



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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V1.1	10/10/2023	Minor Changes based on PJRL Board Feedback	Adam Fairley
V1.2	23/04/2025	Changes to terminology pursuant to the PJRL Constitution to make it clear who is eligible to be nominated for Life Membership.	Adam Fairley



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### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Life Membership is distinguished by a clause in the Parramatta Junior Rugby League Club Constitution.
- 1.2 The clause requires a prescribed Life Membership Nominations Form, a criterion listed on the Form and the Qualifications Committee must furnish a report on the correctness or otherwise of the qualifications submitted in respect of all nominees.
- 1.3 This Policy will set out the Criteria and Qualifications for Life Membership.

### **2. POLICY**

- 2.1 The Parramatta Junior Rugby League Club (Junior League) may confer Life Membership on a person under Clause 20 of the Parramatta Junior Rugby League Constitution (Constitution). This Policy remains subject to the terms of the Constitution and to the extent of any inconsistency between the Constitution and this Policy, the Constitution will prevail.
- 2.2 Life Membership is generally conferred on a person who has rendered distinguished or special service to the Parramatta Junior Rugby League Club. The most frequently used criteria for Life Membership is length of service. In the case of the Junior League, however, additional criteria will also be used to determine whether the person is deserving of nomination for Life Membership. Such criteria will relate to the quality of the service performed by the person under consideration.
- 2.3 As a minimum requirement, a nominee for Life Membership must have provided outstanding meritorious service to the Parramatta Junior Rugby League as an Office Bearer for a period of at least ten (10) years, as a Member of the Parramatta Junior Rugby League Board of Management and/or as a Chairperson of a Junior League Committee (i.e. Qualifications Sub-Committee), although that period of service need not have been continuous.
- 2.4 In addition to the minimum period of service, the following criteria is to be used to determine the suitability of a person for nomination for Life Membership of the Junior League:
  - a) The nominee must be a currently active Member of the Parramatta Junior Rugby League Board of Management, Individual Member, Affiliate Club Member or Chairperson of a Junior League Committee (i.e. Qualifications Sub-Committee)

While it is not necessary for all the below criteria to be satisfied, most should be met:

- b) 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 Junior League



- c) The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to the principals of fair play & good sportsmanship
  - d) The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the Members in general
  - e) The nominee's service must reflect favourably on and have brought credit to the Junior League
- 2.5 Only Members of the Parramatta Junior Rugby League General Committee (as defined in Clause 18.1 of the Constitution) are eligible to nominate a person as a Life Member.
- 2.6 Nominations must be made on the attached Life Membership Nomination Form, including the details of the nominating Member or Director, in accordance with Clause 20.5 of the Constitution, and submitted to the offices of the Junior League.
- 2.7 Pursuant to Clause 20.6 of the Constitution:
- a) the Qualifications Committee will consider the nominations received and in their absolute discretion, the Qualifications Committee may recommend the nomination, or decide not to recommend the nomination, to the Board of Management
  - b) the Board of Management as defined in Clause 24.1 of the Constitution must approve the nominations by at least 75% voting strength for the nomination to proceed to the next Annual General Meeting of the Junior League for approval by the Members.
- 2.8 Details of any nominee recommended to the Junior League Members by the Board of Management for Life Membership will be distributed to the Members for their information prior to the next Annual General Meeting with appropriate comments from the Board of Management included.
- 2.9 Pursuant to Clause 20.11 of the Constitution:
- a) There shall be no more than three (3) persons inducted as Life Members in any one year, and;
  - b) A 75% majority of voting Members must approve any nominee for Life Membership
- 2.10 Junior League Life Members are entitled to:
- a) A Junior League Life Membership Blazer
  - b) Attend the Junior League Season Launch
  - c) Attend the Junior League Presentation Night
  - d) Attend, speak and vote at General Meetings of the Junior League
  - e) Attend, speak and vote at Annual General Meetings of the Junior League
  - f) Receive a digital copy of the Annual Report



- g) Receive any other items or documents that the Junior League Board of Management and General Manager deem appropriate
- h) Attend any other events that the Junior League Board of Management and General Manager deem appropriate

## **Definitions**

Office Bearer     The governing body of the Junior League shall be a board of management consisting of eight (8) Directors and the General Manager.

(a) six (6) Directors of the board of management shall be elected by the general committee

(b) one (1) PNRL member who shall be appointed and nominated by the PNRL

(c) one (1) Referees' Association member, appointed and nominated by the Referees Association

(d) the General Manager, who shall also be the managing director

The board of management members will also appoint the following office bearers from members of the general committee:

(a) qualifications committee chairperson

(b) constitution & policies committee chairperson

(c) advisory committee chairperson



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

### SECTION 1 – THE NOMINEE'S DETAILS

General information about the person you are nominating for Life Membership of the Parramatta Junior League. Please complete as much information as possible. If you are unsure of an answer, please leave it blank.

<b>Given Name(s):</b>		<b>Family Name:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b> (Street, Suburb, City, Postcode)			
<b>Business Address:</b> (Street, Suburb, City, Postcode and/or PO Box Address)			
<b>Home Phone No.</b>	<b>Business Phone No.</b>	<b>Mobile Phone No.</b>	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>			
<b>Place of Birth:</b> (Town/City, State, Country)			
<b>Occupation:</b>			
<b>How do you know the Nominee?</b> (For example; through Club, Junior League, a relative or someone who you have worked with).			
<b>Has the Nominee received any previous awards for achievements in relation to performance or outstanding service to the sport of Rugby League?</b> (please tick)			
Yes		No	Not Known
<b>If "Yes", what was the name of the award(s) and when were they received?</b>			



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

### SECTION 2 – DETAILED REASONS FOR NOMINATION

***Please ensure you read the Junior League Life Membership Policy prior to completing this section.***

In considering the award of Life Membership, an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and substantial service, enhancing the reputation and future of Rugby League within the Parramatta District.

- 1.1 As a minimum requirement, a nominee for Life Membership must have provided outstanding meritorious service to the Junior League for a period of at least ten (10) years, as a Member of the Board of Management and/or as a Chairperson of a Junior League Committee, although that period of service need not have been continuous.
- 1.2 In addition to the minimum period of service, the following criteria is to be used to determine the suitability of a person for nomination for Life Membership of the Junior League:
  - a) The nominee must be a currently active, Director, Individual Member, Affiliate Club Member or Chairperson of a Junior League Committee

While it is not necessary for all the below criteria to be satisfied, most should be met:

- b) 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 Junior League
- c) The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to the principals of fair play & good sportsmanship
- d) The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the Members in general
- e) The nominee's service must reflect favourably on and have brought credit to the Junior League

**Please provide details articulating how the nominee has met all or most of the above criteria**



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### SECTION 3 – THE NOMINATORS' DETAILS

*Please note that pursuant to Clause 2.5 of the Life Membership Policy only Members (as defined in Clause 18.1 of the Constitution) may nominate a person for nomination as a Life Member.*

#### **Proposer**

<b>Given Name(s):</b>	<b>Family Name:</b>						
<b>Position within the Junior League - please specify:</b>  <table><tr><td>Life Member</td><td>Advisory Committee</td></tr><tr><td>Patron</td><td>Club Delegate</td></tr><tr><td>Board of Management</td><td></td></tr></table>		Life Member	Advisory Committee	Patron	Club Delegate	Board of Management	
Life Member	Advisory Committee						
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Board of Management							
<b>Residential Address:</b> (Street, Suburb, City & Postcode),							
<b>Email Address:</b>							
<b>Mobile Phone No.</b>							
<b>Proposer's Signature:</b>							

By completing and submitting this form, you confirm that all details are correct to the best of your knowledge.

#### **Secunder**

<b>Given Name(s):</b>	<b>Family Name:</b>						
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<b>Secunder's Signature:</b>							

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**PLEASE ENSURE THAT QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED CLEARLY, EXPLAINING HOW THE NOMINEE MEETS THE CRITERIA AND IS ATTACHED BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION TO:**

**Parramatta Junior League**  
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