

BBFC Life Membership Procedures and Criteria

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Life Membership Process and Criteria

- * Nominations for Life Membership must be made on the official life member nomination form.
- * The Nominee must be nominated and seconded by existing financial members of Brindabella Blues Football Club (BBFC) one of which must be an active member (as the holder of historical knowledge).

While the nomination can come from any BBFC member, it must be 'sponsored' by a BBFC Committee member. The reason for placing the responsibility on the 'sponsor' or nominator is to stop the situation arising where little information is provided about a nominee, therefore making it difficult for Committee members to decide on the nomination.
- * The Nominee for Life membership must have given a minimum of 8 years continuous membership or continuous service with the BBFC, unless exceptional circumstances can be cited.
- * The Nomination must articulate the reasons why Life Membership is considered appropriate and where possible, specify examples of work or involvement which has significantly progressed the BBFC should be cited.
- * Nominations must reach the BBFC Secretary no later than six (6) weeks before the AGM.
- * All Nominations are to be treated with the strictest of CONFIDENCE.
- * Once having received all nominations the BBFC Secretary must convene the BBFC Committee which may consist of a minimum of three (3) BBFC Committee members & one (1) current Life Member, to scrutinise all valid nominations to determine if the nomination is worthy.
- * The emphasis in this determination should be heavily on critical appraisal of the level of service to the BBFC required to be a Life Member. If there is any doubt of such a level being achieved, or lack of information about the nominee that makes such a conclusion impossible, then BBFC Committee members should consider voting in the negative.
- * There are four areas of service to the BBFC:
 - > Playing capacity;
 - > Coaching / Managing capacity;
 - > Administration; or
 - > General contribution (including fund-raising, supporting and other issues that a Committee may see as relevant).

The nominee must have an outstanding contribution in at least one of these areas and at least some contribution in one other area as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the BBFC Committee.

- * Length of membership alone is not appropriate.
- * The BBFC Committee will prepare a report on each nomination summarising the successful or unsuccessful nominees.
- * The reports are required to reach the last Monthly General Meeting before the end of the current playing season to be ratified.

* Once the nominator/sponsor has presented the information and all questions and comments have been made, the Committee shall conduct a secret ballot on the worthiness of the nomination.

* If the BBFC Committee considers more than one nomination is worthy, the BBFC Committee may determine that 2 life memberships are awarded. However, this must be only in extremely special circumstances, and no more than two can be awarded in any year.

* Successful Nominees' will be presented with their Life Membership status at the Senior's Presentation Night.

* Should the BBFC Committee find it has two possible life members, it may consider setting a recommendation for the following year's Committee that one of the nominations be forwarded to the following year. Such a recommendation should then be considered by the following Committee separately and prior to any other nominations for that year.

* BBFC Committee members should be aware that it is not necessary for a Life Membership to be granted each year.

Criteria for Consideration

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> Coaching / Managing capacity;

> Administration; or

> General contribution (including fund-raising, supporting and other issues that a Committee may see as relevant).

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* Length of membership alone is not appropriate.

* The BBFC Committee must verify date nomination was received – must be no later than (6) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

* The BBFC Committee must verify that both proposer and seconder are financial members of the BBFC and that one is an active member

* The BBFC Committee must verify that the nominee has been a contributing supporter of the BBFC for a minimum of 8 years (Less than 8 years may be considered if exceptional circumstances are involved).

* The BBFC Committee must satisfy itself that the work and or involvement indicated has significantly contributed to the Club's development.

* Nominations to be decided by majority vote of the BBFC Committee.

* Report to be ratified by the BBFC Committee at the last Monthly General Meeting prior to the end of the current playing season.

* The decision is final and if a nomination is not endorsed by the BBFC Committee an additional nomination could be submitted in future years.

Presentation

- * An Official Life Membership Award will be presented at the Seniors Presentation Night.
- * The Life Members Name will be displayed on the BBFC Website.
- * The Life Members Name will be added to the BBFC Honour Roll.
- * The Life Members Registration Fees will be waived indefinitely (if playing).
- * A free invitation will be provided to all major events within the Club.
- * The Life Member may nominate to join the BBFC Committee in any capacity.

Special Notes

- * Further significant work or involvement that progresses the BBFC's development could see the Life Member nominated for a Perpetual Club Award named in his / her honour.
- * Life Membership is NOT automatically given to a spouse. A spouse must be nominated in their own right.

Nomination for Perpetual Trophy Naming Rights

- * A Life Member can be nominated and seconded by any BBFC Committee Member at any General Meeting.
- * Guidelines for the endorsement from the BBFC Committee would then fall within general discussion on points of continuous exceptional service by the Life Member.
- * Length of Membership alone is not appropriate.
- * On having been ratified, the BBFC would purchase the Initial Perpetual Trophy and any subsequent trophy that is linked, may be paid for by the Life Member as a generous offer.

Forfeiture of Life Membership

- * Life Membership is absolutely forfeited upon any failure to observe any by-laws or constitutional requirements and will be forfeited upon the passing of a special resolution for the removal from Life Membership for reasons not limited to, but as bringing the name of the BBFC into disrepute.