



## Mountain Creek Junior Australian Football Club (MCJ AFC) - Life Membership Policy:

**Policy:** This policy sets out the minimum requirements for the awarding of Life Membership of the MCJ AFC.

Life Membership is to be awarded to deserving individual members or players who have rendered outstanding service, contributing to the Club's development and success on and off the field.

During the nomination and selection process due respect must be paid to the honour and privilege associated with the award and the fact that Life Members become role models for other Club members.

Life Membership should only be granted after careful consideration of the merits of each nominee's overall contribution to the development and functioning of the Club.

As a guide, only ONE recipient should receive this award in any one calendar year, however the Club also recognises that exceptional circumstances may arise, when two worthy recipients may become eligible. In these cases, it will then be at the discretion of the Executive Committee as to how many Life Member awards are granted.

Alternatively, it is not mandatory to select a Life Member each year if a suitable candidate is not nominated.

**Life Membership Sub-Committee:** The Life Membership Sub-Committee shall consist of the current Executive Committee and a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) Life Members of the MCJ AFC. Where the Club does not yet have 4 Life members all current Life Members are to be invited to be part of the Life Membership Sub-Committee. All recommendations for Life Membership are to be made by this Sub-Committee.

**Selection Criteria:** The eligibility for Life Membership is different for a player and a volunteer:

**Player:** A player is eligible for Life Membership when the following criteria are met:

- The player has played a minimum of 150 games for the Club.
- Is over the age of 18 years of age.
- Has been retired from Club football for at least one (1) season.
- Given at least 2 years' service to the Club in an off-field capacity, post his or her time as a Junior player.
- The players' character, personal standing and behaviour are beyond reproach.

**Volunteer:** The nominated volunteer is eligible for consideration for Life Membership within the following guidelines:

- He/She has provided over a number of consecutive seasons (minimum of 4 years), service to the club in one or more of the following areas – Executive Committee member; Management Committee member; Team Coach; Team Manager; or Other volunteer role.
- Their contribution has had a **significant** and positive impact on the development and standing of the Club.
- Has rendered outstanding or exceptional service to the Club.



## Process:

### **Nominations:**

1. Nominations for Life Membership must be made on the official MCJ AFC Life Member Nomination Form (details on the nomination form and associated references should be typed or clearly printed).
2. Each nomination is to include a statement from the nominators stating why the nominee should be considered for Life Membership. This information should aim to explain how the individual has made an outstanding contribution or contributions and should include examples and references to:
  - Selection Criteria;
  - A significant contribution;
  - General achievements which have had a positive effect on the Club;
  - Achievements that have demonstrated the nominee to be an outstanding representative of the Club;
  - Voluntary work over an extended and continuous period of time;
  - Commitment and Character of the individual.
3. The nomination must be signed by 2 members (either existing or previous) of the MCJ AFC, one of which should be an active member; and
4. Length of membership alone is not an appropriate reason for nomination.

### **Submission:**

1. Nomination/s are to be sent to the Club Secretary and should reach the Secretary no later than four weeks (30 working days) before the scheduled date for the AGM.
2. All nominations are to be treated with the strictest of confidence.
3. Once the Secretary receives the nomination/s (by the closing date) the nominations will be passed to the Club President who will in turn convene the Life Membership Sub-Committee.
4. Once convened the Life Membership Sub-Committee will consider and scrutinise any/all nominations.

### **Review:**

1. The Life Membership Sub-Committee will complete their review of all Life Membership recommendation(s) at least 10 working days prior to the Club AGM.
2. All successful nominees will then be contacted and invited to the Club AGM to accept their award. A certificate will be award for this initial acceptance ceremony.
3. The formalisation of Life Membership is to be made the following year at the End of Season Presentations, where the Club President will present the recipient with a Life Member medallion.

### **Entitlements:**

The recipient of a Life Membership award will receive a life membership medallion at the next End of Season Presentation Day and their name will appear in all subsequent Annual Reports.



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### LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

**NOTE:** All Completed Nomination forms are to be emailed to the Club Secretary at: [mcjafcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mcjafcsecretary@gmail.com) no later than 30 working days prior to the Clubs Annual General Meeting. All emails are to include the word "Confidential" in the email title.

DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL BEING NOMINATED				
SURNAME:				
GIVEN NAMES:				
PLAYER – YES/NO:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	NO OF JUNIOR GAMES PLAYED:	
			TOTAL NO OF YEARS OF SERVICE:	
VOLUNTEER:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	TOTAL NO OF YEARS OF SERVICE:	
<p><b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b> - Please detail why you feel the nominee should be awarded Life Member status of the MCJ AFC and ensure you address the selection criteria. Please also attach any other additional pages or references as required to support the nomination.</p>				

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DETAILS OF PERSON(S) MAKING THE NOMINATION	
<b>First Nominator's Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Mobile No:</b>	
<b>Organisation represented:</b>	
I understand that the Life Membership Selection Committee's recommendations and the Committees endorsement or otherwise is final and I agree to this and all other terms and conditions as outlined in the Life Membership Selection Criteria.	
<b>Signature / Date:</b>	

<b>Second Nominator's Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Mobile No:</b>	
<b>Organisation represented:</b>	
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<b>Signature / Date:</b>	

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