



LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY GUIDANCE PRINCIPLES

Preamble

The award of Honorary Life Membership to Goonawarra Golf Club (GGC) is the most prestigious decoration available to Goonawarra Golf Club members. Accordingly, the Honorary Life Membership should be difficult to obtain, and nominations necessarily be comprehensively scrutinised before any award is made.

The purpose of this document is to provide clarity and definition on the award process generally, the requirements and process for nominating a member for Honorary Life Membership and the process for review and endorsement by the Board and GGC membership.

Definition

Pursuant to Clause 9 (Honorary Life Members) of the GGC Articles of Association.

9. On the recommendation of the Board any member who has given outstanding service to the Club and/or service in the interest of golf may at any general meeting of the Club in consideration of the valuable services rendered by him or her to the Club or to golf be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Club without any special payment for such Life Membership. A two-thirds majority of those voting by secret ballot shall be necessary for such election. Every Honorary Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges and be subject to all the duties of an Ordinary Member during his or her life (subject nevertheless to the provisions of Articles 26 and 27 hereof) without any further payment annual or otherwise.

Criteria for Honorary Life Membership

1. Life Membership may be conferred upon a Member who has rendered sustained, invaluable or outstanding service to GGC.
 - I. Outstanding can mean exceptional, excellent or extraordinary and service can mean duty, support or assistance. It should consider offices held, and other leadership or participation opportunities taken.
 - II. Invaluable means a contribution that provides an inestimable benefit to the club that would not otherwise have been realised.
 - III. Sustained means for a continuous period of 15 years minimum.

2. Has been a member for a continuous period of not less than twenty years or a total period of not less than thirty years.
3. Minimum 15 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the Club - these roles may include service to the Committee, fund-raising, promotional roles, volunteering, mentoring, assistance with new member and social functions among others.
4. May have represented the Club with distinction in the broader golfing community and various governing bodies.
5. May have represented the Club as a player in local, regional or national competitions.
6. Has demonstrated an attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the club including good sportsmanship and community spirit.
7. Has been regarded as a role model within the club and displayed valued leadership.

Nomination Process

1. At any time, a nomination for Honorary Life Membership may be submitted, on the attached form signed by the proposer and three seconders, to the Secretary who will in turn present the nomination at the next monthly board meeting.
2. The nomination should wherever possible provide:
 - I. Sufficient detail (roles, dates, outcomes, etc.) of the nominee contribution to Goonawarra Golf Club
 - II. Supporting evidence/documentation of the contribution
 - III. Any supporting detail demonstrating the merits of the nomination
3. A sub-committee of 3 will be appointed by the Board to review the nomination. One of the sub-committee members shall be a current holder of Honorary Life Membership or a current member with at least 20 years continuous membership.
4. The sub-committee shall make a recommendation within 3 months to the Board.
5. When approved by the Board, the nomination shall be referred to the next general meeting of the Club for voting in accordance with Clause 9 of the Articles of Association above.

Other Factors

Awarding of Honorary Life Membership is to be awarded solely on individual merit and not in competition with or in comparison to other GGC members.

The proposer and seconders must be financial members, known to the nominee, but not be a family member or have a business relationship with the nominee.

The Board may consider nominations annually. However no more than two board endorsed nominations will be considered for general meeting voting in any year.

There shall be a maximum of 6 playing Honorary Life Members at any one time.

Retraction of Honorary Life Membership

1. The rights, privileges or obligations of an Honorary Life Member may not be transferred or transmitted to any other person.
2. The rights and privileges of Honorary Life Membership shall be terminated upon cessation of his or her membership whether by death, resignation or otherwise.
3. Retraction of Honorary Life Membership may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Board. Any retraction will be carried in accordance with Clause 25 of the Goonawarra Golf Club Articles of Association which deals with issues of conduct and matters prejudicial to the club.

Benefits of Honorary Life Membership

1. Full membership with associated privileges for life without any further membership fees payable
2. Recognition on the Club Honour Board
3. Free individual access to club, course and functions
4. Commemorative Badge

Chairman

Director

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On behalf of the Goonawarra Golf Club Board