LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Overview

This policy aims to provide Ridgewood Athletics Centre with a standard to recognise a person/s the honour of Life Membership of the Centre. A Life Membership of the Centre would be awards to a person that shows meritorious service to Ridgewood Athletics Centre.

Ridgewood Athletics Centre recognises the essential need for volunteers to support the continuation of events and competitions. Life memberships is an honour bestowed on an individual club member whose exceptional, loyal, and outstanding service and contribution has provided a measurable benefit to Ridgewood Athletics Centre over an extended period.

Eligibility

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained, and high-quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Centre. The points to be considered when contemplating any nomination include:

1. **General Considerations**
   - The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the Centre.
   - Commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship.
   - Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Centre.

2. **Length of Service**
   - The person nominated should have served Ridgewood Athletics Centre (and formally Ridgewood Little Athletics Centre) for at least 8 years either:
     - by being on a Ridgewood Athletics Centre Affiliated Club Committee/Board; AND/OR
     - by being on the Ridgewood Athletics Centre Board; AND/OR
     - by fulfilling a Ridgewood Athletics Centre Permanent Roster
   - Mere length of service does not automatically guarantee the granting of life membership, service to the Centre is only one criterion and as a recipient of life membership other criteria listed in this document need to be met.
   - Only voluntary service counts towards life memberships, not paid positions.

3. **Other Specific Criteria**
   - Active involvement in the function of the Centre which includes factors such as attendance at functions, willing acceptance of tasks that need to be done to keep the Centre running and general contribution to the Centre.

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Nomination Process

Notice may be provided nominating a person for Life Membership by:

i. a Centre Director or
ii. an Affiliated Club or
iii. Another life member

Notice of the nomination, including details of the nominated person/s service to the Centre and Affiliated Club, is to be provided to the Centre Secretary. The Centre Secretary will include the nomination as a motion on the agenda for the next Centre Board meeting. Consistent with all motions put to the Centre Board, for the nomination to be successful it must be approved by majority vote of the Directors present at that meeting.

Revoke rights

The Board has the right to revoke Life Membership of a previous awardee based on the following actions impacting Ridgewood Athletics Centre;

- Ill repute
- Bad publicity
- Criminal convictions
- Contradiction to the values and attitudes of RWAC

Entitlements

Life Members shall be invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, Opening Day and any other Centre special events as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Life Members do not hold extra voting rights at any meeting of the membership, including but not limited to the Annual General Meeting and/or Delegate Meetings.

Awarding of Life Membership

Presentation of Life Membership will be announced at the Annual General Meeting of Ridgewood Athletics Centre.

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