

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY



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## Purpose and Scope

Football Victoria (FV) Inc ('FV') may confer Life Membership on a person under the Constitution *Clause 9 – Patrons and Life Members*.

The Constitution takes precedence over this Policy in the event of any inconsistency.

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## 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 FV 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

The following criteria may be used to determine the suitability of a person for nomination for Life Membership of FV. 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 FV and the wider community.
- Meritorious service at State level.

## 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, including the details of the approving Director in accordance with rule 9.3 of the Constitution, and submitted to the FV Executive Office where the nomination will be date received and registered.

Nominations may also be recommended to the FV Board of Directors on the advice of the FV Historian, who in consultation with the broader History and Heritage network, may identify individuals deemed fit to receive the honour. Such nominations will not require support from an approving Director but will require supporting documentation outlining the credentials of the individual.

Nominations shall then be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled FV Board of Directors meeting for consideration. Details of any candidate recommended by the Board of Directors for Life Membership shall be distributed to the members of FV 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 the Constitution. Any new Life Member approved by the Board of Directors in a general meeting of a particular year shall be announced at the next Annual General Meeting.

## ENTITLEMENTS

As an FV Life Member they shall be entitled to:

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

*\* Season Pass entitlements are subject to change with applicable games reviewed on a season-by-season basis.*