



BALLAJURA AFC – HONORARY LIFE MEMBER POLICY

1. Introduction

The Ballajura Association Football Club (“Ballajura AFC” or “the Club”) greatly values the contributions of its members and recognizes those who have made significant and sustained contributions to the Club over an extended period.

Honorary Life Member is the highest honour the Club can bestow and is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, commitment, and service to Ballajura AFC.

2. Criteria for Nomination

To be eligible for life membership, a nominee must meet the following criteria:

- **Duration of Service:** Demonstrated a significant, sustained, and lasting contribution to Ballajura AFC over a total of at least 10 years.
- **Significant Contribution:** Demonstrated significant and ongoing contributions to the Club. This could include roles in coaching, administration, volunteer work, or other contributions that have positively impacted the Club’s operations and culture.
- **Leadership and Role Model:** Exhibited leadership qualities and served as a positive role model within the Club, upholding the Club’s values and standards.
- **Club Development:** Played a key role in the development, growth, and success of the Club, including initiatives that have enhanced the Club’s reputation, facilities, or player development.
- **Community Impact:** Contributed to the broader community through involvement in Ballajura AFC initiatives, fostering a positive relationship between the Club and the local community.

3. Nomination Process

- **Submission of Nominations:** Any current financial member of the Club may submit a nomination for Honorary Life Member. Nominations should be made in writing and include a detailed account of the nominee's contributions and achievements for and within the Club.
- **Nomination Deadline:** Nominations must be submitted to the Secretary by 30th September to be considered for the award towards the end of that year.

- **Confidentiality:** All nominations and the vetting process will be kept confidential, with the official announcement of the awarding of any life memberships to happen at the next Club AGM or Senior Awards Night (typically held towards the end of the year).

4. Vetting and Validation Process

- **Review by Committee:** The Committee will review all nominations to ensure they meet the established criteria. This includes verifying the accuracy of any nominee's contributions and ensuring they align with the Club's values.
- **Consultation:** The Committee may consult with previous Honorary Life Members, senior members, and others who have knowledge of the nominee's contributions to ensure a fair and comprehensive evaluation.
- **Committee Decision:** The Committee will vote on the nomination. A two-thirds majority is required for the nomination to be successful.
- **Endorsement by Membership:** The successful nomination will be presented to the general membership at the Club AGM or at a special general meeting that may be called for final endorsement. A majority vote from the members present is required to confirm the life membership.

5. Benefits of Life Membership

- **Recognition:** Honorary Life Members will be recognized at Club events and their names will be listed on the Club's Honorary Life Members' honour board.
- **Exemption from Fees:** Honorary Life Members will be exempt from paying annual Club membership fees.
- **Voting Rights:** Honorary Life Members will retain full voting rights at Club AGMs and other special meetings, maintaining their influence within the Club's governance.
- **Event Invitations:** Where appropriate, Honorary Life Members will receive invitations to any Club events that are organised throughout the year, including exclusive Honorary Life Member functions.
- **Club Merchandise:** Honorary Life Members will be provided with a special Honorary Life Member lapel pin and a discount on Club services and events as a token of appreciation.

6. Revocation of Life Membership

- **Grounds for Revocation:** Life membership may be revoked if a member's behaviour is deemed detrimental to the Club's interests or if they act in a manner inconsistent with the Club's values and standards.
- **Revocation Process:** The Committee will consider revocation based on receipt of a formal complaint or report of any relevant incident that may have occurred. The Honorary Life Member will have the opportunity to present their case before any final decision is made. A two-thirds majority vote by the Committee is required for revocation.

7. Review and Amendments

This Policy will be reviewed every three years or as necessary by the Committee to ensure it remains relevant and aligned with the Club's values. Any amendments to the Policy must be approved by the general membership at a next AGM or special general meeting which may be called by the Club.

8. Conclusion

Life membership is a prestigious honour that reflects the esteem in which an Honorary Life Member is held by the Ballajura Association Football Club. This Policy ensures that the process of awarding life membership is conducted with fairness, transparency, and respect for the significant contributions of the nominees.

This Policy is designed to maintain the integrity of the Club's highest honour while ensuring that those who are granted life membership have truly earned it through their exceptional service and dedication to the Club.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the Ballajura AFC Club Rules.

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