

# Life Membership Policy

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## **Policy**

Football Federation Victoria (FFV) Inc ('FFV') may confer Life Membership on a person under the FFV Constitution Clause 9. The Constitution takes precedence over this Policy in the event of any inconsistency.

## **Principle**

Life Membership is generally conferred on a person who has rendered distinguished or special service to an organisation. The most frequently used criterion for life membership is length of service. In the case of FFV extended length of service is rare for persons who hold voluntary roles within the organization therefore continuous extended meritorious service at State level shall be considered. Persons may hold roles of limited tenure and yet perform outstanding meritorious service during their term of office. Under these circumstances other criteria should be used to determine whether the person is deserving of nomination for Life Membership. Such criteria will relate to the quality of the service performed by the person under consideration.

## **Criteria for Life Membership**

The following criteria may be used to determine the suitability of a person for nomination for Life Membership of FFV. While it is not necessary for all the criteria to be satisfied, some at least should be considered.

The person under consideration should have continuous outstanding meritorious service and demonstrated all or some of the following:

- Innovative practice: reviewing and modifying existing administrative and management procedures and introducing new procedures when required.
- Advancing the profile of the game by effective promotion and recruitment which provide observable results.
- Increasing the administrative participation of the sport by participation/representation with key stakeholders and peak bodies.
- Enhancing communication with the general body of members and feeder groups.
- Constantly reviewing and modifying existing administrative and management procedures.
- Reviewing the procedures of other bodies, seeking to identify any better relevant procedures that they use, and introducing them to our sport where applicable.
- Enthusing others to implement appropriate ideas.
- Outstanding leadership qualities in all or many areas of the sport.
- Holding, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, good standing within FFV and the wider community.
- Meritorious service at State/Territory level.
- Such other criteria as the Board of Directors deems fit.

## **Procedure**

Any person from the football community may recommend a person for nomination as a life member. Nominations must be made on the attached nomination form (or similar template form), including the details of the nominating Member or Director in accordance with rule 9.3 of FFV's Constitution, and submitted to the Executive Office of FFV where the nomination will be date received and registered.

Nominations shall then be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled FFV Board of Directors meeting for consideration. Details of any candidate recommended to the FFV members by the Board of Directors for life membership shall be distributed to the members of FFV for their information prior to the Annual General Meeting with appropriate comments from the Board included.

A two-thirds majority of voting members must approve the candidate for life membership under rule 9.5(b) of FFV's Constitution. Any new Life Member approved by the membership in general meeting in a particular year shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

## **Entitlements:**

As a FFV Life Member they shall be entitled to:

- A Season Pass to all games throughout Victoria
- Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting and the Annual President's Lunch
- Copy of Annual Report
- Any other items, events or documents that the Board of Directors and CEO deem appropriate.