

East Malvern Junior Football Club

Life Membership Policy



This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for an award of Life Membership of the East Malvern Junior Football Club (EMJFC). This award exists to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of the club. These criteria have been endorsed by EMJFC committee to assist with the selection of individuals for the award of Life Membership of our Club.

Goal

Life membership is awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the club.

The aim is to make life membership sufficiently difficult to obtain so that it is respected by club members and valued by recipients. The hurdle needs to be achievable and relevant to the person receiving it.

General Considerations

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high level quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the overall club.

The points to be taken into account when considering and nomination should include:

- 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.
- Commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship
- Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the club.

Qualification

Individuals nominated for Life Membership should:

- Have actively served the Club as an administrator, official including coach or volunteer for a minimum of six years, not necessarily consecutively.
- Be considered to have contributed outstandingly to the development of the sport at Club level through their work with players, coaches, officials and administrators – e.g. one or combination of:
 - Has been actively involved in the development of players especially as coach, administrator or official in the service of the Club in an outstanding manner.
 - As a coach, has actively promoted the Club at games and coached the players in a committed manner, always exhibiting the clubs values of player development, good

sportsmanship and commitment to the club. Has represented the Club in other forums including interleague or at clinics and seminars with significant contribution. Through coaching, has achieved widespread recognition internally and externally for the club.

- As an official, has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the Club in developing the game through their officiating and teaching.
- As an administrator, has been unselfish in their work and dedicated to the ideals and success of the Club. Has contributed in a manner that creates a significant passage of history in the development of the Club.
- As a volunteer, has contributed significantly and beyond measure in their support of the Club.
- Is considered to have enhanced the standing of the Club at Regional, State and possibly National levels through their excellent work.

If there is a history of unlawful serious misdemeanours or offences, then this will be considered seriously in the Committee's determination on eligibility for Club Life Membership.

Procedure

Applications for Life Membership should be forwarded to the President of the club by 31 July each year. Applications should demonstrate attainment of the minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary and significant service.

Nominations from people outside the Committee will be considered, but the awarding of life memberships remains the sole discretion of the Committee.

The Committee will assess all nominations for Life Membership. A formal vote will be taken on any applications received which are considered worthy of Life Membership. To be awarded Life Membership the supporting vote must be 75% or more.

Whilst current committee members can be considered they cannot vote on the awarding of life membership for themselves and must remove themselves from any discussions regarding their own award.

Achieving minimum service levels does not automatically guarantee the awarding of Life Membership.

The announcement of Life Members will take place at the club's AGM.

Benefits

In addition to the status of Life Membership, the recipient will be recognised by:

- Award of Life Membership at the EMJFC Presentation Day.
- Presented with a Life Membership label badge.
- Listing in the club's website and other official documents.
- Invitation to all Club functions.

Policy review

This Policy was passed by the Committee on 21st November 2016 and is effective from 22nd November 2016.

This Policy will be monitored & reviewed every year by the Committee and updated where appropriate.