



## Noosa Touch Football Association Life Membership Qualification & Nomination Structure

### 1. Purpose

Life Membership is the highest honour that Noosa Touch Football Association (NTFA) can bestow. It recognises outstanding and sustained service to the club that has had a significant and lasting impact on its development, culture, and success.

### 2. Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for Life Membership, a nominee must:

- **Length of Service**
  - Have given a minimum of **10 years of exceptional service** to NTFA (does not need to be consecutive).
- **Contribution**
  - Demonstrated outstanding commitment to the growth and development of touch football in Noosa.
  - Made a contribution that is **beyond normal club participation** (e.g., as a coach, referee, volunteer, committee member, sponsor, or long-term player with additional contributions).
- **Impact**
  - Contributed to the long-term sustainability and reputation of the club.
  - Shown dedication to the club's values of community, inclusivity, and sportsmanship.
- **Standing**
  - Be a member in good standing with no unresolved disciplinary matters.

Note: Meeting the minimum service period alone does not guarantee Life membership. The quality and impact of service is the primary consideration.

### 3. Nomination Process

- **Who may nominate:**
  - Any current financial member of NTFA may nominate an individual for Life Membership.
- **How to nominate:**
  - Submit a written nomination to the Committee including:
    - The nominee's name and role(s) within the club.
    - A summary of their contribution, including years of service, roles undertaken, and impact made.
    - At least two supporting references and statements from other members (current or past financial members of NTFA will only be accepted).
- **Timing:**
  - Nominations must be lodged by 30 days prior to the set AGM date each year to be considered for that season's AGM.



- Under special circumstances, nominations can be proposed at management committee meetings for consideration

### **Special Circumstances – Management Committee Consideration**

- **General Rule**

Life Membership nominations will ordinarily be considered and approved only at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

- **Special Circumstances**

The Management Committee may consider and approve a Life Membership nomination outside of the AGM where either of the following points are relevant:

- (a) The nominee is experiencing serious illness, injury, or other personal circumstances that may prevent them from being formally recognised at the next AGM; or
- (b) The timing of the AGM would unreasonably delay recognition of an individual whose service to the club is considered extraordinary; or
- (c) The committee unanimously agrees that immediate recognition is in the best interests of the club.

- **Voting Requirements**

Any Life Membership approved by the Management Committee under these provisions must be carried by a unanimous vote of committee members present and eligible to vote. This is to avoid circumstances of “Mates voting for mates”

- **Notification & Ratification**

The decision must be recorded in the minutes of the Management Committee meeting.

The membership must be notified at the next General Meeting, and the award formally recognised at the next AGM.

#### **4. Assessment & Approval**

- The Management Committee will review all nominations and determine if they meet the criteria.
- The Committee may request further information from the nominator(s).
- The Committee will recommend suitable nominees to the Annual General Meeting (or management committee meeting under special circumstances).
- Life Membership is conferred only if approved by a **two-thirds majority vote** of members present at the AGM.



## **5. Rights of Life Members**

Life Members shall:

- Be exempt from paying annual membership fees.
- Be recognised on the club's Honour Board, website, and official records.
- Retain full voting rights at General Meetings.
- Be invited as guests to major club functions.

## **6. Revocation of Life Membership**

In exceptional circumstances, where a Life Member's conduct is deemed to bring the club into disrepute, Life Membership may be revoked by a **two-thirds vote of the Management Committee** and ratified at the next AGM.