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Richmond Football Club – Awards and Honours Policy

1. Overview

The Richmond Football Club (“the Club”) recognises and celebrates the achievements and commitment of those who have laid the foundation that underpins and supports the Club’s Purpose, Mission and its Vision.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria and establish protocols when bestowing the Club’s Awards and Honours.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all Club employees, players, coaches, officials and volunteers.

4. Awards

4.1 Life Members

In accordance with article 3.3.2 of the Club’s Constitution the following applies:

The Board may in its absolute discretion elect as a Life Member:

- (a) a person who has rendered service to the Club for a period of not less than ten years as a player on the rookie list or the senior list (or both) or has played a minimum of 150 senior Australian Football League matches for the Club; or
- (b) a VFL / AFL premiership player; or
- (c) [deliberately left blank]; or
- (d) a person who has rendered service to the Club for a period of not less than ten years, such period being comprised of any of, or any combination of, the following:
 - (i) service as a director; or
 - (ii) service in a management position in either administration or football; or
 - (iii) service as a player on the rookie list or the senior list (or both); or
- (e) a person who in the Board’s opinion has rendered outstanding service to the Club in some other capacity which may include but is not limited to:
 - (i) senior coach of a premiership team
 - (ii) Brownlow Medalist



- (iii) twenty years service as an official formally appointed to that position by the Club; or
- (iv) outstanding service to or for the benefit of the Club over at least a twenty-year period; or
- (ii) any other person that the Board determines from time to time.

Life Members are elected by the Board in its absolute discretion but may consider nominations made to it by the History and Traditions Committee.

4.2 Hall of Fame

Eligibility

To be eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame, a nominee must be a Life Member and have rendered significant and important service to the Club exceeding that required to be a Life Member.

Categories

Hall of Fame membership is divided into two categories; (1) player or coach and (2) club servant. The combined service as a player, coach and club servant will be considered for eligibility purposes.

Player and Coach Criteria

In assessing eligibility, consideration will be given to the following criteria as they relate to the senior VFA, VFL¹ or AFL competitions:

- Games played or coached
- Premierships played or coached
- Best and Fairest Awards
- Seasons played as the permanently appointed captain
- Other relevant achievements or considerations.

In determining the relative eligibility of players and coaches, a scoring system is to be adopted pursuant to which points are allocated to each criterion in accordance with the following matrix:

¹ Prior to 1989



Games played or coached	200 or more games = 10 points, 175 to 199 games = 8 points, 150 to 174 games = 6 points, 125 to 149 games = 4 points and 100 to 124 games = 2 points
Premierships played or coached	5 points for each premiership
Best and Fairest Awards	2 points for each award
Seasons as permanently appointed captain	2 points for each season
Other relevant achievements or considerations	A maximum of 10 points ² .

Players must have retired for a minimum of four years and coaches must have concluded their employment with the club before they are eligible for nomination as inductees into the Hall of Fame.

Club Servant Criteria

Club servants are those persons who have contributed to the Club in a role other than as a player or coach in any of the competitions in which it has competed.

In determining the relative eligibility of club servants, a scoring system is to be adopted pursuant to which a maximum of ten points is allocated in consideration of the impact of nominees’ contributions to the Club in achieving its strategic priorities³.

Years of service shall be not necessarily be determinative in assessing eligibility of club servants.

Club Servants must have concluded any employment with the club or any official role held with the club before they are eligible for nomination into the Hall of Fame.

Administration

As a general rule, the number of inductees into the Hall of Fame solely as a club servant should not exceed 10% of the total membership of the Hall of Fame.

Inductions shall reflect a spread of representatives throughout the Club’s history.

The number of inductees into the Hall of Fame and the frequency of induction ceremonies are at the discretion of the Board.

² The average of total points awarded by History and Traditions Committee members.

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Hall of Fame inductees are appointed by the Board in its absolute discretion but may consider nominations made to the Board by the History and Traditions Committee.

4.4 Hall of Fame – Immortal Status

Criteria

To be eligible for Immortal status, nominees must be existing members of the Hall of Fame and have rendered exceptional service to the Club exceeding that required to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Administration

As a general rule, the number of Immortals should not exceed 15% of the total membership of the Hall of Fame.

The number of inductees into the Hall of Fame Immortals and the frequency of induction ceremonies are at the discretion of the Board.

Hall of Fame Immortals are appointed by the Board in its absolute discretion but may consider nominations to it by the History and Traditions Committee.

4.5 Alice Wills Award

Volunteers have been vital to the off-field success of the Richmond Football Club since its formation in 1885.

The Alice Wills Award honours those volunteers who have made significant personal contributions and displayed outstanding dedication and commitment to the Richmond Football Club over an extended period of time and/or for a particular project or purpose.

This Award recognises and acknowledges those volunteers from across the country who are not involved in the day to day operations of the Club.

Up to five recipients can receive the Alice Wills Award each year. However, the Award may not be bestowed each year.

Alice Wills Award recipients are appointed by the Board in its absolute discretion but may consider nominations made to it by the History and Traditions Committee.

4.6 AFL Awards and Australian Football Hall of Fame

Nominations for AFL awards and inductions into the Australian Football Hall of Fame are approved by the Board in its absolute discretion but may consider nominations made to it by the History and Traditions Committee based on the AFL award criteria and the Australian Football Hall of Fame Charter (as amended from time to time).



5 Honours

5.1 Patron

A person who provides significant, enduring, material support to the Club and / or who has very high standing or profile in the community and who would bring interest, prestige or assist in popularising the Club among existing members and the community.

Patrons are appointed by the Board in accordance with the Constitution.

5.2 Vice Patron

A person who provides significant material support to the Club and / or who has very high standing or profile in the community which would bring interest, prestige or assist in popularising the Club among existing members and the community, or a person who has provided significant service to the Club in a playing, coaching or administrative role and enjoys the status of wide popularity within the Club membership.

Vice Patrons are appointed by the Board.

At its February 2018 meeting the Board of the Club determined that no further Vice Patrons would be appointed.

5.3 Number 1 Ticket Holder

A person who provides significant material support to the Club and / or who has very high standing or profile in the community which would bring interest, prestige or assist in popularising the Club among existing members and the community.

Number 1 Ticket Holders are appointed by the Board.

5.4 Name on locker

To be eligible to have their name on a locker, the player must meet one of the following criteria:

- Played 100 games
- Best and Fairest winner
- Brownlow Medalist
- Life Member
- Captains who have been appointed by the Club for a home and away season

If a Captain plays more than 100 games in jumper other than 17, the player's name is also to appear on the locker bearing that number.

A Senior Coach's locker is to be established with the name of every appointed senior coach to appear thereon.



The CEO must approve the placing of names on lockers

5.6 Death Notice with Tiger logo

The following criteria must be met if a death notice is to be placed in newspapers or elsewhere on behalf of the Club:

- Life Member
- Current or former:
 - President, Board Member, Senior Coach or CEO
 - Senior player of 50 games or more
 - Premiership player, Brownlow Medalist and Best & Fairest winner
- All current employees or former employees of ten years standing
- Official or volunteer officially appointed by Club of ten years standing
- Current or former Patrons
- Number one ticket holders
- At the discretion of the CEO

The CEO must approve the publication of death notices.

5.6 Black Armbands

One of the following criteria must be met for the wearing of black armbands to be approved:

- Where criteria for eligibility for death notices is met.
- The immediate family of current employees, players and coaches or as directed by the AFL. Immediate family refers to parents, husband, wife, partner or children.
- At the discretion of the CEO.

Where the death occurs during the non-playing season, black armbands are to be worn in the first home and away game of the following season.

The CEO must approve the wearing of black armbands

Individual players may wear black arm bands with the approval of the CEO.

6. Spreading of Ashes on Punt Road Oval or around the Jack Dyer statue

The spreading of ashes must be approved by the CEO

7. Review of Awards and Honours Holders

The Board of the Club reserves the right to conduct reviews of Award and Honours holders at its discretion and to withdraw the Award or Honour for good reason.



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