

	West Preston Lakeside Football Club Inc.	Approval Date: 15/10/19
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY AND PROCEDURE	Review Date: Oct 2020
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Purpose The purpose of Life Membership is to recognise outstanding service and commitment to the West Preston Lakeside Football Club by players and supporters.

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

Scope This policy applies to all Club players and members, former and current.

Reference Documents

- WPLFC Constitution

Definitions

Committee – consists of the General Committee elected at the Club’s AGM

Life Membership Subcommittee- consists of a minimum of 1 Junior Life Member, 1 Senior Life Member and 2 current Members of the Committee.

Life Member - All people who are current Life Members of the West Preston Football Club (WPEC), Reservoir Lakeside Football Club (RLFC) and West Preston Junior Football Club (WPJFC) are Life Members of the WPLFC.

General Principles This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the relevant sections of the Club’s Constitution and is to be reviewed and ratified by the Committee on an annual basis at the first Committee meeting in the calendar year.

In order to be nominated for Life Membership, a Nominee must attain a total of at least 40 points according to the criteria described herein.

A maximum of 5 points can be earned/attributioned in any one year.

It is recognised that games played in Under-age teams (U9-U17) should contribute to service rendered to the Club and be recognised as a contribution to the Club where and when deemed appropriate by the Committee.

Service rendered to the Club is not limited to the criteria described herein.

The Committee reserves the right to allocate points for tasks not specifically listed herein.

The criteria for nomination as described herein may be adjusted in special circumstances including but not limited to posthumous Life Membership, at the discretion of the Committee.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse Life Membership as it deems appropriate. Eligibility for Life Membership does not entitle a person to Life Membership.

Life Membership will only be granted after careful consideration of the merits of each nominee's overall contribution to the development and functioning of the Club. A nominated person's outstanding service should be informed by the following characteristics.

- The nominee's service should be visible and understood by the members as undertaking tasks that are critical to the ongoing prosperity of the Club.
- The nominee's service should be substantial as measured by the number of years involved, amount of time and effort taken, quality of results and benefit to the Club and to members/football.
- The nominee's service should be selfless -not directly for personal status or kudos and definitely not for personal gain or profit either directly or indirectly.
- The character, personal standing and behaviour of the nominee should be beyond reproach.

It is not mandatory to select a Life Member each year if a suitable nominee is not available.

Operational Principles

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Nominee must satisfy at least one of the following criteria to be eligible for Nomination:

1. Be a Member of the Club

- with at least 10 years continuous service or 15 years broken service and
- has rendered outstanding service and commitment to the Club by attaining a total of at least 40 points according to the criteria set out in the Club's Life Membership Policy and Procedure.

OR

2. Played at least 200 Open Age games (this may include Under 19 games) as a Member of the Club whilst providing significant contribution and commitment to the Club.

POINTS ALLOCATED FOR SERVICE RENDERED TO THE CLUB

FIVE POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President• Secretary• Treasurer
FOUR POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President - Junior• Secretary - Junior• Treasurer - Junior• Vice President• Sponsorship Manager (Volunteer)• Facilities Co-Ordinator• Coach/Football Co-Ordinator (Senior)
THREE POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Member (Specific Role)• Coach/Football Co-Ordinator (Junior)• Club Bar Manager (Volunteer)• Canteen Manager (Volunteer)• Senior Coach (Men/Women)• Reserves Coach• Under 19 Coach• Club Captain (A Grade)
TWO POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canteen Manager (Paid)• Committee Member (General Role)• Coach Junior Team (U9-U17)• Bar Manager (Paid)• Team Manager
ONE POINT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team/Match Day Official• Canteen Assistant, Bar Assistant• 5 Open Age or U19 games.• Asst Coach - Reserves, U19, Juniors• General Volunteer (Various Roles)• Facilities - Cleaning, Preparing, Maintenance

Procedure

NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Any person may be nominated for consideration as a Life Member of the Club by any two Members (current and financial).of the Club
2. Each nominating member is requested to complete the 'Life Member Nomination Form' (Appendix 1) in support of the person they are nominating.

The form should include the Member's reasons for putting forward the Nominee for Life Membership. The Nomination must articulate the reasons why Life Membership is considered appropriate, and where possible, specific examples of involvement within the Club should be documented.
3. The nomination form must be sent to the Secretary no later than July 31st

for consideration by the Committee.

All nominations will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

SELECTION

The Secretary of the Committee shall verify or check the information in the Nomination and upon satisfaction as to the eligibility and suitability of the Nominee, shall forward the Nomination on to the Life Membership Subcommittee for consideration.

The Life Membership Subcommittee will review the Nomination and make a final recommendation to the Committee.

The Committee shall vote to elect a Life Member.

In order to become a Life member, a Nominee must receive at least 75% of the votes cast by ballot by the Committee Members present at the election meeting.

The election of a Life Member is solely the decision of the Committee and no correspondence will be entered into.

RECOGNITION

A Life Member of the Club will be presented with a plaque at a formal presentation ceremony to recognise and commemorate their significant contribution to the Club and will be recorded at the Annual General Meeting each year.

A Life Member shall have full privileges of the Club, involving voting rights, and shall not be obliged to pay any further membership fees.