

Life Membership Criteria

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1. Purpose:

To provide a clear and transparent process for nominating, approving and cancelling Life Membership of the Southern Basketball Association.

2. Life Membership:

Life Membership publicly acknowledges the direct and exceptional contribution that a person has made to basketball and the Southern Basketball Association over an extended period of time that has been deemed worthy of the highest honour.

This document also sets out the procedures and policies which are applied by the Board in their consideration of Section 6.6 of the Constitution, concerning Life Membership nominations.

Importantly, such consideration includes the Board's endorsement of a nomination put forward for Life Membership of the Association. In this regard, a Board endorsement of a nomination for Life Membership is a confirmation that such nomination in the opinion of the majority of Directors meets the standard of "direct and exceptional contribution" and the eligibility described in this policy.

Under no circumstances should such endorsement be seen as a recommendation by the Board to Members to vote in a particular way.

3. Nomination for Life Membership:

Nomination for Life Membership shall in the first instance be assessed by an Awards Committee that has been appointed and endorsed by the SBA Board to fulfil this role. This committee will comprise of no more than six (6) members being two (2) Life Members, two (2) Board Members, the CEO and one (1) other member to be appointed by the SBA Board.

Eligibility	<p>To be eligible for consideration for Life Membership applicants must show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a significant contribution to basketball and/or the Southern Basketball Association as either a player, coach, or administrator (including a technical official) over a period of not less than ten (10) years; or • a significant contribution to the sport over a period of not less than ten (10) years; and served in a direct capacity (e.g. office bearer, delegate, selector, official, manager, administrator).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid administrators (CEO and Operations staff) are ineligible for life membership on the basis of their paid service. <p>To avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest, Board Members and other office holders (SBA or Club Committee Members, Club Presidents) are not eligible for life membership while they currently hold office and for a minimum period of two years after serving their term of office.</p>
Nomination	<p>Nomination must be made on the prescribed Life Membership Nomination Form and endorsed by two Members of the Southern Basketball Association and submitted to the Board Secretary. Upon receipt of a nomination the Board will appoint an Awards Committee to consider the nomination. The nominated Awards Committee has the delegation to forward recommendations directly to the Board for consideration.</p> <p>Nominations can be submitted at any time during the year to the Secretary of the Association for consideration and election at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is normally held in November hence nominations are encouraged to be submitted at least one month before the AGM to provide sufficient time for assessment. Nominations cannot be submitted less than fourteen (14 days) prior to the AGM to be considered.</p>
Criteria	<p>Received nominations will be assessed by the Awards Committee based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of service to the sport and/or the Southern Basketball Association; • Details of service; • Outstanding achievements; • Demonstrated leadership and/or sportsmanship; and • Positive impact on the sport and/or Southern Basketball Association.
Selection	<p>Nominations will be initially assessed by the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will forward a recommendation to the Board for endorsement or otherwise. Upon endorsement, the Board will present the nomination to eligible voting Members at the AGM. Candidates will be assessed at the AGM to be voted on (by ballot) by all eligible voting Members present at the meeting.</p> <p>If a nominee falls outside the prescribed criteria framework, recommendations can be made directly to the Awards Committee on the prescribed Life Membership Nomination Form.</p> <p>Life Members shall be elected by a 75% majority of eligible votes.</p>

Presentation	Life membership will be presented at the AGM.
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4. Life Membership Rights and Privileges:

- 4.1 Life Members will have their name and the year of receiving their Life Membership recorded on the SBA Life Member Honour Board and shall be awarded a badge of appropriate design.
- 4.2 Life Members shall be granted the privileges of free admission to all functions held by the Association.
- 4.3 Life Members if playing, are not required to pay any registration and insurance costs in any basketball competitions operated by the Association. Life Members are required to pay the annual Basketball Victoria license fee which is payable directly to Basketball Victoria upon registration.
- 4.4 Life Members will have conferred upon them free admission to all venues operated by the SBA.
- 4.5 Life Members shall have the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meetings held by the Association.
- 4.6 The rights, privileges or obligations of a Life Member of his or her membership of the Association is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to any other person.
- 4.7 The rights & privileges of Life Membership shall be terminated upon cessation of his or her membership whether by death, resignation or otherwise.

5. Cancellation or Termination of Life Membership:

- 5.1 If for any reason (other than under Rule 10 of the SBA Constitution: Discipline, Suspension and Expulsion of Members) the Association or a Member moves to cancel a Life Membership, this must in the first instance, be referred in writing to the Awards Committee for consideration.
- 5.2 If accepted, this must then be passed to the SBA Board to be added to the Agenda and be voted on at an Annual General Meeting.
- 5.3 By resolution of 75% majority of eligible votes at an Annual General Meeting of the Association, Life Membership may be cancelled.
- 5.4 Life Membership is not able to be transferred or transmitted to another person.
- 5.5 Life Membership terminates upon the cessation of his or her membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.

6. Review:

This policy is to be reviewed by the SBA Board annually.

Life Membership Nomination Form

Name of Nominee	
Contact Details of Nominee	Email:
	Phone:
	Postal Address:
Capacity of service(s) to basketball e.g. Player, Official, Administrator, Coach	
Details of Contribution Please Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role(s) undertaken and time in each role. • Outstanding Achievements (ensure sufficient detail) • Impact on the sport • Contribution to the SBA • Character statement 	
Any other relevant information that supports the nomination	
Nominated by	Member Name:
	Position held within the Association:
	Phone:
	Email:
	Signed:
	Date of nomination:

Seconded by	Member Name:
	Position held within the Association:
	Signed:
	Date of nomination:

If space is insufficient, please attach a separate sheet. Please email all nominations to secretary@southernbasketball.com.au; ceo@southernbasketball.com.au