

Protocol for Life Membership to Karilee Calisthenics Inc.

Life Membership

Life Membership to Karilee Calisthenics Inc. can be awarded to a nominated person who has given outstanding service to the club.

- 1. Any person is eligible to submit a nomination for Life Membership to Karilee, where in their opinion the nominee meets the criteria set by the Karilee committee.
 - a. A nomination must be submitted on the Karilee Life Membership Nomination Form.
 - b. The nomination must include all the requested contact details, statements relating to the criteria, details of years of service and a written summary for the nominee.
 - c. Incomplete forms will be returned to the nominator; they can be resubmitted with the missing information completed.
 - d. Nominations are to be emailed to the Secretary (or the President if the Secretary is being nominated) and must be received by the September Committee Meeting if they are to be considered for that calendar year.
 - e. There is no requirement for a nomination to be seconded prior to it being submitted.
- 2. When a nomination is received, the Secretary (or President) is required to acknowledge receipt of the nomination.
- 3. At the September Committee Meeting, the President is to establish a Panel, of at least three committee members where at least one is an executive member, to evaluate all validly submitted nominations for Life Membership. Any committee member who puts forward a nomination is ineligible to be appointed to the Panel.
- 4. The appointed Panel is empowered to bestow Life Membership upon any eligible nominated person who in the opinion of the majority of the Panel has rendered outstanding service to the Club for at least 10 years. In exceptional circumstances, the Panel may consider a nomination where the service to the club is less than 10 years if that person is deemed to be worthy of consideration.
- 5. An appointed panel member is authorised to organise a framed Life Members Certificate, Badge and summary of service so it is ready to be presented to the newly appointed Life Member.
- 6. Presentation of the Life Membership should take place at the Karilee End of Year Concert. If the recipient is unable to attend, presentation may be deferred to the Karilee Solo Comp (or another official club event if required).
- 7. An appointed panel member should notify the nominator of the decision of the Panel:
 - a. If the nomination is successful, the nominator is to be notified and asked to arrange for the nominee to attend the award presentation, without letting the nominee know that they are to be appointed as a Life Member, if possible.
 - b. If the nomination is unsuccessful, the nominator is to be notified and given the explanation agreed to by the Panel for the appointment not being approved.
- 8. Nominations are to be kept confidential until officially presented to protect the privacy of nominee.
- 9. Life Members have the right to have a voice at any club meeting: This permits contribution to discussions and ability to express opinions at any club meeting for consideration.
- 10. Life Members have the right to vote at any General Meeting including the Annual General Meeting, but not the right to vote at any ordinary committee meetings.
- 11. Life Members are entitled to have free admission to any function organised by the Club where free admission is approved by the Committee. This will usually include free admission to the Karilee Solo Competition and the Karilee End of Year Concert.
- 12. Life Membership does not entitle a recipient to discounted registration fees or tuition.

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