# BASKETBALL MANAWATŪ LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY



#### INTRODUCTION

Life Membership is the highest award available to recognize the distinguished and exceptional contribution of individuals to Basketball Manawatū. It is therefore only to be awarded in for this level of contribution.

This document also sets out the procedures and policies which are applied by the Board in their consideration of Section 8 of the Basketball Manawatū Constitution, concerning Life Membership nominations.

# **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of Life Membership of the Basketball Manawatū Association.

This award exists to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of Basketball Manawatū.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

In accordance with the Constitution of Basketball Manawatū, (Section 5.3.3), Life Members shall be conferred at an Annual General Meeting of the association.

Nomination can be put forward by either a current financial member of Basketball Manawatū or a current Life Member.

Life Membership should be given for outstanding service and not as a normal reward for long service. It should not be an automatic reward for holding any specific office. Whilst there is no restriction on the number of Life Memberships awarded, it should be regarded as a rare honour.

#### **SCOPE**

The service for which Life Membership is to be considered must be to Basketball Manawatū. Service to Basketball New Zealand, regional bodies, or other associations is not applicable in determining a Life Member to Basketball Manawatū.



A nominee for Life Membership shall have been:

- a member of the Board of Basketball Manawatū or a formally constituted subcommittee of the Board for not less than 20 years; or
- any other person who has for a period of not less than 25 years rendered outstanding service to Basketball Manawatū.

Outstanding service is defined as work that has been initiated, performed or undertaken for Basketball Manawatū that has been widely adopted.

The nominee will have outstanding achievement from personal initiative and have contributed at the highest level possible.

Negotiation and contribution to basketball policy and development for Basketball Manawatū at Regional and Local level can be relevant.

Nominations for Life Members shall include acceptance of the nomination by the nominee and may be lodged with the General Manager by any other Member no later than 1<sup>st</sup> August in any year (see Section 5.3.3 of Basketball Manawatū's constitution).

Benefits of Life Membership will include:

- 1. Status of membership of a select group within Basketball Manawatū.
- 2. Award of the Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Exemption from club fees associated with the Association.
- 4. Listing on the Association's Website and Honours Board.
- 5. A personal invitation to any special event organized by Basketball Manawatū.
- 6. Ability to include award recognition on a Curriculum Vitae/Resume.

## **ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Constitution of Basketball Manawatū (November 2024).

### **POLICY REVIEW**

Basketball Manawatū will monitor and review this policy on a bi-annual basis