
Gascoyne Offroad Racing Club Inc

CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER AWARDS

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INTRODUCTION

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for awards of the Gascoyne Offroad Racing Club Inc ("the Club").

The awards exist to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals, groups and organisation to the current and future existence of the Club. In particular the awards system described below is intended to recognise a wide range of contribution -more than simply being a long-term member of the Club. It also seeks to create a progressive scale of award so that large and small contributions to the Club can be recognised appropriately. The hierarchy of awards is:

Club Certificate of Appreciation
Club Award
Club Chairpersons Award
Club 10 year Plaque
Life Membership

DEFINITIONS and EXCLUSIONS

The following definitions are to be applied to all criteria:

Competition Role

Appointment by the Club:

- As an official in all roles to support the Club in its events
- Appointment as Representatives to governing bodies.

Appointee may or may not be a member of the Club.

Non Competition Role

Appointment to a role in the Executive Management Committee by election at an Annual General Meeting (e.g. Chairperson, Treasurer, Committee) or as a member of the Events Management Sub Committee or other Committees that may be formed from time to time.

Periods of minimum service may be served concurrently. Appointee may or may not be a member of the Gascoyne Offroad Racing Club Inc.

Awards Sub Committee

Will consist of the Chairperson and two other Executive Committee members.

CLUB CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This is the minimum Award available and is intended to provide encouragement and recognition for individuals, groups or organisation who have volunteered their service to the Club beyond their role of competitor, club member, or supporter.

This Award will be considered and approved by the Awards Sub Committee or Event Management Committee

CLUB AWARD

This Award is intended to recognise those individuals;

- Who significantly contributed to the formation of the Club, its facilities and track.

or

- Who have consistently contributed to raising the profile of the Club at either a state or national level

or

- Who have continued in their service to the Club in either or both a Competition and Non Competition role. Suggested service for this Award is;

A minimum of 5 years Competition service.

This Award will be considered and approved by the Awards Sub Committee.

CLUB CHAIRPERSON'S AWARD

Individuals, groups or organisation will normally have been awarded at least a Certification of Appreciation or Club Award.

The Chairperson of the Club only will approve this award.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

General Considerations

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Club.

The points to be taken into account when considering any nomination should include:

- the general attitude and overall demeanor of the nominee to ensure that the attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the Club
- commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship
- valued leadership and good role modeling that reflects credit upon the Club.

These points apply in whatever role the nominee has participated in during their service in the Club.

Length of Service

The length of service to the Club for Life Membership should be at least 10 years in either or both a Competition or Non Competition roles. The length of service does not necessarily need to be consecutive.

Length of service may also include service on behalf of the Club with or for a governing body. This service must have reflected

favourably and brought credit upon themselves and the Club.

Prior Awards

The nominee must have been awarded the Club Award.

Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

Nominations for Life Membership should be forwarded to the Club Chairman by 30 September in each year. Nomination demonstrates attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service.

A Life Membership Committee will assess all nominations for Life Membership. The committee will consist of at least the Club Chairman, Vice Chairman and 3 Committee Members. The Life Membership Committee will assess all nominations and only put forward those nominations that are considered worthy of Life Membership. Achieving minimum service levels does not automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership.

Life Membership will be awarded at the next Club Annual General Meeting.

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club, or is convicted of a serious criminal offence. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the Gascoyne Offroad Racing Club Executive to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

Benefits of Life Membership

In addition to the status of membership to a select group within the Club, Life Membership will be recognised by:

- Award of the Life Membership presentation at the Club Annual General meeting,

- Exemption from fees associated with the Club membership,
- Listing in the Club Web site and other official documents.

POLICY INTRODUCTION

This Awards policy will be effective from **15 January 2009**. Awards can be made to individuals who have achieved these awards subsequent to the Club's incorporation date of 28 August 2003.

This policy will be reviewed two years after introduction.

Ted Schultz
Chairperson

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