



# CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER AWARDS

## *INTRODUCTION*

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of life membership or other awards of Killarney District Soccer Club.

These awards exist to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of the Club. In particular, the awards system described below is intended to recognise a wide range of contribution - more than simply being a long-term member of a team.

It also seeks to create a progressive scale of award so that large and small contributions to the Club can be recognised appropriately. The hierarchy of awards is:

- Certificate of Appreciation**
- Club Award**
- President's Award**
- Life Membership**

These awards are only presented to worthy recipients and not necessarily each year.

## *DEFINITIONS*

The following definitions are to be applied to all criteria:

- On Field Role - appointment as a coach, manager or cadet referee
- Off Field Role - appointment to the Committee by election at an AGM

Periods of minimum service may be served concurrently.

On field Service by junior players as a player only while in an under 16 or below age competition will not be counted towards any of the awards specified below. The 5 and 10 Year plaque system currently acknowledge these contributions by juniors.

### **Certificate of Appreciation**

This Award is intended to provide encouragement and recognition for individuals who have volunteered their service to the Club beyond the role of parent/supporter.

Junior players who are appointed by the Committee to coach or referee in younger age groups will also be eligible for this Certificate.

Service for this Award is required as follows:

- A minimum of 3 years in an On Field role OR
- A minimum of 2 years in an Off Field role

This Award can be considered and approved at any General Committee Meeting, and the certificate presented at the AGM.



## **Club Award**

This Award is intended to recognise those individuals who have continued in their service to the Club and have extended their commitment to include both On Field and Off Field roles. The requirement to have service in both roles reflects the importance of the contribution of both to the future existence of our Club.

Service for this Award is required as follows:

- A minimum of 5 years On Field service AND
- A minimum of 5 years Off Field service.

This Award can be considered and approved at any General Committee Meeting, and the plaque presented at the AGM.

## **Presidents Award**

Individuals who provide service to the Club Executive over a minimum of 5 years may be eligible for this award.

The President of the Club only will approve this award, and the plaque presented at the AGM.

## **Life Membership**

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to Killarney District Soccer Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

### General Considerations

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 Club, leaving a noteworthy legacy.

The points to be taken into account when considering any nomination should include:

- the general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the Club
- commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship
- valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Club.

These points apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during their service to the Club.

### Length of Service

The length of service to the Club should be at least 15 years in either or both On Field or Off Field roles with such service in either role being taken concurrently.

There must also be service with or for a governing Sporting Association (On field or Off field role) in conjunction with their involvement with Killarney District Soccer Club. This service must have reflected favourably and brought credit upon the Club.



## Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

Nominations for Life Membership must be made and seconded by existing Financial Members on the appropriate Nomination Form, and should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Club by 30<sup>th</sup> September each year. Applications should demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service.

The Committee will assess all nominations for Life Membership. Achieving minimum service levels does not automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership.

As per the Club Constitution, only 2 nominations for Life Membership may be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Killarney District Soccer Club Executive to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

### Benefits of Life Membership

In addition to the status of membership of a select group within the Club, Life Membership will be recognised by:

- Award of the Life Membership at the Annual General meeting
- Exemption from fees associated with the Club
- Listing in the Club Web site
- Invitation to all Club functions