

NETBALL NEW ZEALAND

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Guidelines for making Nominations

Please read these carefully before completing the nomination form

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is the highest honour Netball New Zealand can confer on any individual. As such, it recognises significant service given to the sport at a very high level. The regulations specify the Nominee must:

- **hold a NNZ Service Award;** and
- **have provided an outstanding contribution to Netball that has enhanced the game nationally and/or internationally**

NOMINATION & AWARD PROCESS

Closing date	Nominations must reach Netball New Zealand by 5.00pm 3 October 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.
Nominations	Nominations can be made on the Life Membership Nomination Form (available on NNZ website) or emailed to katiep@netballnz.co.nz . Our preference is that they are completed online. A 'Netball CV' must be emailed to katiep@netballnz.co.nz detailing the nominee's Netball service (with dates). As the outcome is not known, it is desirable nominees are unaware of their nomination.
Consideration	Nominations will be forwarded to the NNZ Life Membership & Service Awards Committee who will consider them and determine whether an award should be recommended. The Committee is not able to enter into discussion regarding any nomination.
Advice	The Committee will convey its decision to Netball New Zealand who will advise the nominating entity. Wherever possible, any recommendation should remain confidential until decided at the AGM.
Decision	Recommendations will be put to the AGM for approval (with the nominee not present). The Committee will provide a citation outlining the nominee's service and achievements to support any recommendation.
Award	Following approval, the President will advise the nominee of the award and confer a NNZ Life Member's badge. The new award holder may be invited to respond.

COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM

Only NNZ Board/zones/centres may nominate or endorse a life membership award application. The same entity may not both nominate and endorse an application.

Nominating Entity

A decision to make a nomination should be made by the board/executive of the entity. The contact person named is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of material provided (details that cannot be verified, should be clearly indicated). Adequate time should be allowed for assembling information (4-6 weeks suggested).

Endorsing Entity

Board/executive of a different entity must endorse the nomination and provide a supporting statement.

Netball CV

A separate 'Netball CV' must be attached. This should list the nominee's involvement in Netball, including details of activities, years and the entities where these occurred. This will avoid details having to be listed in supporting material; instead the focus can be on the quality of their service and the benefits it has brought.

HELPFUL TIPS

The following ideas are provided as a guide to assist you when making a nomination. **They are not intended to cover all possibilities or to predetermine an outcome.**

At all times, you should keep in mind that the award of a Life Membership requires the nominee:
to have made an outstanding contribution to Netball that must have enhanced the game nationally and/or internationally.

This criterion will be central when the Committee considers the nomination.

NNZ Service Award

While no timeframe is specified, it is expected this would have been held for at least five years. Service since this award was conferred will be of special interest to the Committee.

Outstanding contribution nationally and/or internationally

An important consideration is likely to be whether a nominee has been involved in **MORE THAN ONE PART** of the sport and has achieved to a **HIGH LEVEL** in each. 'Quantity' is not a determinant on its own while 'quality' in more than one area may make a difference! In making or endorsing a nomination you should consider the 'impact' the person has had at different levels of the game. It is helpful to reflect on the following questions and to ensure you address them in your supporting material:

How does this person's service and contribution make them stand out from others who have a similar Netball background? What impact have they made on the Game?

So what might this mean? Here are some thoughts for you to consider:

- If your nominee is an international player

This does not, of course, mean the nominee should automatically be granted Life Membership. So, think about what might make your nominee stand out from others. Factors such as the quality of their on-court performances, leadership qualities, length of time as an international player might be relevant, while other leadership roles might be equally important. What else has the nominee done in other parts of the sport? What impact has the nominee had on the game?

Remember you need to differentiate what makes this player stand out from others

- If your nominee is an international coach, umpire or an official

How does your nominee stand out from others who have been involved in similar roles? For example, what is the performance record of the coach/umpire/official – have they achieved at a high level compared with others? What is the quality of their contribution (as compared with quantity)? How are they regarded internationally – would they be rated highly? Would they be in demand for coaching, contributing to seminars etc? What experience has stood out nationally? What else has the nominee done in other parts of the sport? What impact has the nominee had on the game?

Can you differentiate what makes this coach/umpire/official stand out from others?

- If your nominee is an administrator

How has your nominee's work contributed to improving the game internationally or nationally? How long have they been involved in making this contribution? Are they in demand to assist outside their own country or their own area? If they are a board member, in what role/s have they contributed? How does their contribution 'make a difference'? What else has the nominee done in other parts of the sport (or in sport generally)? What impact has the nominee had on the game?

How does this administrator stand out? Have they 'made a very real difference'?

For a Life Membership award, 'service' is a significant factor. Thus while 'employment' may contribute to this service, it will usually not be a significant part of what is being recognised, rather it will be supplementary.

A well thought-out nomination is the best support you can provide so take time to draw this up well. In addition to statements of commendation, make sure factual information is provided to support these!