**RWGA LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

This Policy outlines the process to be followed when nominating for Life Membership, under Section 14 –14.1 and 14.2 of the RWGA Constitution/ Statement of Objectives and Rules.

Life Membership is the highest award available to recognise the distinguished and exceptional contribution of individuals to the RWGA and is, therefore, only to be awarded for this level of contribution.

**NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

* Any two current Members of an Affiliated Club may propose or second a nomination for election of a Life Member.
* The nomination (accompanied by any relevant documentation) must be lodged with the RWGA Secretary by 31 July for consideration at the Annual District Meeting.
* The nomination must be tabled at the next meeting of the Executive Committee which will resolve by majority whether the nomination meets the criteria set out in the constitution and whether to support the nomination.
* If supported by the Executive Committee, the nomination will be put as a resolution to the District AGM, and Life Members shall be elected by secret ballot by a three-quarter majority of delegate members and Life Members present at the meeting.
* The nominee must accept or reject in writing the District’s resolution to confer Life Membership. Upon written acceptance, the nominee’s details shall be entered in the Register, and from that time of entry the nominee shall be a Life Member.

**APPLICATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

* A letter of support from the nominee’s home club.
* Information on the length of service/contribution, demonstrating that the distinguished and exceptional service has occurred over at least a 10-year period, and evidence of the nature of this service.
* Evidence that:
* The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee show a dedication to the core values of RWGA
* The nominee has a commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship
* The nominee has provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the members in general
* The nominee is a current member of an RWGA affiliated Club.
* Specifically, the application must demonstrate distinguished and exceptional service in one or more of the following areas:
* Management and administration
* General contribution including playing and representative history
* Other special achievements for the Association which maybe either on or off the course or both.