



Berwick Tennis Club

Life Membership

Life Membership should be reserved for those whose contribution to the club goes beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time, not just a few years.

Life Membership should be considered an honor. A life membership does not have to be awarded each year.

The criteria are a guide only. They are for the Committee Members to assess the extent to which the nominee has made a significant contribution to the running of the club. Each nominee will vary in strength against the criteria. Any decision by the Committee Members is not limited to just assessing the criteria only.

Nominations

A nomination for Life Membership must be received in writing by the Berwick Tennis Club Committee, detailing the reasons/achievements of the nominee.

Email to: secretary@berwicktc.asn.au

The committee may request additional information from the nominator if that would assist its deliberations. If required, a sub-committee may be formed to gather additional information or short list nominees in the event of multiple nominations.

The Life Membership nominee cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.

In accordance with Club Rule #65 – Conflict of Interest:

- *If an immediate family member is serving on the general committee at the time of nomination, that person must be removed from any deliberation & voting on the nomination.*
- *If a nominee is serving on the general committee at the time of nomination, that person must be removed from any deliberation & voting on the nomination.*



Criteria for Life Membership

Active roles benefitting & supporting the club over a long period of time are the most obvious indicators of outstanding service to the Club.

Each nomination must be considered on its merits. In considering the nomination, members of the committee are:

- not to be influenced by any personal relationship with the nominee and are;
- not to make direct comparisons with other Life Members, nominees or persons not nominated. While such comparison may be inevitable, direct comparison should not be made.

1. Length/duration of membership

A nominee must have been a member for a minimum continuous term of 10 years as an adult member.

2. Club Roles & Involvement

The nominee should be able to demonstrate they have been an active member to a much greater extent than the average club member. Minimum term of 5 years in any active role.

Examples:

- Club Committee &/or Sub-Committees
- Association committee representation
- Competition Co-Ordinator
- Competition Play, Team Captain, Team Manager
- Fundraising, Working Bees

3. Other Factors

The nominee should demonstrate other qualities that makes them a worthy candidate. Examples such as, but not limited to:

- Attitude & demeanor that reflects dedication & sportspersonship
- Leadership
- Respect

4. Special Exemptions

The nominee may be eligible for a special exemption to the above based on their service to or connection to the club. Examples such as, but not limited to:



- Outstanding Tennis Achievement
- Community Service
- Financial support

Voting to Award Life Membership

Any nomination must be ratified/supported by a vote of no less than three quarters (75%) of the committee members who are eligible to vote.

- All current eligible committee members must vote – in person or by proxy.
- The committee is to document & record the evidence the final decision was based on.
- If a vote is unsuccessful, the nominator should be notified in writing of the decision.

Life Membership Benefits

When a club member is awarded Life Membership, they shall receive:

- A Life Membership Badge
- A Life Membership Certificate
- Their name added to the Life Membership honor board
- Full Membership status for life, with no ongoing membership fees. This does not include any competition or event fees.

The presentation of the Life Membership award should occur at a suitable club event – this is usually the Annual general Meeting (AGM).

Objections

Any objecting member must provide strong reasons and evidence to demonstrate that the criteria has not been sufficiently met.

Retraction of Life Membership

This process should only be exercised in exceptional circumstances.

Life Membership may be retracted or revoked when the recipient has conducted themselves in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the Berwick Tennis Club.

Such action must follow the process as set out in the “*Rules for the Berwick Tennis Club*” – Division 2 – *Disciplinary Action*.

Retraction of a Life Membership requires the full support of the committee – 100% of eligible voting committee members. It must be documented and recorded.



Life Membership Evaluation Form

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2 Club Roles & Involvement

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Minimum term of 5 years in any active role. i.e. Committees (Club, Association); Co-ordinator; Team Captain; Team Manager; Fundraising; Working Bees

3 Other Factors

The nominee should demonstrate other qualities that makes them a worthy candidate

i.e. Attitude & demeanor that reflects dedication & sportspersonship; Leadership; Respect etc

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