

Life Member Guidelines

Purpose:

The purpose of the proposal is to provide guidance for determining admission to Life Membership.

Proposed Amendment:

1. Life Members

(a) Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a Member by the Club for longstanding and valued service to the Club, with a significant emphasis for off the field contributions. Any panel convened will conduct itself with that principle in mind.

(b) The Club executive will give notice to its members that it is accepting nominations for Life Membership in the first week of October every season. A current Life member empanelled will be designated to receive nominations. This is to ensure that a person nominated is not made aware of the nomination. Any Member may recommend a person for Life Membership by notice in writing.

(c) There is to be no limitation on the number of members granted life membership in any one year based on criteria listed under (i)(ii) and/or (iii). With respect to criteria listed under (iv), the number of members granted life membership in any one year will be limited to two (2). A panel of at least 5 members, including at least 2 current Life members (not currently on the Executive), and Club Executive members will convene to determine the eligibility of a nominee. An exec who is nominated for Life Member in a given year, can not also be part of the panel determining Life Membership in that same year. The committee will elect one member to head the committee. A person may become eligible to be appointed a Life Member only:

(i) When the nominated Member has provided a minimum of 10 years distinguished service to the Club;

1) Distinguished service signifies going above and beyond the regular duties of a player. This includes coaching, volunteering, serving on the AFLCanada, AFLOntario, AFLQuebec, of Club exec, etc.

(ii) Any Playing Member who plays for the Club for a period of twelve (12) years provided that such member shall have in that period occupied a position to which they have been elected to by the Members at a Special or General Meeting or to which they have been appointed to by the Committee for a minimum term of Two (2) years, or acted as a Coach or Assistant Coach for a minimum of two years, or any combination of the two.

(iii) Any Playing Member who has played 100(Men's)/70 (Women's) competition games for the Club is eligible for Life Membership.

(iv) If in the opinion of the Committee, special circumstances exist to warrant the grant of Life Membership of the Club to a Member who would not otherwise be eligible for Life Membership. (See Attachment A which outlines guidelines)

- 1) The committee will meet and be provided with the nominations that fall under this category, and any supporting documents that may provide assistance, prior to the meeting to discuss. The Score sheet (Attachment A) will also accompany the documents.
- 2) The committee will meet to discuss openly the nominated candidate(s), after which they will independently score each nominee based on the criteria. The score sheets will be sent to the elected head of the committee.
- 3) Following the tabulation of the independent scores for each nominee, the committee will meet again to determine if the cumulative score indicates an outstanding candidate worthy of inclusion.

(d) In order to ensure consistency, a master list of the nominees will be maintained. This will include the name of the nominee, the year(s) they were nominated, whom they were nominated by, the details of the nomination, their aggregate score, and any additional comments deemed important for their evaluation.

(e) Once a person is nominated, their nomination will remain valid for three years, and must be considered by the subsequent committees should they not be admitted in their first year.

(f) There is no limit as to how often a person can be nominated.

(e) Following a review of a Members record to ensure the required criteria has been met or following a recommendation of the committee pursuant to clause 1 (c)(iv) (as the case may be) a person may be appointed a Life Member only by Ordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Committee.

(e) A Life Member has all the rights of an Ordinary Member.

(f) A Life Member cannot be required to pay fees

Attachment A

Name (# of nominations)	Game day activities 3	Activity outside of game days 5	Promotion of the club 3	Embodying and promoting club values 3	Longevity 3	Total 17
Nominee 1 (2)						
Nominee 2 (1)						
Nominee 3 (1)						

Life Member Nominations		
Submitted by	Nominee	Justification
Life member and current player (joint), current player	Nominee 1	Ipsum lorem
Current player	Nominee 2	Ipsum lorem
Life member	Nominee 3	Ipsum lorem

Examples (for reference – these are not exhaustive)

- Game day activities
 - Playing
 - Coaching
 - Volunteering
- Activity outside of game days
 - Organizing and participating in off-field activities such as fundraisers, socials, team workouts, teaching footy in schools
 - Planning, running and attending training sessions
 - Sponsoring the club, or soliciting sponsorships
 - Organizing merchandise orders
 - Serving on the club or league executive
- Promotion of the club
 - Recruiting
 - Representing the club at international competitions
 - Organizing events that promote the club
 - Arranging accommodations for players who are new to Ottawa
 - Creating partnerships with other Ottawa organizations
- Embodying and promoting club values
 - Contributing to a positive culture
 - Welcoming and developing rookies
 - Supporting both the men’s and women’s teams
 - Building and maintaining good relationships with other clubs and the league
- Longevity
 - Years involved with the club, in any capacity