



Policy Name:

Honorary Life Membership & Sports Club President's Award

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Policy Statement

In 2008 the Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club introduced 2 special Awards designed to acknowledge and recognise the sustained, valuable contribution of individuals to the Club. In particular, the Awards are designed to recognise a diversity of valuable contributions – more than simply than being a long term member of a team. Such Awards shall be ratified at the discretion of the Governing Association at its Annual General Meeting (AGM). Such Awards shall be known as the:

- Sports Club President's Award
- Honorary Life Membership

Definition of Term & Exclusions

Sports Club President's Award - such an accolade shall be awarded to individuals who make a sustained contribution to the Club for a period of at least three (3) years and less than five (5) years. The contribution made shall be considered significant in impact or influence on the Club's ability to deliver on it's philosophy and objectives.

Honorary Life Membership – such an honor will be awarded to individuals who make an outstanding, sustained contribution to the Club for a period of at least 5 years. The contribution made shall be considered significant in impact or influence on the club's ability to deliver on its philosophy & objectives. Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

Responsibility

The Association Committee Members and Officer Bearers are responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy across the Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club.

Procedure

SPORTS CLUB PRESIDENT'S AWARD

1. Recommendations for the Sports Club President's Award shall be endorsed by the Vice President of a given sport and/or the President of the Governing Association and shall be supported by at least one other nominee.
2. Nominations must be received by the Governing Association's Secretary before the 1st September in any given year.
3. The President of the Association Committee will table the nomination for this Award at the Association's October meeting for consideration and possible ratification.
4. The Award shall be presented to the recipient at the respective Annual General Meeting.

HONARARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1. Recommendations for the Honorary Life Membership Award shall be endorsed by the Vice President of a given sport and/or the President of the Governing Association and shall be supported by at least one other nominee.
2. Nominations must be received by the Governing Association's Secretary before the 1st September in any given year.
3. The President of the Association Committee will table the nomination for this Award at the Association's October meeting for consideration and possible ratification.
4. The Award shall be presented to the recipient at the respective Annual General Meeting.

General Considerations:

In considering the award of Honorary Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of their sport or the overall Club. The criteria to be taken into account when considering any nomination should include:

- the general attitude and overall demeanor of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the Sports Club; and
- commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship; and
- valued leadership and role modeling that reflects credit upon the Sports Club.

These points apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during his/her service in the Sports Club.

Length of Service

The length of service to the Club shall be at least 3 years in respect to Sports Club President's Award, and 5 years in respect to Honorary Life Membership, in either on field or off field roles.

Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

The Governing Association Committee will assess all nominations for Honorary Life Membership. The Committee will assess all nominations and ratify those nominations that are considered worthy of Honorary Life Membership. Achieving minimum service levels does not automatically guarantee the award of Honorary Life Membership.

Subject to endorsement by the Governing Association Committee, Honorary Life Membership will be awarded at the next Sports Club Annual General Meeting.

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 Sports Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Association

Committee to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Honorary Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Honorary Life Membership status.

Benefits of Life Membership

In addition to the status of membership of a select group within the Sports Club, Honorary Life Membership will be recognised by:

- Award of the Honorary Life Membership at the Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club Annual General Meeting;
- exemption from fees associated with the Sports Club registration into perpetuity - such exemptions shall extend to the children of the recipient; and
- listing in the Sports Club Web site and other official documents.

This Awards policy will be effective from 20th October, 2008. Retrospective allocation of these Awards to individuals no longer involved in Kensington Flemington Sports Club may be considered from time to time by the Governing Association Committee at the discretion of the incumbent President.

Reference Documents

Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc. *Criteria for Life Membership and Other Awards*, Revised December 2002.