executive Committee members, all endorsed Honorary Life Membership nominees shall be presented at the next Annual General Meeting. Election as an Honorary Life Member requires a 2/3 majority vote by Axedale Golf Club members at the Annual General Meeting as detailed in the Constitution.

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 full support of the Axedale Golf Club Executive Committee to be enacted.

## 4. REFERENCES

AGCFO-03 Life Membership Nomination Form