**Overview**

It is the Clubs prerogative to decide how it will award *Life Membership*

*Life membership* is bestowed on an individual club member who’s exceptional, loyal

and outstanding service and contribution has a provided a measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time, be it current or historic. It is therefore only to be granted in exceptional circumstances, it must be kept in mind that this is no small honour and must remain a prestigious membership.

In consideration of *Life Membership* an individual should have demonstrated a significant, sustained, and high-quality service enhancing the “SPIRITED Rugby for all” and furthering the reputation and future of the club.

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for a *Life Membership* to the Greyhound Rugby Union Football Club.

**General Considerations (nominee must meet at least one of the considerations)**

* The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the club, “spirited rugby for all”.
* The commitment to the values of good sportsmanship on and off the field of play.
* The nominee will have demonstrated a positive demeaner and valued leadership, with good role modelling that reflects credit upon the club
* Nominee should have actively served the club as an administrator, official, player or volunteer
* Specific achievements both on and off the field can be taken into consideration
* Key Positions – If a member has held a senior position as an official or administrator for the club for a period of 10 years or more

**Process for Assessing Nominees for Life Membership**

* Nominations for *Life Membership* should be forwarded to the executive committee at any time throughout the year but no later than 4 weeks before the AGM in each year
* Nominees should demonstrate that they have

o attained a minimum requirement as listed above

o made an outstanding contribution in at least one of the areas listed above

o has held a position for the relevant number of years

Nominations shall be voted upon by the full executive committee at any monthly meeting.

Nominees that receive a simple majority vote (ie more in favour than against) and shall be put forward to the AGM or next suitable general meeting to be voted upon by the club’s full membership.

Nominees that receive a two third majority vote by all members at a General Meeting shall be confirmed as *Life Members*.

***Life Membership***

Personal invitations to both junior and senior presentation evenings

Status of being a member of a select group within the Club

Annual dinner (FOC)

Vote at AGM

Newsletter (Half Yearly)

Access to GRFC social media

Invite to special games

GRFC Tie, badge, and Pen

**Retractions of *Life Membership***

*Life Membership* is forfeited when the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club.

*Life Membership* is forfeited upon non-attendance at the club, non-attendance at annual Life Members dinner or repeated failure to observe the values of the club or/and constitutional requirements. \*Exceptional circumstances will be noted\*

*Life Membership* is forfeited upon the passing of a special resolution of the current committee and a majority vote for the removal from *Life Membership* for reasons not limited to but as bringing the name of **GRFC** into disrepute.

An annual £50 fee is collected from all *life members* to cover the cost of administration and

and membership

\*\* the fee is waivered if the *life member* is carrying out duties or volunteering for the club\*\*