

6.2 Life Members

- (a) The Management Committee may recommend to the Annual General Meeting that any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to the Club be appointed as a Life Member.
- (b) No member of the Club shall be considered for Life Membership of the Club unless they have been a senior member of the Club for at least ten (10) years. Such membership does not have to be consecutive.
- (c) No member of the Club shall be considered for Life Membership unless they have made an outstanding contribution to Netball generally, distinguished service to the Club in particular and has served the Club in such a manner as the Committee considers warrants such honour being bestowed for at least ten (10) years.
- (d) A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer life membership (subject to **clause 6.2(c)**) on the recommendation of the Management Committee must be a Special Resolution.
- (e) A person must accept or reject the Club's resolution to confer life membership in writing. Upon written acceptance, the person's details shall be entered upon the Register, and from the time of entry on the Register the person shall be a Life Member.
- (f) A Life Member will assume all of the benefits and privileges of a senior member and shall be eligible to stand for a position on the Committee and to partake in all meetings and to vote on any motion at such meetings.
- (g) All Life Members are entitled to display on their clothing the approved Life Member medallion of the Club.

DAPTO NETBALL CLUB REGULATION

AWARDING LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DAPTO NETBALL CLUB

REGULATION 7 – AWARDING LIFE MEMBERSHIP

7.1 PURPOSE

In accordance with authority provided by Clause 37 of the Dapto Netball Club Constitution, the Management Committee has created this Regulation that sets down the administrative and procedural requirements for the nomination for, and awarding of, Life Membership of the Dapto Netball Club. This regulation is to be interpreted in accordance with the Constitution

7.2 DEFINITIONS

Highly Meritorious Service:	Highly meritorious service is service of a superior quality that has contributed to improving the operations of the Dapto Netball Club and which has benefitted the members
Exemplary Nature	Worthy of being commended and/or a role model to others and containing elements of having changed the nature of the operations of the Centre for the better.

7.3 ELIGIBILITY

- (a) The Club may recognise service to Club by bestowing on any individual the honour of Life Membership. The award together with the criteria, nomination and election procedures are detailed below.
- (b) The award of Life Membership can only be awarded to individual members who perform their roles as volunteers.
- (c) The Management Committee has the right to rescind or suspend any award under Rule 11 (Discipline) of the Constitution.

7.4 CRITERIA

- (a) Life Membership nominations should generally include, but not necessarily be limited to the following minimum service criteria:
 - i) Highly meritorious service to the club of at least ten (10) years that has positively contributed to the betterment of the Club.
 - ii) It is highly desirable that the nominee has an active involvement in the administration of the Club.

- (b) Alternatively, the Association may identify and nominate a particular person with an appropriate level of highly meritorious Club service.

7.5 NOMINATION

- (a) A nomination may be submitted to the Management Committee by any two senior members for consideration for recommendation to the membership for the award of Life Membership.
- (b) The nomination shall set out the service history of the nominee in Netball, together with their supportive reasons for Life Membership being bestowed.
 - i) To be valid, nominations shall be in writing and signed by two senior members of the Club.
- (c) Alternatively, the Management Committee may identify and nominate a particular person with an appropriate level of highly meritorious Club service.
- (d) Nominations must be received by the Management Committee not less than ninety (90) days before the date set down for the next Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Where the Management Committee is of the opinion that the nominee meets the criteria specified, and is a worthy nominee, they will forward all relevant information associated with the nomination to all eligible voting members, at least twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting.

7.6 VOTING

- (a) A nomination for Life Membership will be successful if not less than three-quarters of the votes cast by eligible voting members at the Annual General Meeting are in favour of awarding Life Membership.
- (b) A secret ballot will be conducted to determine whether or not Life Membership is to be awarded to the nominee.
- (c) Ballot papers shall be prepared listing the name of the nominee/s and on which each voting member shall record a valid vote by indicating support for the nomination with a tick, cross, signifying mark or other similar indication.
- (d) An announcement of the results will be made at the Annual General Meeting and privileges of the award will become effective from the close of the meeting.

7.7 AWARD AND PRESENTATION

The presentation will be at the Annual General Meeting or in the absence of the recipient, at a time and place deemed suitable by the Management Committee and the recipient.

7.8 ENTITLEMENTS

- (a) Life Members are entitled to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present, debate and vote at General Meetings.
- (b) Life Members will receive invitations to attend other Club events as guests of the Club. However, any costs associated with such attendance are the responsibility of the Life Member.

(c) The Life Membership entitlements are not transferrable.