



Policy Name:	Life Membership Policy
Approved by:	General Committee
Responsible:	Executive Committee Chair
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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is awarded to Club Members who's exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution have provided a measurable benefit to the Club over an extended period of time. It is the highest Club Honour, and its special nature is to be preserved.

Mere long-term service or involvement in the Club by a candidate without having satisfied the primary requirements of the nomination criteria or having demonstrated outstanding achievement. is not sufficient justification for selection. Life Membership is not recognition for service in its own right, or limited achievements, but for outstanding achievement.

There are other honours that can be given to people who have not yet reached that level of recognition.

Life membership may be awarded to any member of the Club including paid employees.

### Nomination for Life Membership

Any person who is a member or past member as defined by the Club's Statement of Rules may put forward recommendations for Life Membership.

All nominations must clearly demonstrate which elements of the Award Criteria that have been met and include 2 additional referees and must remain confidential.

A Nomination for Life Membership form must be lodged with the Secretary of the Club.

### Award Criteria

The key criterion for Life Membership is **an outstanding contribution to the development of basketball at the Club.**

These points will be taken into account when considering any nomination:

1. The nominees' length of service to the Club shall be at least 10 years even if the service is significant;
2. Outstanding service in multiple areas of the Club;
3. Significant contributions to the various Club Committees;
4. Whether the service has been provided on an honorary basis or for only an honorarium;
5. The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the Club;
6. The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship;
7. The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the members in general;
8. The nominee's service must reflect favourably on and brought credit to the Club.

### **Process for Assessment of Applications**

The Club's Executive Committee will meet annually to assess any nominations for Life Membership.

It will initially assess any nominations based on the established criteria.

However, granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership as nominees' strengths against the detailed criteria will vary.

The Executive Committee's deliberations will also remain confidential.

**Any decision made by the Executive Committee is final.**

### **Retraction of a Life Membership**

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require full Executive Committee support. As part of the deliberation the "Life Member" in question is also to be given the opportunity to present his/her case for retention of his/her status.

### **Benefits of Life Membership**

- (1) 50% discount for individual player subscription fees for junior domestic & championship for self and children. **OR**
- (2) 25% discount for individual player subscription of grandchildren
- (3) Free entry to Senior Championship Games and International Games for self
- (4) Voting rights at any Club General Meeting
- (5) Recognition on the Club Honours Board
- (6) An appropriate trophy/medallion, and a card to verify privileges
- (7) Continued receipt of the Club newsletter if that is desired.



**NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP: ELTHAM WILDCATS BASKETBALL CLUB**

<b>Name of Nominee</b>	
<b>Outline of reasons for nomination (refer to award criteria)</b>	
<b>Your Name</b>	
<b>Your Telephone number</b>	
<b>Your email</b>	
<b>Date of this Nomination</b>	
<b>Name and Contact details of 2 additional referees of this nomination</b>	<div>1.</div> <div>2.</div>

Nominations are to be submitted by post or email Att. The Secretary, Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club  
(PO Box 220, Eltham, 3095; [secretary@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:secretary@elthamwildcats.net.au)).

Awards are made at the discretion of the Eltham Wildcats Executive Committee  
The Executive Committee's decision is final