

# Life Membership

**CRITERIA & NOMINATION FORM** 

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### 1. Life Membership Guidelines

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual members who's exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has a provided measurable benefit to the Association over an extended period of time.

Honorary Life Membership is recognized by Pony Club Queensland as the highest recognition that can be awarded onto a member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution; it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

#### 1.1. Criteria and Procedure

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Life membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.

Granting life membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominee's strengths against the various criteria will vary.

To assist with the nomination, some or all of the following criteria should be considered. For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the Association and membership.

- 1. Minimum 15 years concurrent membership.
- 2. Minimum 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the sport, these roles may include but not be restricted to
  - Service on the committee
  - Coaching and Officiating
  - Coordinator roles
  - Fund raising activities
  - promotional and marketing
  - Committee and/or event organisation roles
  - Committee and/or event support roles
- 3. Has the nominee represented the Association with distinction on committees, state sports or other committees etc.?
- 4. Has the nominee represented the Association as a coach, an official or athlete in local, national and/or international competitions?
- 5. Has the nominee demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the Association including good sportsmanship?
- 6. Has the nominee provided valued leadership within the Association?
- 7. Is he nominee considered a role model?
- 8. Discretion and confidentiality are paramount!
- 9. Has the nominee gone above & beyond what is usually expected and contributed to Pony Club within their region for an extended period of time?

#### 1.1.2. Nominations

Any current or retired member can be nominated by any current senior or associate member with the nomination seconded by at least one other senior or associate member.

- 1. Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
- Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate with the support of favourable applications demonstrating minimum service requirements and examples meeting the criteria.
- 3. This should be a written document and signed by the nominating members and provided to PCQ to be considered by the Life Membership Committee.
- 4. The duty of this committee is further research the nomination before making any recommendation to the State Executive Committee. In the event that the committee believes the nomination is worthy of life membership, a positive recommendation is made to the State Executive Committee for consideration.
- 5. In the event that the nominee is serving on the State Executive Committee at the time of nomination, that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.
- 6. In the event that the committee believes the nomination is worthy of life membership a 70% majority is required to formalise the nomination.
- 7. A member of the State Executive Committee will present the nomination to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting for the final ratification of the nomination and awarding of Life Membership.
- 8. Life Membership must be recorded in the official records.
- The granting of life membership and the recipients service to the Association should be published in the Association's media and any other communication tool considered appropriate.

## LIFE MEMBER



**Nomination** 

### **Life Member Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee:	Date of Birth/
Address:	
Club:	Zone:
Nomination:  Start with a clear, concise statement about why your nominee should become a Life Member of PCQ  Keep your response between 200 and 500 words total  Support your nomination with facts or evidence  Please attach extra sheets with information, clearly labelled with name of nominee on each  Address the nomination criteria and answer the following:	
How has this person contributed to the progression, image or wellbeing of Pony Club Queensland and our members?  TIP: Highlight any relevant accomplishments, list motivating factors and describe how their efforts have gone above and beyond the standard contribution:	
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Name of Person Nominating Life Member:	
Address:	
Phone Number::Email:	
Club:	Zone:
Signature:	Date: