



## North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club

### Life Membership Policy

#### Overview



#### Purpose of Our Policy

This policy outlines the criteria, process, and benefits for awarding Life Membership at North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club. Life Membership is the highest honour bestowed by the Club, recognizing long-standing and exceptional service or contribution to the Club's success and community.

The Committee will always have a discretionary power to approve or reject a nomination for Life Membership from the Sub-Committee's recommendation and the decision of the Committee will be final and binding on all members of the Club. The Committee however, is not permitted to award Life Membership without consultation of the Sub-Committee.

#### Definitions

- "Club" – means the North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC)
- "Committee" – means the current executive committee of the NEWCC
- "Sub Committee" – means the Life Membership Sub Committee assembled on an as-needed basis. This Sub Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) Life Members of the Club, and will be involved in the consideration of the given Life Membership Nomination, and it should be recorded members in attendance/involved
- "Member" – means any past or present stakeholder in the Club for the purposes of this document
- "Service" – refers to years of involvement at the club – see "Criteria"
- "Extraordinary Service" – means service that has been recognised as going beyond what would normally be expected of a member carrying out his/her duties in the normal course of volunteering for the club.

## Eligibility categories, criteria and considerations

### Categories

There is recognition that there are four (4) categories of persons who may be eligible for Life Membership:

1. Members who have not played for the Club but have served on the Committee.
2. Members who have both played cricket and served on the Committee.
3. Members who have been a player at the Club but have not served on the Committee.
4. Volunteers who have not played for the Club or served on the Committee and are not financial members

### Criteria

To be considered for Life Membership, nominees must meet the following minimum criteria:

- **Length of Service:** A minimum of 15-20 years of active involvement in the club (can include playing, volunteering, coaching, administration, or other significant roles).
  - There may not be any major distinction between playing time and committee service years.
- **Exceptional Contribution:** Demonstrated outstanding service, dedication, and commitment beyond the ordinary expectations of a member.
- **Reputation:** Upheld the values and spirit of the Club, both on and off the field.

*Achieving the minimum service levels will not in any way automatically guarantee the awarding of a Life Membership*

### Considerations

The Sub Committee will take the following areas into account when processing a nomination:

- Nominee's Conduct/Behaviour/Character
  - Club or competition-imposed sanctions or suspensions fall under this consideration
- Level of service afforded to the Club
- Positions held within the Club, either official or unofficial
- Playing history
- Extraordinary circumstances applicable to the nominee

## Nomination Process

- Any financial member or life member of the Club may nominate an individual for Life Membership.
- Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary by 31 December each year, outlining the nominee's contributions and achievements.
  - Nominations can be via the online form for paper-based form attached to this policy
  - Hard copy forms are to be submitted to [secretary@newcc.com.au](mailto:secretary@newcc.com.au)
- The Sub-Committee will review all nominations and assess them against the eligibility categories/criteria/considerations listed in this document.
  - The Sub-Committee should not have to research the nominee's credentials, as the application should provide full details of the nominee & their service to the club.

## Approval Process

- The nomination will be received by the Secretary and thereafter the Committee will liaise with the Life Members to assemble a Sub Committee (*see Definitions*) to deliberate on the nomination
- The Sub-Committee will meet once a nomination has been received to consider the nomination, taking into account the items listed in Section “3”.
  - *This must be done by the end of January.*
- Following their meeting, The Sub-Committee will make a recommendation to the Committee either endorsing or rejecting the received nomination for Life Membership
- The recommendation will be discussed at the next suitable regular meeting of the Committee
  - The Sub-Committee are welcome to attend this meeting to discuss the nomination and associated recommendation
- The Committee will then either approve or reject the recommendation at its meeting at least
  - A majority vote is required for a recommendation to be ratified
  - *This must be done by the end of February*
- The presentation of the Life Membership award will be made at either the Senior Presentation Night or at an appropriate Club function each season, as deemed by the Committee
- The Life Membership is to be awarded by a current Life Member or person relevant to the nominee – this will be discussed by the Sub-Committee and Committee together
  - If approved, every effort will be made to keep the nomination confidential (as has been tradition). If the Sub-Committee and Committee feel that confidentiality is not suitable/achievable/optimal for a particular recipient, this aspect can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Notes**

- There will be no more than two (2) Life Memberships awarded in one season, however there is no requirement that a Life Membership be awarded each season.
- The executive Committee at the time, will be the final arbiter in any decision in relation to Life Membership. The final decision will be decided by a majority vote of the Committee and will be final and binding on all members.

#### **Entitlements of Life Members**

Life Members will receive:

- Free annual membership to the Club for life.
- No match fees
- Recognition on the Club’s Life Member Honour Board
- Listing on the Club website and other official documents
- Invitations to all special events and functions, inclusive of a complimentary ticket to Presentation night
- Voting rights at AGMs
- A commemorative certificate/plaque/memento.

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

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that adversely reflects either directly or indirectly on the image or activities of the Club generally or on a specific code. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the unanimous agreement of the Executive Committee to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, The Life

Member in question is to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

### Club Contacts for Life Membership

Club President: [committee@newcc.com.au](mailto:committee@newcc.com.au)

Secretary: [secretary@newcc.com.au](mailto:secretary@newcc.com.au)

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**Appendix 1 – Nomination form**

<b>Your Details</b>	
Name	
Date	
<b>Nominee Details</b>	
Name	
Reasons for nomination	<p>Please outline the reasons you are nominating the above individual. Reasons can include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Length of service (minimum of 15-20 years)</li><li>○ Playing, volunteering, coaching, administration, or other significant roles</li><li>○ Committee service</li><li>○ Demonstrated outstanding service, dedication, and commitment beyond the ordinary expectations of a member.</li><li>○ Upholding of the values and spirit of the Club, both on and off the field</li><li>○ Nominee’s Conduct/Behaviour/Character</li><li>○ Extraordinary circumstances applicable to the nominee</li></ul>
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