



***TAYLORS LAKES  
FOOTBALL CLUB –  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP***

***POLICY, PROCEDURE & NOMINATION FORM***

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of Life Membership is to recognise “outstanding service & commitment” to the Taylors Lakes Football Club by players and supporters.

- First and foremost, our Club wishes to recognise players who have been loyal members, and
- Additionally, we wish to recognise a person who has made a significant contribution to our Club and our community.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria for Life Membership for a player and a person differ:

### Players

A player is eligible for Life Membership when the following criteria are met:

1. The player has played at least the following number of games at our Club AND has been retired from club football for at least one season
  - 200 games in the open-age teams, OR
  - 300 games with at least 150 of those games in the open-age teams
2. The player’s character, personal standing and behaviour are beyond reproach.

### Nominated persons

A nominated person is eligible for consideration for Life Membership after a Club member (social or player) nominates that person for Life Membership.

The nominating member is requested to complete the ‘Life Member Nomination Form’ in support of persons they are nominating for consideration by the Life Membership Selection Committee.

A nominated person’s “outstanding service” in the interest of Club will be evaluated within the following guidelines:

1. It has been conspicuous, seen by the members in its execution or seen by the members as an enduring legacy.
2. It has been substantial - as measured by the number of years involved, amount of time and effort taken, quality of results and benefit to club and to members/football
3. It should be sacrificial - not directly for personal status or kudos and definitely not for personal gain or profit either directly or indirectly.
4. It should go without saying that the character, personal standing and behaviour of the candidate should be beyond reproach.

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Life Membership Committee is reconvened each year by the committee's most immediate past Chairman.

All Life Members are to be invited to join the Life Membership Selection Committee each year.

The President and Vice-president of TLFC Committee are automatic members of the Life Membership Committee.

The Life Membership Committee must have minimum of five members.

## **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for Life Membership must be advertised for at least 14 days prior to closing nominations.

All nominations must be forwarded to either the club President or Vice-President prior to the closing of nominations.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

### **Players**

The Chairman of the Life Membership Committee will review the club's records of games played to determine whether any players are eligible for Life Membership. The Chairman will nominate all eligible players for Life Membership.

There is no limit to the number of players who may be awarded Life Membership in any particular year.

### **Nominated person**

All nominations must be presented to the TLFC Committee for consideration and approval before being forwarded to the Chairman of the Life Membership Committee for consideration.

Eligible nominations submitted in the previous two years are also to be included for re-consideration.

The Life Membership Committee will judge the relative merits and contributions towards "outstanding service and commitment" to the Club are to be fully explored before determining whether a Life Membership is to be awarded.

A maximum of one nominated person can be selected as a Life Member per season.

The following selection guidelines are to be applied to both Players and Nominated persons

1. The Life Membership Selection Committee must review each nomination independently and determine whether the nominated person has met the eligibility criteria.
2. A Life Membership can only be awarded if ALL the required criteria are met.
3. Eligibility for Life Membership does not entitle a person to Life Membership.
4. Each Life Member must receive at least 80% 'yes' vote from the Selection Committee members.
5. The endorsement of a Life Member is solely the decision of the Life Membership Selection Committee and no correspondence will be entered into.

## **RECOGNITION**

Life Members to receive free Club membership for life, a trophy and named on the Honour Board.

Life Membership may be presented at AGM or at the Seniors teams presentation night, as decided by the TLFC Committee.

## **POLICY CHANGES**

Changes to the Life Membership policy can originate from either the TLFC Committee or the Life Membership Committee.

Before the proposed changes can be adopted, they must be accepted, by majority vote of a fully convened meeting of the originating committee and then accepted by a majority vote of a fully convened meeting of the other committee.

