



# Karratha Netball Association

## Life Member Policy

### 1. Purpose

Life Membership is the highest honour awarded by the Karratha Netball Association (KNA). This policy outlines the eligibility criteria, nomination process, and recognition procedure to ensure the award is granted in a fair and transparent manner to those who have provided exceptional and sustained service to the Association.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all members of the KNA and governs the process for awarding Life Membership. It ensures consistency and clarity in recognising individuals who demonstrate outstanding contributions to the growth and success of netball in the City of Karratha.

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for Life Membership, a nominee must:

- Have provided a minimum of 10 years of exceptional and voluntary service to the KNA.
- Contributed significantly to the development of the Association, its programs, or its members in roles such as:
  - Committee members
  - Coach or umpires
  - Volunteer with ongoing impact.
- Consistently upheld and promoted the values of the KNA.
- Demonstrated leadership, dedication, and a positive influence on the KNA community.



## 4. Nomination Process

### 5. Submission

- Nominations must be submitted using the KNA Life Membership Nomination Form.
- Nominations may be made by any KNA member, club, or committee representative.
- Supporting documentation, including evidence of contributions, roles held, and years of service, must accompany the nomination.

### 6. Deadline

- Nominations must be submitted by the identified closing date when nominations open.

### 7. Confidentiality

- All nominations and deliberations will remain confidential.

## 8. Assessment Process

### 9. Life Membership Panel

- A Life Membership Panel will review all nominations. The panel will consist of:
  - A minimum of three (3) current Life Members, maximum of five (5).
  - One representative from the KNA Committee (non-voting).
- Panel members must declare any conflicts of interest and may excuse themselves if necessary.

### 10. Review Criteria

The panel will assess nominees against the eligibility criteria and may:

- Request additional information or clarification from the nominee or nominator.
- Evaluate the nominee's impact on the KNA community.



## 11. Decision Making

- A majority vote by the panel is required to approve Life Membership.
- Approved nominations will be presented to the KNA Committee for endorsement.

## 12. Recognition of Life Membership

## 13. Announcements

Life Membership awards will be announced and presented at the AGM or a formal KNA event.

## 14. Entitlements

Life Members will receive:

- A certificate or plaque acknowledging their contributions.
- Life Member badge/pin.
- Lifetime free membership/registration to the KNA.
- Free tickets to all KNA events.
- Recognition on the KNA website and other promotional materials.

## 15. Public Acknowledgement

Life Members will be acknowledged annually at KNA events and in official publications.

## 16. Revocation of Life Membership

Life Membership may be revoked if the recipient:

- Is found to have engaged in misconduct that damages the reputation of the KNA.
- No longer upholds the values and standards of the Association.

Revocation will be determined by the Life Membership Panel, with final approval by the KNA Committee.



## 17. Review and Amendments

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it reflects the values and needs of the KNA. Amendments will be approved by the KNA Committee.

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