



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club ("the Club") recognises Honorary Life Membership as the most prestigious award available to the Club. It is bestowed upon individual members who have provided exceptional and loyal service to the Club, and who have made outstanding contributions to the Club over an extended period. These guidelines to be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the Club,

Constitution Clause 7.8 Life Members

Members who have rendered outstanding service to the Club may be elected to Life Membership by resolution of the members in a General Meeting carried by a majority of those members who are present and entitled to vote at that meeting, following the submission to the meeting of an appropriate recommendation from the Board.

No more than 2 members may be elected to Life Membership in any one financial year.

Guidelines for Honorary Life Membership

Considering, and ultimately granting, Life Membership is a serious matter requiring a combination of objective and subjective material. Importantly, each nomination should be treated on its individual merits and not in comparison to others.

The following are intended as guidelines only. Any nominee may generally have achievements in several of the following areas but not necessarily all:

The nominee may have

1. Demonstrated an exceptional contribution of service to the Club over an extended period which has had demonstrated and measurable benefit to the Club and membership.
2. Been a member for a cumulative period of not less than 15 years.
3. Had a minimum 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the Club. Such roles may include service to the Board, and / or one or more of the Club's committees.
4. Actively participated in one or more of the many areas of voluntary work required to run the Club.
5. Had a personal involvement in one or more significant Club projects, including major golfing events held at the Club, fund raising, and social events.
6. Demonstrated an attitude and personal conduct standards that reflects commitment to the values of the Club, and dedication to the values of the game of golf, including good sportsmanship, equal opportunity, and community spirit.
7. Good standing within the Club, regarded as a role model and displayed valued leadership.

The nominee may also have

8. Represented the Club with distinction as a representative player, in the broader golfing community, and various governing bodies, in a role approved by the Club Board.

Procedures

Approval Process.

1. Only current financial members for a minimum of 10 years membership, in the classes of Playing Members and Life Members, are entitled to nominate and / or second any full or retired member for Honorary Life membership.
2. No member who is currently on, or in the past has been, on probation or suspended from the Club, is entitled to nominate another member for Honorary Life Membership.
3. Life membership cannot be nominated by or seconded by a direct or indirect family member of that person.
4. Current serving members of the Board cannot be nominated for Life Membership.
5. The completed form for any nomination for life membership, with any relevant documentation should be sent to the Club's Secretary at least one Board meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting. (secretary@shoalhavenheadsgolfclub.com.au)
6. Any nomination will initially be considered by the Secretary to ensure the acceptability of the nomination.
7. Having reviewed all nominations, the Secretary will distribute complying nominations to all directors prior to the next Board Meeting.
8. The Secretary will ensure nominations are on the agenda no later than the Board meeting immediately prior to the AGM, for approval by the Board.
9. For a nomination to be endorsed at Board level a majority agreement is required.
10. It is not necessary for a Life Membership to be granted each year.
11. The Board of the day shall have the right to revoke Life Member status should a matter arise in relation to the Life Member's conduct within the Club, such as a serious and proven breach of its Code of Conduct and Members Protection Policies that, in the unanimous view of the Board, would justify a withdrawal of the Life Member status.

A.G.M. Process

1. At the A.G.M. the President will introduce the nominated member, providing information such as years as a member, positions held and any background information as necessary.
 2. The President will then ask the nominator and / or seconder to say a few words justifying the nomination.
 3. The President will then ask the members present to vote by show of hands.
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