



# **NORTH WEST HOBART GRADUATES HOCKEY CLUB**

## **Ambassadorial Life Membership Policy**

**This policy has been adopted by the NWHGHC committee on 12 September 2018 and is to be applied from this date forward. Variations to the policy can only be approved by the NWHGHC committee and will require a majority vote to be approved.**

### **Background and intention**

Candidates considered for this award must be of the calibre to have been considered for a future life membership of the club, however due to their commitment in the National program, they have been unable to provide a significant level of service to achieve the required criteria for a Life Membership.

It is the intention of this award, to recognise extraordinary achievement in the sport of hockey, by a North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club member, above and beyond that which could be considered a normal transition through the ranks of the club hockey, to state hockey and then on to national selection.

To receive this honour, the person will have maintained constant contact and an outward and overt pride in being a member of the North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club.

The recipient of this award would not be precluded from receiving a general Life Membership should they also meet the criteria of that award at a later stage.

### **Scope**

This award bears no direct correlation to the Life Membership policy and is not to, in any way diminish or restrict the Committee's capacity to award a general Life Membership.

If there are suitable candidates in both awards, it is envisaged that both shall be awarded.

### **Criteria**

1. This person is to be considered a member of the North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club, and service to the club should be substantial. It would be expected that person considered for this award will have been a member, whether junior, senior or veteran, for a minimum of ten (10) years.
2. This person is to have been, and remain an active supporter and proud member of the North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club. It is expected that this person is to have, where possible, made efforts to assist in the day to day activities of the North West Hobart Graduates Hockey

Club. Examples of this would be to assist with junior coaching when available, to support the clubs Premier League and Grade teams, to play for the club if available and assist with supporting senior coaches.

3. This person is to have reached extraordinary levels of achievement in the game of hockey. Simply representing ones country, although commendable, should not be considered extraordinary. Representation for the national sides should be at a Senior level, Junior and Masters representation alone, is not considered sufficient within the scope of this award. Factors to be considered should be, but not limited to:
  - Length of time of representation shall be extraordinary, more than 5 years
  - Outstanding individual achievement, during this period of representation
  - Selflessness and continuous club engagement during this period of representation is essential
  - Demonstrate good sportsmanship and leadership both on and off the field, upholding all the values and expectations of the club.
4. This person shall be recognisable throughout the Tasmanian Hockey community, as being a member of the North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club.
5. Awarding of this Ambassadorial Life Membership cannot occur, without a positive vote from a minimum of 85%, of the Committee with no less than eight (8) Committee members present for the vote at the meeting.
6. All nominations for this award shall be held to account, when compared to previous winners.

### **Presentation of award**

It would be expected that the President of the North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club would present this award. Given the special nature of this award the President reserves the right to invite a dignitary, other committee member or other person to present or co-present this award should there be a compelling reason to do so. This person would be appointed due to their relationship with the recipient or their standing in the community to increase the significance of the award ceremony.

It is not considered essential that this award is presented at the Annual Club Dinner; if better suited, it could be awarded at a different event, provided that the scale of the function was suitable for the significance of this award.

### **Recognition of this award**

As with a North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club Life Membership, a member awarded with this Ambassadorial Life Membership shall be gifted a lapel pin, bearing the colours and emblem of the club, with the words 'Ambassadorial Life Member' inscribed in legible text. The award winner is from that time on to be considered a member of the North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club for the remainder of his or her natural life.

## Ratification

The awarding of an Ambassadorial Life Membership is not to be taken lightly and significant consideration should be given to the achievements, representation and North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club spirit. It is not envisaged that the Ambassadorial Life Membership be awarded for simply representing the country. It requires significant time periods of representation and achievements, whilst maintaining a strong and recognisable affiliation with the North West Hobart Graduates Hockey Club, throughout that period of representation.

## Procedure

- 1) Any nomination for Ambassadorial Life membership should be made at least two meetings prior to the Annual Dinner.
- 2) While the nomination can come from any Club member, it must be "sponsored" by a Committee member.
- 3) It will then become the responsibility of that Committee member to present evidence to the Committee regarding the nominee that will allow an informed decision by the Committee, based on the criteria set out above, as to the worthiness of the nominee as an Ambassadorial Life Member of the Club.

The reason for placing the responsibility on the "sponsor" or nominator is to stop the situation arising where little information is provided about a nominee, therefore making it difficult for Committee members to decide on the nomination. It may well be the case that the nominee has not been directly involved with the Club for a number of years, or mainly on the men's or women's side. This could mean that younger Committee members or those from either the men's or women's side may not know much about the nominee.

- 4) Once a nomination has been received by the Committee, the Secretary shall have responsibility of calling a special meeting of all Committee members to decide on the nomination. This should be done in conjunction with the nominator to allow time to gather the relevant information. A second special meeting may be held if necessary.
- 5) While members not on the Committee should be encouraged to provide information to such meetings, only the Committee should be present at the meeting, unless the Committee feels there are special circumstances requiring another person to attend. In such an event, this person/s should not be present when voting is undertaken.
- 6) Once the nominator/sponsor has presented the information and all questions and comments have been made, the Committee shall conduct a secret ballot on whether to support the awarding of the Ambassadorial Life Membership. This shall be considered in regard to the above criteria. If there is any doubt of such a level being achieved, or lack of information about the nominee that makes such a conclusion impossible, then Committee members should consider voting in the negative
- 7) It is considered appropriate either the President/Secretary should collect the votes. The President/Secretary should take the final votes and count them. **Ambassadorial Life members may only be voted on by a minimum of eight Committee Members or their proxies (who need to be Life Members) with a minimum of 85% agreeing with the nomination.** Given the importance of the decision Committee Members are not allowed to abstain from voting.