



Collingwood Basketball Association Inc

Life Membership Policy

1. Purpose

This document outlines the Collingwood Basketball Association's (CBA) policy on Life Membership. The purpose of this policy is to assist the CBA Committee of Management (the Committee) in offering to an individual the award of Life Membership of the Association.

2. Policy Statement

The award of Life Membership is the highest honour the CBA can bestow on an individual and is done to recognise outstanding service to the Association and to Basketball ([Rule of Association 4\(q\)ii](#)). A Life Membership of CBA is an honorary award and is intended by the Committee to be a highly regarded and prestigious award reserved for those whose contribution goes beyond the ordinary.

3. Implementation

Number of Awards per Year

The number of Life Memberships to be awarded during any year is at the discretion of the Committee.

Life Membership Entitlements

A Life Member is entitled to:

- A presentation of the award at a suitably significant Club event;
- Publication of the award in Club communications;
- Entry into the Association's records as a recipient of the award;
- Invitations to suitable club functions;
- Attend and vote at all general meetings of the Association (Rule 4(g)iii);
- An invitation by email to each Annual General Meeting (Rule 4(g)iv); and
- Remain a Life Member of the Club unless the recipient resigns as a Life Member or Life Membership is revoked by a majority vote of the Committee

Processes

The following process will be followed:

A. Nomination

Any valid CBA member (*Rule 4*) can nominate a candidate for Life Membership. Nominations must be made in writing (outlining the reasons for the nomination) and sent to a member of the Committee, who will raise the nomination for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

B. Consideration

The Committee will appoint a sub-committee to assess the nomination. The sub-committee will consist of:

- The President;
- At least one of the following:
 - Vice-President;
 - Treasurer;
 - Secretary; and
- One general committee member.

The role of the sub-committee is to consider the nomination according to the criteria listed in this Policy document, to recommend those nominations considered appropriate for Committee consideration and to put recommended nominations to individual votes at the next Committee meeting. The sub-committee should also ensure that all recommendations for Life Membership of the CBA are recorded for future reference.

C. Majority Committee Vote

The decision to award a Life Membership must be made by a majority vote of the Committee. All matters considered in relation to a nomination should remain confidential. If the majority vote to award an individual with Life Membership, the President or Secretary of the CBA will communicate with the individual to ask if s/he is prepared to accept the award. Only at this stage should decisions of the Committee in favour of a nomination be announced publicly.

D. Presentation

Once the Committee has agreed to bestow the award, and the individual has agreed to accept the award, arrangements will be made to invite the recipient to a presentation where the Life Membership will be announced to the wider membership of the CBA.

Criteria for Consideration

To be offered the award of a CBA Life Membership, an individual has to have made an contribution to the CBA and to Basketball that is worthy of the highest honour (*Rule 4.(g)ii*).

Nominees should be considered individually, on their personal attributes and achievements, and not in comparison to other Life Members, nominees or other individuals. Likewise, no difference in weight should be given to whether the nominee is/has been in a paid or voluntary role or a combination of both.

When reviewing if the nominee's contribution is worthy of the highest honour, the CBA Committee will consider if that contribution has been:

- significant;
- provided in a sustained manner or with a high quality of service which has enhanced the reputation and future of the Club;
- provided with a general attitude and overall demeanour which reflects a dedication to the values of the Club;
- provided with a demonstrated commitment to the principles of fair play and good sportspersonship;
- provided valued leadership and/or an outstanding role model to members; and
- provided with a level of regular, reliable or consistent participation that exceeds what is reasonably expected of an average club member, player, coach, volunteer, employee, or Committee member.

4. Adoption

This policy was adopted by the Committee in August 2022.

5. References

[Collingwood Basketball Association Rules of Association](#)

6. Related Policies

None Identified