



# Ainslie Football Club Life Membership

## *Guidelines and principles for decision making*

### **Purpose**

This document provides guidance for the Board of the Ainslie Football Club (AFC or 'the club') in conferring life membership on members of its football community.

### **Scope**

This document outlines criteria the AFC Board may consider supporting a case for conferral of life membership of the club. It does not cover all instances in which life membership may be conferred by the Board and instead provides guidance on qualities and characteristics which may trigger consideration of life membership across a variety of interactions between an individual and AFC.

### **Decision-making power and essential criteria**

A proposal for AFC Life Membership is required to be endorsed by a majority of AFC Board members. For an individual to be awarded life membership, that individual must also be a Voting Member of the Ainslie Football Club.

Qualifying criteria for Voting Membership is outlined in section 12 of the [Ainslie Football Club Constitution](#).

A nomination for Life Membership may be put forward by a voting member of the Ainslie Football Club, or originate from the AFC Board. It is expected that the nomination be substantiated by a descriptive overview of the qualities and qualifying criteria supporting this nomination. Nominations may be carried over.

Decisions on whether or not to confer Life Membership remain at the discretion of the AFC Board. The decisionmaking process of whether to proceed or not with conferral of Life Membership remains confidential to the AFC Board.

### **Limitations**

There is no cap on the number of life membership nominations the Board may receive or consider. The Board will use its discretion in how many Life Memberships are awarded annually.

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Should an individual be nominated for Life Membership but not be deemed suitable for conferral, the Board may retain the original nomination and re-consider the application at its discretion in the future, and against new or additional qualifying criteria. This may be supported by new nominations for Life Membership from voting or Board Members of the Club.

### **Conferral**

Life Memberships may be conferred at a time and form deemed suitable for the individual receiving the honour.

### **Revocation**

A Life Member of the Club is subject to clause 10.4 of the AFC Objects and Rules, which maintains the power of the Board to remove Life and Ordinary Membership if a person acts in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club

### **Recordkeeping**

Ainslie Football Club Secretary will work with President and General Manager to ensure nominations for Life Membership, and a standing list of Life Members, are stored centrally in Football Club records in a means approved and accessible by the Board and AFC Office Staff.

### **Life membership qualities**

There are a range of acts and lengths of service which may qualify an individual for life membership of the Ainslie Football Club. While certain achievements may be agreed to individually trigger life membership, other contributions to the fabric of the club, either themselves or in combination with other acts, may support the case for an individual to be conferred Life Membership.

Life Membership qualities are broadly divided into three categories: **footballing achievements**, **volunteer career**, and **community presence**. Fundamentally, Life Membership focusses on recognition of service to the club. These qualities are provided below with short descriptors as to their relevance for Life Membership being considered.

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These acts are not tiered. For example, footballing achievements are not taken to be held in higher regard than the volunteer career achievements of a club person. Good character should also be considered as part of any nomination for AFC Life Membership. Nominees should generally be considered to have undertaken their relationship with the club with good sportsperson-ship and be of good character within the community and beyond the club.

Footballing achievements	
Achievement	Significance and key considerations
Senior game tenure	<p>Achievement of a large milestone threshold of senior games for the Club, and/or commitment to the club for a significant number of years as a senior player, indicates a commitment to service, loyalty and excellence.</p> <p>The Board should consider the impact on an individual's playing career by other life factors, such as injury, childbearing and caring responsibilities, and other obligations which may impact on full attainment of a specific milestone threshold of games.</p> <p>For the purposes of general guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- milestone game thresholds are taken to mean 150+ senior games; and</li> <li>- a playing tenure of ten or more years is generally considered to be significant.</li> </ul>
Senior Coaching tenure and impact	Contribution to coaching at AFC over a significant (e.g. five or more years) and/or achievement of a significant number of premierships/other successes for the Club during this tenure.

Volunteer career	
Achievement	Significance and key considerations
Achievement of a significant number of years as a volunteer.	Achievement of a large milestone threshold of years as a volunteer at the club. Volunteering is taken to include, but is not exclusive to:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ground presence on game day (ground managing, canteen, merchandise handling, gate marshaling)</li> <li>- Vocational game-day operations (trainer, runner, water runner, timekeeper)</li> <li>- Seasonal position commitment (manager, strength and development coach, trainer)</li> <li>- Other supports throughout season, such as hands-on support to maintenance of ground, assistance at training, promotion of the club at events, significant contribution in the Board environment over a number of years).</li> </ul> <p>For the purposes of general guidelines, milestone volunteer thresholds are taken to mean a club presence of ten years, with due consideration to the impact of those volunteer contributions (which may mean that nomination is made before reaching that milestone date).</p>
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<b>Community presence</b>	
<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Significance and key considerations</b>
Significance as an ambassador of the Ainslie Football Club in the community	<p>Members of the club in an official or volunteer capacity may provide back to the broader community in other capacities, whether through additional volunteer activities with community organisations or as part of paid work. Where there is a connection between these achievements and the club, consideration should be given to recognising the representation of those individuals in other fields as ambassadors of Ainslie Football Club values and traditions.</p> <p>These may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- philanthropic activities, particularly in sporting and athletic pursuits</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- research and academic pursuits relevant to Australian Rules Football or broader Australian sport</li> <li>- commercial success which improves the experience of the community in their ability to access and enjoy Australian Rules Football.</li> </ul>
Philanthropy and Sponsorship – Club as beneficiary	<p>Individuals who provide financial or in-kind support (including operational/on-the-ground support) to the Club may be afforded life membership in circumstances where those contributions are significant in their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tenure – length of relationship; and/or</li> <li>- significance – the amount of financial or-in-kind support provided.</li> </ul> <p>In most cases, Life Membership in this category should be reserved for those benefactors or sponsors who have a meaningful, long-term relationship to the Club and not providing one-off contributions.</p>

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## **Ainslie Football Club – Life Membership Nomination Form**

### **Nominee Details**

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_
- Confirmed Voting Member of AFC:  Yes  No

### **Nominator Details**

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nomination Summary**

Please tick and briefly describe relevant contributions. Supporting evidence may be attached.

### **Footballing Achievements**

- Significant playing tenure
- Significant coaching tenure (5+ years) or premiership impact
- Other

*Description:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **Volunteer Career**

- 10+ years of volunteer service
- Other

*Description:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **Community Presence**

- Ambassadorial role linking AFC to broader community
- Philanthropy, research, or commercial impact aligned with AFC values
- Other

*Description:* \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sponsorship / Benefactor Contribution

- Long-term financial or in-kind support
- Other

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Character and Club Impact

Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated good character, sportspersonship, and positive influence within the AFC community.

Description:

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### Endorsements (Optional)

Additional Club members supporting this nomination:

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission Instructions

Completed forms should be submitted to the AFC Club President ([president@ainsliefootball.com.au](mailto:president@ainsliefootball.com.au)), Secretary ([secretary@ainsliefootball.com.au](mailto:secretary@ainsliefootball.com.au)), and General Manager ([manager@ainsliefootball.com.au](mailto:manager@ainsliefootball.com.au))

*Submissions will be retained and considered at the discretion of the AFC Board.*