



Life Membership Policy

GORDON FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC.

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nominations for an award of Life Membership of the Gordon Football and Netball Club Inc.

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

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.

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:

1. 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.

2. Qualification

To ensure consistency, a prescribed number of games is required;

- 200 games as a senior player
- or 300 games as a volunteer official
- or 300 combined games okayed / voluntary official
- In addition, the person concerned must have been an active member for at least 15 years (active is participating / supporting / assisting for at least 60% of games in each year).
- Games by officials are highly regarded but it is possible to do 2 each Saturday and hence the higher hurdle.

3. Other Specific Criteria

- Specific achievement, both on and off the field, will be taken into consideration.
- Four areas of service in the Club could include: Playing; Coaching/Managing; Administration; and General Contribution (including fundraising, supporting and other issues that a Committee may see as relevant).

4. Benefits of Life Membership

- Award of the Life membership at the Gordon Football & Netball Club Inc. Presentation Night.
- Annual Single Club Membership.

5. Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

- Nominations for Life Membership should be forwarded by a Committee member to the President of the Club Committee no later than the 31st July each year.
- Nominees should demonstrate
 - Attainment of minimum service requirements.
 - An outstanding contribution in at least one of the four areas of service with at least some contribution in two of the other three areas or contribution deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Committee.
 - Other details of exemplary service.
- The final list of endorsed nominations for the award of Life Membership will be submitted to Executive Committee members (being President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) for agreement before AGM.
- Subject to agreement by ALL Executive Committee Members, Life Membership may be awarded at the next Club Presentation Night.
- Any unsuccessful applications are required to be resubmitted.

Policy Promotion

The Club will promote the Life Membership policy regularly by:

- Putting a copy of the policy in club communications, e.g. newsletters, website and printed member/ player information,
- Displaying a copy of the policy in the club social rooms, and
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

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Position: President

Date: 01.01.2026

Signed: Sam Ascough

Position: Secretary

Date: 01.01.2026

Next policy review date is: **01.01.2027**