



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

*Terms used in the Constitution<sup>1</sup> will apply in this policy, unless otherwise defined or indicated.*

### **Purpose:**

To provide a clear and transparent process for nominating, approving and cancelling Life Membership of the Camberwell District Basketball Association, Inc. (**Association**).

### **Life Membership:**

In accordance with Rule 8(2)(b) of the Constitution, the Committee may, at its discretion, elect persons who, in the opinion of the Committee, have rendered meritorious service to the Association as Life Members as reward for such service.

Life Membership publicly acknowledges the direct and exceptional contribution that an individual has made to basketball and the Association over an extended period of time that has been deemed worthy of the highest honour.

### **Nomination:**

Any current financial member of the Association may nominate another member for consideration for the Life Membership award.

Nominations must be submitted in writing (in such form as may be specified by the Secretary and made available on the Association website) & must be signed by 2 current financial members of the Association (who are unrelated to the nominee).

Completed and signed nomination forms must be submitted to the Secretary by no later than 30 June in each year<sup>2</sup>, for consideration prior to the next occurring Annual General Meeting.

The nomination should address the Eligibility Criteria (see below).

The President may, but is not obliged, to appoint a sub-committee comprising up to 3 members of the Committee and up to 2 Life Members of the Association to consider all nominations in accordance with this policy and to make recommendations to the Committee for its consideration.

The Committee will consider nominations once per year in accordance with this policy and will announce the election of new Life Members at the next occurring Annual General Meeting.

The Committee will not elect more than 2 new Life Members in any financial year, provided that the Committee may elect up to 5 new Life Members in the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 financial years.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

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<sup>1</sup> Rules of the Camberwell District Basketball Association Incorporated, pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012, current as at 31 December 2020.

<sup>2</sup> In relation to nominations to be considered before the Annual General Meeting for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 only, nominations will be accepted up until 31 December 2020.

To be eligible for consideration for Life Membership:

- the nominee must demonstrate a significant contribution to the Association and its members as a player, coach, technical official, administrator, office bearer, volunteer or sponsor over a continuous period of not less than 10 years;
- nominees who are nominated on the basis of an on-court contribution must have participated on behalf of the Association (as a player, coach or technical official) in at least 200 games at VJBL and/or Big V level; nominees who have played, coached or been involved in less than 200 games at VJBL and/or Big V level will only be considered for Life Membership if their contribution in this area and in other areas of the Association has been exceptional;
- the general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee reflects a dedication to the values of the Association and a commitment to the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship; and
- the nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model in general.

Achievement of any or all of the above criteria does not automatically qualify a person for Life Membership of the Association. Equally, nominees may be considered if their service to the Association consists of a number of these criteria, all of which in combination meets the standard of meritorious service to the Association required for Life Membership. All nominations will be considered on individual merit.

**Benefits of Life Membership:**

In accordance with Rule 8(2)(b) of the Constitution, a Life Member is not required to pay the membership fee otherwise payable by Ordinary Members of the Association. The Life Member will otherwise have the rights and obligations of an Ordinary Member.

The Committee may, from time to time, resolve to extend certain other recognitions and privileges to Life Members, subject at all times to the terms of the Constitution.

Life Membership is not able to be transferred to any other person.

**Cancellation of Life Membership:**

The rights and privileges of Life Membership will be cancelled:

- upon the death of the Life Member;
- upon the resignation of the Life Member in accordance with the Constitution; or
- if so decided by a disciplinary subcommittee according to Rule 21(2) of the Constitution.

**Review:**

This policy is to be reviewed by the Committee every two years.

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