



CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of Life Membership of the Mount Barker Lutheran Netball Club.

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

The aim is to make Life Membership hard to obtain so that it is respected by members and valued by recipients.

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 be then at the discretion of the Executive Committee how many awards are given.

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

Benefits of Life Membership

- Award of the Life Membership at the Mount Barker Lutheran Netball Club Annual Presentation Night
- Exemption from membership fees
- Personal invitation to both junior and senior presentation events
- Listing in the Netball Club Website and other official documents
- Status of being a member of a select group within the Club

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 points to be taken into account when considering any nomination include:

General Considerations

- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the Club
- Commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship
- Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Club
- Promoting the Club positively within the local community

Length of Service

Mere length of service does not automatically guarantee the granting of Life Membership, service to the Club is only one criteria and as a recipient of Life Membership other criteria listed in this document need to be met.

- Only voluntary service counts towards Life Membership
- The length of service to the Club should be extended service of 10 years minimum as a senior player and/or as a volunteer role with such service in either role being taken concurrently, but not necessarily consecutively

Other Specific Criteria

- Specific achievement, both on and off the court, will be taken into consideration
- Areas of service in the Club includes; Playing, Coaching/Managing, Administration, and General Active Volunteer (including fund-raising, canteen coordinator, supporting and other issues that a Committee may see as relevant)
- Active involvement in the function of the Club which includes factors such as attendance at Club functions, willing acceptance of tasks that need to be done to keep the Club running and general contribution to the Club

Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

Anyone may nominate any past or present member for Life Membership. Nominations should be forwarded to the Committee via the Club email no later than the final game of the regular season (before commencement of finals).

Nominees should demonstrate

- Attainment of minimum service requirements
- An outstanding contribution in at least two of the four areas of service as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Committee
- Other details of exemplary service

The Executive Committee must receive nomination in writing and check that it meets criteria – if not, the full Committee is to be informed of the nomination and the subsequent denial.

If the Executive Committee believe a nomination meets criteria, then it is to be presented at the next meeting and be voted on by secret ballot whereby it must be voted by a majority of at least 75%, in favour of the Life Membership.

Life Membership may then be awarded at the next Club Annual Presentation night.

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 MBLNC Executive to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.