

LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO FOOTBALL WEST

General principles to consider in granting Life Membership

1. The granting of Life Membership of Football West is a great honour and should not be treated lightly. On average, one to two (or none) Life Memberships are likely to be able to be awarded each year.
2. Life Membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison with others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made for example against the types of achievements of past recipients, direct comparisons between individuals should not be made.
3. Granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided for guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of Life Membership of Football West. Nominees' strengths against the various criteria will vary. Some nominees will be extremely strong in some criteria but weaker against others, others will be more rounded.
4. Life Membership of Football West is reserved for those whose contribution goes beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time, not just a few years and not just within the one club but rather across various aspects of the sport.

Process for nominating and granting of Life Membership of Football West

1. Clause 9.5 of the Football West Constitution provides that Life Membership may be granted by the Company in recognition of services rendered to the sport.
2. Nominations for Life Membership may be made at any time, but are normally voted on by members in the lead in to the Annual General Meeting and are to be lodged with the Company Secretary. Only Directors and Members may nominate. The nominator is to complete the necessary form and provide a written submission addressing how the nominee measures up against the Life Membership criteria
3. The Company Secretary must collate nominations and pass these to the Chair of the Life Membership Sub-Committee (a Director delegated by the Board) with the Committee comprising of the said Director, two nominated shareholders of the Company and the Chief Executive of Football West.
4. The Sub-Committee must consider the nomination against the Life Membership criteria in light of the general principles. Each nomination must be considered on its merits. In considering the nomination, members of the Sub-Committee are not to be influenced by any personal relationship with the nominee and are not to make direct comparisons with other Life Members, nominees or persons not nominated. The Sub-Committee may request additional information from the nominator if that would assist its deliberations.
5. The Sub-Committee must decide whether or not to recommend the nominee be admitted to Life Membership and provide its recommendation to the Board at its meeting immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Sub-Committee may provide a statement of reasons for the decision and may address any other relevant aspects of the proposed Life Membership.

6. The Board will consider the Sub-Committee's recommendation and vote to recommend to the Members following normal Board voting procedures.
7. Following the Board's decision, endorsed nominees will be put forward to the Members of the Company for formal voting at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The granting of a Life Membership of Football West and the recipient's services to the Club should be publicised on the organisation's website and any other communication newsletters considered appropriate.
9. Recipients of Life Membership must be recorded in the Football West's official records.

Criteria to be considered in granting Life Membership of Football West

1. Length of active involvement in the sport

To have contributed to football in Western Australia to the degree necessary for Life Membership, a nominee will almost necessarily have been involved for a significant time. While there is no 'minimum' period of membership, a period of at least ten years' active service (not necessarily concurrent) is an indicator of a long term commitment.

2. Positions held and length of time

The nominee should be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to the sport over a majority of those years of involvement. This may include:

- a) significant contributions while holding positions at a club or on a Committee (bearing in mind that membership of such committees does not of its own mean a person has made significant contributions)
- b) making significant contributions in the sport either at the state or national roles
- c) participating to a much greater extent than the average member as a regular, consistent and reliable volunteer in the sport

Multiple active roles benefitting a large number of people in football over a long period of time are the most obvious indicators of outstanding service to the sport, deserving of Life Membership.