



# Montmorency Junior Football Club

## Life Membership Policy

This policy will outline Montmorency Junior Football Club's approaches & expectations concerning Life Membership

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish principles, guidelines & criteria surrounding the attainment and retention of Life Membership Status to MJFC

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### Background

Life membership is an honour bestowed upon an individual whose exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided measurable benefit to the Club over an extended period of time.

Life Membership awarded by the MJFC is the highest recognition that can be bestowed upon a member in acknowledgement of their exceptional service and contributions. As such, it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily and the club and its committees should in no way feel that a life member needs to be inducted each year.

The prestigious nature of Life Membership of MJFC thus determines that criteria and process be in place for the receiving of this award.

### MJFC Life Membership Committee

The MJFC Life Membership Committee will be responsible for the decision making surrounding all nominations for Life Membership and / or any requests for the retraction of Honorary Life Membership received on an annual basis

The MJFC Life Membership Committee will have four (4) members that will include two (2) Existing Life Members and two (2) Current Executive Committee Members of the MJFC.

### Guiding Principles

The following general principles are to be considered in granting Life Membership:

- Life Membership is a great honour and should not be treated lightly; on average, one or less Life Memberships are likely to be able to be awarded each year;
- Life Membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison with others;
- granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise; criteria are provided for guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated; there is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of Life Membership - some nominees will be extremely strong in some criteria but weaker against others, others will be more rounded;
- Life Membership is reserved for those whose contribution goes beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time;

### Criteria

To be offered the award of MJFC Life Membership, an individual has to have made an outstanding contribution towards the club. In reviewing if the nominee's contribution has been outstanding the MJFC Life Membership Committee will consider if that contribution has been:

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- Significant as denoted by the accumulation of sufficient points;
- provided in a sustained manner or with a high quality of service which has enhanced the reputation and future of the club;
- provided with a general attitude and overall demeanour which reflects a dedication to the values of the MJFC;
- provided with a demonstrated commitment to the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship;
- provided valued leadership and / or an outstanding role model to all members (playing and non-playing);
- provided with a level of participation that exceeds what is reasonably expected of an average club member, that being a regular, consistent and reliable participant and / or volunteer;

Minimum qualifying criteria has been established for consideration for Life Membership via the below Points System.

*NB: qualification by means of attainment of the necessary points does not mean a nominee automatically achieves life membership as the points are a basis for nomination and represent a club guideline in conjunction with the above reflections on the nominee's contribution. The endorsement of nominee as a life member remains a decision by the MJFC Life Membership Committee and it requires a unanimous decision at that level.*

Points qualification for nomination as a Life Member = 100

Position Held / Level of Club Involvement	Points
President	15
Secretary	15
Treasurer	10
Other Executive Position e.g. Vice President	10
Coaching Staff - Volunteer Coach	10
Coaching Staff - Volunteer Assistant Coach	5
Team Manager	10
Sponsor - Platinum	10
Auskick Co-ordinator (male/female or age group specific)	10
Sponsor - Gold, Silver, Bronze or Social	8
Player - for every 50 games played	5
Committee Member - Non-Executive	5
Coaching Staff - Paid	5
Unpaid Support Staff - including but not limited to: runner, timekeeper, goal umpire; medic, canteen manager or other major task designated by committee held for an entire season (i.e. not just a few games)	5

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## Process

- any active member of MJFC can be nominated by any current member with the nomination seconded by at least one other current member;
- nominations are made in confidence, and should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate demonstrating the minimum service requirements and examples of how the candidate has been outstanding in their contribution to MJFC;
- nominations should be a written document and signed by the nominating parties and submitted to the Club President and / or Secretary by the 30<sup>th</sup> June each year;
- Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member;
- if the *Life Membership Committee* believes the nomination is worthy of Life Membership a unanimous vote of support is required;
- the granting of Life Membership should be communicated through the Club's social channels e.g. email, website article, newsletter, Facebook;
- presentation of MJFC Life Memberships to be planned to occur at the Club's final social gathering for the year e.g. the last Monty Mingle;
- Life Membership must be recorded in the MJFC's official records;

## Benefits and Entitlements of Life Membership

- personalised Life Membership Badge;
- personalised Life Membership Plaque;
- written addition to the MJFC Honour Boards at Para Rd & Simms Rd;
- invitation to annual Club Sponsor & Volunteer 'Thank You' Event;
- invitation to Annual General Meeting;

## Retractions of Honorary Life Membership

Retraction of Life Membership bestowment may occur where the recipient has conducted himself or herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the MJFC. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the MJFC Life Membership Committee. As part of the deliberation, the 'Honorary Life Member' in question is to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their status.

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