

# 2023 LIFE MEMBER POLICY

The awarding of Life Membership to the RDNA is in recognition of the significant, sustained and lasting contribution to the sport of netball in Rockingham and surrounding districts.

*Rockingham and  
Districts Netball  
Association Inc.*



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## Definitions

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In this Policy, unless otherwise stated:

- 'Association' means Rockingham and Districts Netball Association (RDNA);
- 'Club' means a club affiliated with Rockingham and Districts Netball Association;
- 'Committee' means the management Committee of the Association as elected under the Constitution;
- 'Constitution' means the constitution of Rockingham and Districts Netball Association Inc.;
- 'Member' means all affiliated members of the Association, including players, coaching and umpiring officials, volunteers, Clubs, and Club members;

## Changes to the Policy

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This Policy may be cancelled, amended, or supplemented by the Association as and when it sees fit. Any variation will be given to Members in writing by the Association. The Association will review this Policy on a regular basis to ensure that it remains effective in supporting the objectives and strategic direction of the Association, and to ensure ongoing best practice governance

## Purpose

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The awarding of Life Membership to the RDNA is in recognition of the significant, sustained and lasting contribution to the sport of netball in Rockingham and surrounding districts. It is the ultimate accolade the Association can bestow on any member for their contribution to the RDNA or Netball in Rockingham.

## Criteria

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Significant, sustained and lasting contribution is defined as having undertaken important and quality work or service consistently initiated and/or performed for the RDNA or Netball in Rockingham and surrounding districts by a member over a period of time in line with the organisation's values.

## Procedure for Nomination and Announcement

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- The Committee invites Clubs/Members to nominate candidate/s for this award.
- Candidate/s must be a currently registered financial member of the RDNA (or a previously registered member if being nominated posthumously).
- The completed nomination form to be submitted to the RDNA [admin@rdna.org.au](mailto:admin@rdna.org.au) by the date specified by the RDNA. Late or hand written nominations will not be considered.
- Confirmation of receipt of this nomination will be forwarded to the Club/Member.
- The Committee shall review all nominations received to ensure each nomination meets the criteria.
- The Committee shall determine the award of Life Membership.
- Confirmation of Life Membership will be forwarded to the Club.

The announcement and formal presentation of the Life Membership is made at the Annual RDNA Awards Function.



## **Recognition**

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In recognition of the awarding of Life Membership, the Life Member shall be:

- Presented with the RDNA Life Membership badge;
- Presented with a bouquet of flowers and photo to commemorate the occasion;
- Acknowledged via RDNA communication and media platforms and channels;
- Acknowledged in all RDNA Annual Reports under the Life Membership category;
- Recognised at that year's RDNA Annual General Meeting, date and time to be determined by the Committee.

## **Benefits**

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Life Members shall be entitled to the following benefits:

- Annual Membership to RDNA;
- Receive notification of the RDNA Annual General Meeting;
- Under the RDNA Constitution, Life Members may attend General Meetings.
- Receive a personalised invitation to the RDNA Awards function;
- Receive a personalised invitation to the RDNA Grand Finals and Grand Final function;
- All Life Members are to be advised that travel and any other costs associated with attendance at the above-mentioned events remain the responsibility of the individual Life Member.

## **Values and Behaviours**

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The RDNA seeks to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in netball. The core organisational values and behaviours are outlined below. Life Members are encouraged to embrace these values and associated behaviours:

- Integrity; Respect the contribution of all. We act with honesty and transparency.
- Unity; Take responsibility. We accept team outcomes. We communicate collaboratively.
- Strength; We are visionary and forward planning. We are industry leaders. We embrace challenges and find solutions.

## **Code of Conduct**

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It is an honour and a privilege to be awarded an RDNA Life Membership. As an RDNA Life Member, it is expected that the following code of conduct be adhered to:

- Treat all persons with respect and courtesy and have proper regard for their dignity, rights and obligations;
- Be ethical, fair, considerate and honest in all dealings and communications with others;
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport including national and state guidelines, constitution and policies that govern the RDNA;
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the RDNA into disrepute;
- Be a positive role model and an advocate for the sport;
- Be responsible and accountable for your conduct;
- Life Members are subject to the same disciplinary measures as all other categories of RDNA membership. These measures are outlined in the RDNA Constitution under Disciplinary Action;



### **Passing of a Life Member – Recognition of Contribution Tribute Process**

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- When the RDNA is notified of a Life Member's passing, the organisation will:
  - Make contact with the Life Member's family to offer condolences and to seek acceptance of the RDNA Life Membership tribute process;
  - If appropriate, notify other relevant organisations of Life Member's passing i.e. Netball WA;
  - Tribute story prepared by the RDNA Publicity Officer for dissemination via Netball media platforms;
  - Bouquet of flowers and card sent to Life Member's family or relevant condolence support in line with Life Member's family request;
  - Attendance by Netball WA representatives at the Life Member's funeral.
  - Acknowledgement of any bequest or donation that may be given to the RDNA.
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## Nomination Form

Details of Nominator (i.e. RDNA Management Committee Member/Club)	
Club/Association Title of Nominator	
Email and mobile number of Nominator	

## Details of Nominee

Full name of Nominee	
Postal Address of Nominee	
Awards to Netball	
Name of Award	
Award Date/Year	
Life Membership of a Club	
Any other Awards relating to Netball	

## Record of Significant, Sustained, Lasting Contribution to the sport of Netball in Western Australia

*[Paid work may be included in any section but the contribution needs to exceed this – please indicate clearly service that is paid work]*

PLAYER
UMPIRE
COACH
ADMINISTRATION
OTHER



**Supporting Statement**

*State why you believe your nomination should be considered for an RDNA Life Membership. This statement should provide an assessment of the QUALITY of the contribution that has been made.*

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_