



GUNGAHLIN JETS

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POLICY – LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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Introduction

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of Life Membership for the Gungahlin Jets AFC. Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the Gungahlin Jets AFC. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

Process for assessing nominations for Life Membership.

Nominations for Life Members can be made by Club members, Committee or the Board through their respective committees and passed to the Board by August 15th of each year. Nominations must be provided on the appropriate pro-forma and seconded (co-signed) by a 2nd financial member. Nominations should demonstrate attainment of the mandatory criterion and other details of exemplary service. Achieving the mandatory criterion does not automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership.

Nominees must meet the mandatory criterion and meet a number of the contributing criteria to be eligible for election. Nominations will be judged on individual merit with feedback provided to the nominator if unsuccessful.

The Board will review the nominations using the following criteria and guidelines for Life Membership election and vote at the September Board meeting. A majority vote in favour of the nominee's election to Life Member by 75% of board is required for the nominee to be accepted. Life membership is to be awarded at the respective presentation night, with general mention at AGM in October.

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 Gungahlin Jets AFC. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Board to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

Mandatory criterion;

- The nominee must have a demonstrated history of 10 recognised years of outstanding service to the Gungahlin Jets AFC.

[Service is defined as activities such as volunteering, officiating, coaching, playing and administration].

Contributing criteria;

- Outstanding service enhancing the reputation and future of the Club.
- Actively contributed to the club (volunteered, committee/board member).
- Outstanding achievements whilst playing (for example Best and Fairest recipient, Premierships, league representation and other awards bestowed upon players).
- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee during their time with the Club, was an attitude that reflected a dedication to the values of the Gungahlin Jets AFC' and commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship.
- Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Gungahlin Jets AFC.
- Have played 200 senior games for the Gungahlin Jets AFC.

With regards to the above criteria the committee should evaluate "outstanding service" within the following guidelines:

- It has been conspicuous, seen by the members in its execution or seen by the members as an enduring legacy.
- It has been substantial - as measured by the number of years involved, amount of time and effort taken, quality of results and benefit to club and to members/football.
- It should be sacrificial - not directly for personal status or kudos and definitely not for personal gain or profit either directly or indirectly.
- It should go without saying that the character, personal standing and behaviour of the candidate should be beyond reproach.

Under exceptional and rare circumstances, the Board can elect Life Members who do not satisfy the above criteria, but who rendered extraordinary and special services to the Club during their association with the Club.