

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Hamilton Rugby Club**

### **Scope and Purpose**

This policy sets out the minimum criteria and procedural requirements to be eligible for nomination for an award of Life Membership of the Hamilton Rugby Union club.

This award exists to recognize the valuable contribution of individuals to the historical, current and future existence of the Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances. The total number of living Life Members should generally not exceed 24. The points to be taken into account when considering any nomination include:

1. Fulfillment of the minimum criteria (see section 2)
2. The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the club
3. Commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship
4. Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the club

### **Minimum Criteria**

The following provides a guide as to the minimum criteria; a nomination should address at least three of the categories:

1. 10 years as a Committee member
2. 15 years as a volunteer (includes canteen, gear stewards, medical, game day strappers, runners etc.)
3. 10 years as a coach, or manager.
4. 15 years as a player (or 150 grade games)
5. Exceptional supplementary club service (such as but not limited to)
  1. District and/or Zone representation or liaison.
  2. Coaching Accreditation and development support within the club.
  3. Refereeing support, mentoring and development within the club.
  4. Substantial lobbying and/or fundraising activities on behalf of the club.

5. Substantial volunteer assistance regarding general club needs and activities.

*NB. Achieving the above minimum criteria of service does not of itself guarantee approval of a nominee being recognised as a Life Member.*

### **Nomination Process**

The awarding of Life Membership shall be achieved through a multi-stage process. The nomination is to be kept confidential through stages 1 and 2. 1. Nominations for Life membership should be forwarded to the President of the club at any suitable time. The nomination should be formally accompanied by a demonstration of the attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service. (see application form) 2. The President, having considered the nomination to have merit, shall form a management committee comprising; the President, a club committee member, at least two existing life members and a representative of the old boys' committee. The management committee will endorse the nomination with 80% agreement of the committee. 3. The nomination for Life Membership shall be included as an agenda item and tabled, at the next AGM. The basis of the nomination shall be explained. Within reason, members (in attendance or by proxy) shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against the nomination. By majority (80%) of those in attendance at the AGM, the members shall vote in favour of Life membership being awarded.