



# Life Membership Policy

Life Membership is the highest recognition available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the Greenvale Basketball Club (also referred in this policy as the 'Club'). It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

## Nomination for Life Membership

Any financial Member may nominate another member or former member to be considered for recognition as a Life Member. Nominations must be submitted in writing and signed by two current financial members (unrelated members of the nominee and each other) of the Club.

The nomination should be prepared so as to set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and at a minimum must meet the criteria as set out below.

Nominations must be received by the Executive Committee no later than the 1st of June in the year which the nomination is to be considered.

## Life Membership criteria

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

Nominations will be considered based on one or more, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- The nominee's length of service to the Club shall be at least seven (7) years continuous service 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, as outline in the Club's Mission Statement and other Club's policies and Rules.
- The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship, both on and off the field of play.
- 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.

### *Important note*

These criteria apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during their service in the Club. Achieving the minimum service levels will not in any way automatically guarantee being recognised as a Life Member.

## Process for assessment

- i. All nominations must demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and/or other details of exemplary service.
- ii. The Executive Committee (all Executive members are required) will assess any nominations for Life Membership based on the established criteria, detailed above.
- iii. The Executive Committee will assess all nominations put forward and only those nominations that the Executive considers worthy of Life Membership shall be endorsed and put to a vote at the following Club Committee meeting.
- iv. Life Memberships will be announced and presented at an official Club function.

### *Important note*

There should be no expectation that one or more Life Memberships will be recognised every year.

## Retraction of a Life Membership

Retraction of Life Membership 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 generally.

This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the unanimous agreement of the General 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.

## Benefits of Life Membership

In addition to the status of membership of a select group within the Club, Life Membership will be recognised by:

- Recognition at the Club's Annual General Meeting and other official Club function.
- Listing on the Club's web site and other official documents, as appropriate.
- Invitations to attend all future official Club functions.