

Football NSW

Life Membership

Policy

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Football New South Wales Limited (**Football NSW**) may confer Life Membership on a person under Article 9 of the Football NSW Constitution (**Constitution**). This Policy remains subject to the terms of the Constitution and to the extent of any inconsistency between the Constitution and this Policy, the Constitution will prevail.

Principle

Life Membership is generally conferred on a person who has rendered distinguished or special service to Football NSW. The most frequently used criterion for Life Membership is length of service. In the case of Football NSW, however, extended length of service is rare for persons who hold roles within the organisation. Persons may instead hold roles of limited tenure and yet perform outstanding meritorious service during their tenure. Therefore, while a minimum period of service to Football NSW is required, other criteria will also 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

As a minimum requirement, a nominee for Life Membership must have provided outstanding meritorious service to Football NSW for a period of at least eight years, although that period of service need not have been continuous.

In addition to the minimum period of service, the following criteria is to be used to determine the suitability of a person for nomination for Life Membership of Football NSW. While it is not necessary for all the criteria to be satisfied, at least some should be met.

- Innovative practice: reviewing and modifying existing administrative and management procedures and/or 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.
- 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.
- Advancing the sport through contribution to Football NSW committees (e.g. Standing Committees, Advisory Committees, Disciplinary/Judicial Committees etc.).
- Holding, in the opinion of the Board, good standing within Football NSW and the wider community.
- Such other criteria as the Board deems fit.

Procedure

Only Members (as defined in Article 21.1 of the Constitution) and Directors of Football NSW may nominate a person for nomination as a Life Member. Nominations must be made on the attached Nomination Form, including the details of the nominating Member or Director, in accordance with Article 9.4 of the Constitution, and submitted to the offices of Football NSW.

Nominations for admission to Life Membership will then be considered by the Directors at the next scheduled Football NSW Board meeting after the nomination is received. In their absolute discretion, the Directors may recommend the nomination, or decide not to recommend the nomination, to the next Annual General Meeting of Football NSW for approval by the Members.

Details of any nominee recommended to the Football NSW Members by the Board for Life Membership will be distributed to the Members for their information prior to the next Annual General Meeting with appropriate comments from the Board included.

A two-thirds majority of voting Members must approve the nominee for Life Membership under Article 9.5(c)(ii) of the Constitution. Any new Life Member approved by the Members in general meeting in a particular year will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Entitlements:

Football NSW Life Members are entitled to:

- A gold pin.
- A VIP Pass to all matches forming part of Football NSW Competitions.
- Attend the Football NSW NPL Grand Final function.
- Attend the State Dinner, Gold Medal Dinner and Silver Medal Dinner.
- Attend and speak (but not vote) at General Meetings of Football NSW.
- Receive a copy of the Annual Report.
- Receive any other items or documents that the Football NSW Board and CEO deem appropriate.
- Attend any other events that the Football NSW Board and CEO deem appropriate.