

Cockburn Basketball Association – Life Membership Policy

1. Definition

Life Membership of the Cockburn Basketball Association (the Association) is the highest of all honours that can be placed on an individual member. It is a category of membership that stands alone in the Association's constitution.

As such, Life Membership is awarded to CBA members who exhibit significant meritorious service to the Association.

The Association has two categories of Life Membership:

- (a) Cockburn Cougars Life Member: Awarded to State Basketball League players or coaches who meet the criteria defined in this policy;
- (b) Association Life Member: Awarded to non-playing members of the Association who meet the criteria defined in this policy.

2. Life Membership Sub-Committee

The Life Membership sub-committee's purpose is to consider, assess and evaluate potential life membership candidates on an annual basis through collegiate engagement and discussion with a range of Cougar Family stakeholders.

The working group is chaired by a Director of the Association board. It is the responsibility of the appointed director to report back to the Association board with the recommendations of the group after a meeting. It is then the responsibility of the board to approve, deny or request changes to any recommendation.

As a collective unit, the sub-committee is responsible for:

- (a) Identify and nominate potential Life Member nominees;
- (b) Assessing and evaluating Life Member nominees;

The Life Membership sub-committee aims to:

- (a) Celebrate the service of Association members who have exhibited significant meritorious service in line with this policy.

Membership:

- (a) Association Director (chair);
- (b) Three current Life Members – of which there must be at least one State Basketball League life member;

- (c) Of the four members, care will be taken to reach a gender balance of 2 and 2 in the sub-committee. If this cannot be reached, a 3-1 split must be endeavoured to be reached;
- (d) The group may not have more than one Life Member from the same family to ensure diversity.

Meetings:

Twice per year, with recommendations presented to the board at the August board meeting each calendar year.

3. Criteria

NOTE: Achievement of any or all of the below criteria does not automatically qualify a person for Life Membership with the Association. Nominations will be considered on individual merit. Life Membership can be revoked if exceptional circumstances warrant.

(a) Association Life Membership Criteria

The Association's Life Membership sub-committee will consider nominees for **Association Life Membership** of the Association with the following criteria:

- Contribution of at least 15 years of meritorious service to the Association (these need not be in succession);
- Participated as a Board Member / Director, Committee or Staff Member within the Association for at least 15 years;
- Participation as a volunteer with the Association for at least 15 years. When considering a volunteer, the roles, contribution, achievements, and impact of the sport during their period of service will be taken into account;
- Must display the attitude and values that reflects a dedication to the Association;
- Will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model in general;
- Service must reflect favourably on and brought credit to the Association;

(b) Cockburn Cougars Life Membership Criteria

The Association Life Membership sub-committee will consider nominees for **Cockburn Cougars Life Membership** of the Association with the following criteria:

- Playing or coaching in the women's state basketball league for at least 180 games with the Cockburn Cougars;
- Playing or coaching in the men's state basketball league for at least 200 games with the Cockburn Cougars;
- Must display the attitude and values that reflect a dedication to the Association and its culture;
- Will have provided valued leadership and have been an outstanding role model in general;

4. Process and Procedure

- (a) Not more than two Association Life Memberships may be elected in any one financial year, with the sub-committee not obligated to present a member if there is no one fitting the criteria in a particular year.
- (b) There are no limits to Cockburn Cougars Life Memberships in a financial year.

Process for Association Life Membership

Any member may submit a nomination for Association Life Membership. The nominator should –

- a) Clearly outline the period of time in which the nominee has contributed to the Association
- b) Ensure the nomination has another Association member second the nomination.
- c) Not be a direct family member of the nominee.
- d) Submit a written nomination to the sub-committee, clearly outlining the justification for the life membership nomination. The board may call for further information, including a meeting with the nominator.

Nominations will be called in June each year, with consideration by the sub-committee in time for recommendation to the Board in August.

Process for Cockburn Cougars Life Membership

- a) The player or coach must have reached the designated games criteria for the men's or women's program as per the number outlined in this policy.
- b) Approximately 10 games prior to the player or coach reaching the milestone, the Life Membership Sub-committee will consider if the player or coach has achieved the broader criteria outlined in 3(b).
- c) The player or coach will be recognised at the first available home game at or after the milestone has been reached.

It is the sole responsibility of the Board to verify Life Members.

Life Members will be announced at the Annual General Meeting each year (Association) or at the first available home game at or after the milestone has been reached (Cockburn Cougars)

The board reserves the right to accept or reject an application at any stage before the Annual General Meeting or scheduled milestone.

Consideration will be given to awarding Life Membership to a member at an appropriate function or event to recognise the person's efforts in their roles at the Association.

The Association will maintain a Life Member Honour Board (for both categories) for Display.

5. Privileges

Life Member Privileges (Association and Playing)

- a) Shall be awarded a badge of recognition (Association) or a plaque of recognition (Cockburn Cougars);
- b) Shall be granted free admission to all State Basketball League games held by the Association;
- c) Will be invited as a guest to the Association's official State Basketball League awards night.
- d) Life Membership pricing for Association special events, eligible for two tickets.
- e) A casual box at a State Basketball League game night may be awarded if availability permits. If it is not available, a suitable alternative will be arranged.
- f) All Life Member privileges awarded to members prior to the 23 September 2020 remain in effect for those members (schedule 1)

POLICY APPROVED –

This policy is in effect from 23 September 2020, with consideration made to not retrospectively award Cockburn Cougars Life Membership based on this updated policy.

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6. Schedule One – Life Member Privileges Pre-September 2020

Cockburn Competitions – entitled to playing at Wally Hagan Stadium in CBA sanctioned competitions at no individual charge. This is applicable to standard senior competitions only (not elite or off-season competitions).