

Honorary Life Member Policy



Reference: Clause 8.1 Blackwood Golf Club Constitution

Preamble

The Blackwood Golf Club Constitution empowers the Committee to consider the bestowing of Honorary Life Membership to members of the Club. Clause 8.1 provides that power:

On the recommendation of the Committee any member of the Club may be elected an Honorary Life Member, in consideration of valuable services rendered to the Club, at any General Meeting of the Club by a two thirds majority of those present and voting. Every life member shall be entitled to all privileges (including voting) and be subject to all the obligations of a seven-day member of the Club during the member's lifetime without any further payment whether annual or otherwise. There shall not be more than ten (10) honorary life members at any one time.

This is not to be confused with the application of Clause 8.6 in respect to the granting of Honorary Membership for persons of distinction who are not members of our Club.

The General Committee has agreed the granting of Honorary Life Membership must be subjected to the rigors of an acceptable criteria in order to preserve the extraordinary nature of this honour. The Constitution does not provide any reasonable criteria and therefore a policy is required to guide the General Committee to make these determinations.

Policy

Honorary Life Membership

Awarding Honorary Life Membership recognizes extraordinary, determined, loyal, and exceptional service to the Blackwood Golf Club. Those who are honoured will have their names grace the Blackwood Golf Club honour board and be awarded a certificate of Life Membership. Consideration of such an honour, therefore, must not be taken lightly.

Voting

The voting membership of the Club, on the recommendation of the General Committee, will be required at any Annual General Meeting to vote to elect a nominee for Honorary Life Membership. The vote must be a two thirds majority of those present. Life Members shall be bestowed all privileges and obligations of a seven-day member of the Club during the member's lifetime without any further payment. There shall be no more than ten (10) Honorary Life Members at any one time.

The General Committee

Nominations for Honorary Life Membership may be made by any current, financial member of the Blackwood Golf Club. The nomination shall be made upon the prescribed nomination form and must be seconded also by a current financial member.

An Honorary Life Membership Sub Committee will be established (chaired by either the President or Captain). It will consider the nomination and supporting evidence and, if necessary, require further information to be obtained from either the nominee, the seconder or any other person within the club to satisfy the requirements of the approved criteria. Any person selected to sit on the Honorary Life Membership Sub Committee who believes they have a conflict of interest in respect to his or her relationship with the nominee shall declare that conflict of interest and if necessary shall be disqualified from sitting on the said sub-committee.

The nomination must be approved by the General Committee by unanimous endorsement. If voted in the affirmative, a summary of the nomination details shall be displayed on the club noticeboard not less than six weeks prior to the next Annual General Meeting at which time the nomination shall be provided to the general membership for their vote. Provided there is a quorum at the AGM a vote of two thirds in the affirmative will be required

The Criteria

The General Committee recognizes there will be some subjectivity when assessing applications. The impetus of this criteria is to exemplify the nominees' significant contribution to the Blackwood Golf Club. Therefore, the list below provides applicants with a guide to providing the evidence required. Nominees should be encouraged to include any evidence that corroborates or amplifies their claim. Criteria must be accompanied by supporting evidence which can include statements from other members corroborating claims made by the nominee.

Length of Service	Minimum of 15 continuous years of membership
Service on Committee	Minimum of 2 years continuous service (substantive membership NOT seconded to sub-committees)
Leadership	Term as President (how long and achievements) Term as Captain (how long and achievements) Term as Vice President (how long and achievements) Term as Vice Captain (how long and achievements) Term as Chair of major sub-committees (i.e. Finance, Course – how long and achievements)
Volunteering	Must be in unpaid environment. Length of time and achievements. What positive outcomes for the club can be proven.
Enhancing Reputation of the Club	Not to be taken in isolation from other requirements of the criteria. This can include service to the sport of golf outside of the club.

Sporting Representation	Consistent and loyal representation in external golfing events such as pennants, vardons, state/national tournaments.
Of Good Repute	Highly regarded within membership of club as generally honest and principled. Sound commitment to good sportsmanship. Displayed consistent attitude as good role model that reflects credit upon the Club
Any other significant contributions to the Club	Any other quantifiable contribution to the Club