

WPLFC Constitutional Amendments
Proposed amendments to
Part 3, Division 1, Section 8 Membership Classification,
Item (2) Life Member

CONTEXT

The Club has updated the Life Membership policy and procedure to ensure consistency between Junior and Senior clubs and to simplify any alteration of the policy if required in the future.

The Life Membership policies and procedures partly included in the body of the Constitution will be removed and included in the Life Membership Policy document.

The Constitution will continue to provide the overarching intent of Life Membership, but the specifics and operational processes will be maintained in the Life Membership Policy document. The Constitution will then refer to the policy.

TEXT AS DISPLAYED IN CURRENT WPLFC CONSTITUTION

Notes:

The **blue** indicates text which has been removed and incorporated in some form into the policy and procedure document.

The remaining points (a) through (d) have been edited as shown on the ‘amended text’ page.

The final point (h) is unchanged, but now appears as (e) on the ‘amended text’ page due to rearrangement of bullet points.

(2) Life Member

(a) Any member of the Club may be nominated for consideration as a Life Member of the Club, by any two other members of the Committee. Nominations in writing should include the member’s reasons for putting forward the candidate for Life Membership.

(b) The candidate must satisfy at least one of the following criteria to be eligible for nomination:

i. Be a member of the Club with at least 10 years continuous voluntary service or 15 years broken service and has rendered outstanding service to the Club; or

ii. Played at least 200 open age games as a member of the Club whilst providing significant contribution to the Club.

(c) Satisfaction of subrule 2(a) or 2(b) does not infer automatic granting of life membership.

(d) The Committee shall verify or check the information provided in the nomination and upon satisfaction as to the eligibility and suitability of the candidate the Committee shall vote to elect a Life Member.

(e) No member shall become a Life Member unless the candidate receive at least 75% of votes from the Committee members present at the election; if the Committee members are evenly divided the Chairperson presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

(f) The criteria for candidature as described herein may be adjusted in extreme circumstances including but not limited to posthumous Life Membership, at the discretion of the Committee.

(g) A Life Member of the Club will be presented with a plaque at the Club Presentation Night to recognise and commemorate their significant contribution to the Club and will be recorded at the Annual General Meeting each year.

(h) A Life Member shall have full privileges of the Club, including voting rights, and shall not be obliged to pay any future subscriptions or levies.

i. The General Committee reserves the right to set other relevant criteria

ii. All people who are current life members of the West Preston Football Club (WPFC), Reservoir Lakeside Football Club (RLFC,) West Preston Junior Football Club (WPJFC) are life members of the WPLFC

AMENDED TEXT

(2) Life Member

- (a) Any person may be nominated for consideration as a Life Member of the Club by any two Members of the Club. Nominations must be made in writing by completing 'The Life Membership Nomination Form' and must be sent to the Secretary no later than July 31st.
- (b) The Candidate must satisfy the criteria as outlined in the Club's Life Membership Policy and Procedure to be eligible for Nomination.
- (c) Satisfaction of subrule 2(a) or 2(b) does not infer automatic granting of Life Membership.
- (d) The Committee shall vote to elect a Life Member as per the process outlined in the Club's Life Membership Policy and Procedure.
- (e) A Life Member shall have full privileges of the Club, involving voting rights, and shall not be obliged to pay any further subscriptions or levies.
 - i. All people who are current Life Members of the West Preston Football Club (WPFC), Reservoir Lakeside Football Club (RLFC), West Preston Junior Football Club (WPJFC) are Life Members of the WPLFC.

EXPLANATIONS FOR CHANGES

1. In section (a) change from **member to person**. As it stands someone who has given the Club great service but has ceased to be a member cannot be nominated. At the current time that would eliminate nominating a number of players who are currently not members and this would seem to be inappropriate. Changing to person allows a little more scope for exceptional circumstances.
2. In section (a) change from **two members of Committee to two members of the Club**. Current wording is too restrictive and probably contrary to previous practice. One would think any member should be able to nominate.
3. In section (a) add that **nominations should be forwarded to the Secretary by 31 July**. This change tidies up the process.
4. In section (b) changes have been made in order to direct members to the policy and procedure for criteria.
5. In section (c) no wording change needed.
6. In section (d) changes have been made in order to direct members to the policy and procedure for selection process.
7. Section (e) is a change in bullet numbering only.