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Life Membership Guidelines

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1. LIFE MEMBERS OF BLACKBURN BASEBALL CLUB

- i. Life Members are any person who has rendered distinguished service to the Club and baseball, where such service is deemed to have provided assistance above and beyond for the advancement of the Club and baseball;

2. NOMINATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- i. Any general member of the Club may choose to nominate a fellow member (either active or former) who they believe meet the below criteria for consideration of Life Membership. Each nomination should be endorsed by either (a) a member of the Committee or (b) a current Life Member of the Club.
- ii. It will then become the responsibility of that Committee member or Life Member to present evidence to the Committee regarding the nominee that will allow an informed decision by the Committee, based on the criteria set out below, as to the worthiness of the nominee as a life member of the Club.

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.

Once a nomination has been received by the Committee, the Executive shall have responsibility to review the nomination with respect to the below criteria. If the Executive feel the nominated member meets the criteria for consideration, the Secretary shall call a special meeting of all Committee members to decide on the nomination. This should be done in conjunction with the nominator to allow time to gather the relevant information.

3. CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- i. The following details the criteria for consideration of a Life Membership of the Club. Once a member meets the below criteria, they can have their nomination for Life Membership considered by the Committee.
- ii. In extraordinary circumstances, a member who does not fully meet the below criteria, but is determined to meet Item 1i, may be considered for Life Membership, where their nomination is supported by the Executive.
- iii. To be considered for Life Membership, a member must accumulate a minimum of 40 points based on the criteria in Table 1.
- iv. To be considered for Life Membership, a member must accumulate points in a minimum of two of the criteria headings in Table 1.



Table 1: Criteria for Life Membership of the Club

Item	Points / Season
1. Playing	
For each season that a member has been a registered playing member of the Club (seniors or women's) in the VSBL competition or equivalent.	2 points
For each season that a member has been a registered playing member of the Club (juniors or masters) in the VSBL competition or equivalent.	1 point
2. Coaching / Managing	
For each season that a member has been a coach or manager of a senior, junior or women's side at the Club in the VSBL competition or equivalent.	1 point
For each season that a member has been a scorer or team manager of a senior, junior or women's side at the Club in the VSBL competition or equivalent.	1 point
3. Administration / Committee	
For each season that a member has been an executive committee member (President, Secretary, or Treasurer) for the Club.	2 points
For each season that a member has been a general committee member for the Club.	1 point
4. General Contribution	
<p>Additional points may be accumulated to support a nomination of a member for services beyond those listed above. These may include positions such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Running the canteen / bar;• Grounds person;• Fundraising;• Grants / Improvements around the Club; and• Any other contribution that "provides assistance above and beyond for the advancement of the Club and Baseball". <p>Note: These points can be in addition to points allocated for Criteria 2. Coaching / Managing or 3. Administration / Committee if the contribution is considered beyond their expected duties of the position the member holds.</p>	1 point



4. CONSIDERATION OF A LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- i. While members not on the Committee should be encouraged to provide information to support nominations, only the Committee should be present at any meeting to vote on a nomination for Life Membership, unless the Executive feels there are special circumstances requiring another person to attend. In such an event, this person should not be present when voting is undertaken.
- ii. 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.
- iii. The secretary shall act as the returning officer for all ballot votes. In the event the Secretary is unavailable, the Chair of the meeting shall designate a returning officer.
- iv. The Secretary should take the final votes and count them. Life members may only be voted on by a minimum of 80% agreeing with the nomination. Given the importance of the decision, Committee Members are not allowed to abstain from voting.
- v. All Committee members should be aware that it is not necessary for a Life Membership to be granted each year.
- vi. Life Memberships shall be awarded at (a) Annual General Meeting, (b) The Senior Presentation or (c) another suitable event as determined by the Executive.