



FSC LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY – Updated December 2023

1. Policy

The sole and primary objective for awarding a Football South Coast Life Membership is;

“to publicly recognize and honour the outstanding dedication, loyalty, service and/or contribution that an individual has made over a period of time or as a result of a significant milestone and/or achievement to Football in the Football South Coast Governing Region.”

It is recognised that many individuals give countless hours of their time, unquestioned loyalty and a dedicated service to the game of Football without ever holding an official committee or other position at a club, or within the football association (current or previous) nor any of the football councils but continue to provide services as loyal and critical & essential servants of our game of Football.

FSC acknowledge that without these wonderful and dedicated individuals, our beautiful global game of football cannot and could not have prospered and would not have provided that basic enjoyment to our community, of a simple game of football every week.

Football South Coast Limited (FSC) may confer Life Membership on an individual. As per 5.1 of the FSC Constitution, Classes of Membership include Life Members.

2. Criteria for Life Membership

As a minimum requirement, a nominee for Life Membership must have provided outstanding meritorious service to FSC for a period of at least ten 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 an individual for nomination for Life Membership of FSC. While it is not necessary for all the criteria to be satisfied, at least “some” should be met.

- a. Innovative practice: reviewing and modifying existing administrative and management procedures and/or introducing new procedures when required.
- b. Advancing the profile of the game by effective promotion and recruitment which provide observable results.
- c. Increasing the administrative participation of the sport by participation/representation with key stakeholders and peak bodies.
- d. Enhancing communication with the general body of Members and feeder groups.
- e. Reviewing the procedures of other bodies, seeking to identify any better relevant procedures that they use, and introducing them to our sport where applicable.
- f. Enthusing others to implement appropriate ideas.
- g. Outstanding leadership qualities in all or many areas of the football.
- h. Advancing the sport of football through contribution to FSC committees (e.g. Football Councils, Advisory Committees, Disciplinary/Judicial Committees/Member Clubs etc.).
- i. Holding, in the opinion of the Board, a good, respected and honorable standing within FSC membership and the wider community.
- j. Such other criteria as the Board deems fit.

3. Process for Nomination

A. By Football Councils – Using the FSC Life Membership Nomination Form Only

- i. The individual making the life membership nomination must have their nomination form seconded by a FSC Council Member **or**:
- ii. An FSC Member Club representative making a nomination for life membership for an individual must have that nomination form seconded by another FSC Member Club representative.

before the FSC Life Nomination Form is submitted to their Football Council for submission.

- iii. The nomination form must include a detailed history of Service to Football according to the appropriate Category listed as per Clause 2 of the Policy, showing the contribution and specific accomplishments achieved by the individual.
- iv. Each football council may only submit up to two (2) Life Membership Nominations each year.
- v. If more than 2 Nominations are received and supported, the relevant Football Council will assess and decide which 2-Life Nominations to submit to the FSC CEO for that particular calendar year. Those that do not get submitted will need to be processed from the very start in the following year
- vi. The individual's life nomination must then be endorsed by more than 75% of member clubs that are part of that Football Council via either;
 - (a) a signed form supporting the Nomination **or**
 - (b) via a vote at a club meeting (with required quorum of clubs),

where the individual and any others who wish to speak at such a club meeting will be able to speak prior to any vote and endorsement of the life nomination.

- vii. Life Membership Nominations endorsed by FSC Councils may be submitted at any-time to the FSC CEO for Board approval and up to 1-month prior to the Board's final endorsement at its December Board Meeting.
- viii. All submitted Nominations for FSC Life Membership will be considered by the FSC Board in their absolute discretion and may or may not approve any life membership nomination.
- ix. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may be nominated.

B. By Directors - Using the FSC Life Membership Nomination Form Only

- i. Each FSC Director can nominate only one individual per calendar year but only 2 FSC Director Endorsed Nominations per calendar year can be submitted for approval to the FSC Board.
- ii. All nominations by FSC Directors must be seconded by at least 3 FSC Directors with at least 1 of the 3 FSC Directors being an Independent appointed FSC Director.
- iii. Endorsed Director's Life Membership Nominations may be submitted at any time to the FSC CEO for approval and up to 1-month prior for final endorsement at its December Meeting.
- iv. All submitted Nominations for FSC Life Membership will be considered by the FSC Board in their absolute discretion and may or may not approve any life membership nomination.
- v. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may be nominated

4. **Symbol of Life Membership Award**

The symbol of a Life Membership Award shall be a Life Member Medallion/Badge/Pin.

5. **Benefits of Life Membership**

a. For Life Members approved by either; (1) prior to the unification of FSC and/or (2) by Member Clubs as per Section 3A of this Policy, the following benefits will be provided by the specific competition stream (i.e. Community League, Women's, Men's Premiership, Juniors, Referees) in which they were accepted as Life Member:

- i. Free admission to all FSC regular competition games. Admission only with an FSC Issued FSC Perpetual Life Membership Card to present at all FSC Member Club games.
- ii. Free admission to FSC Grand Finals for the Life Member and their guest (only with a FSC Issued Perpetual Life Membership Card to present at the Grand Final)
- iii. One FREE ticket to attend relevant Football Council End of Year presentation night functions PLUS one partner/guest to be charged at a special price to be determined by FSC
- iv. One FREE ticket to the FSC Season Launch PLUS one partner/guest to be charged at a special price to be determined by FSC.
- v. Provision of a FSC Polo with 'Life Membership' (to be supplied every 3 years)
- vi. Attend via specific and personal invitation any other events that the Football South Coast Board and/or CEO deem appropriate
- vii. The right to receive notices to and attend any general meetings of the Company but does not have the right to vote at any general meeting and will also be afforded the benefits set out in the by-laws. A Life Member is able to speak to any matter at a general meeting in accordance with section 10.6(a)(i) of the FSC Constitution
- viii. The right to receive written notice of relevant Football Councils Annual Club Meetings as per the FSC By-Laws
- ix. Nominate or Second a Nomination for the relevant Football Councils as per the FSC By-Laws

b. For Life Members nominated by FSC Directors as per Section 3B of this Policy:

- i. Free admission to all FSC regular competition games. Admission only with an FSC Issued Perpetual FSC Life Membership Card to present at ALL FSC Member Club games.
- ii. Free admission to FSC Grand Finals for the Life Member and their guest (only with a FSC Issued Perpetual FSC Life Membership Card to present at the Grand Final)
- iii. One FREE ticket to attend the FSC Season Launch PLUS with one partner/guest to be charged at a special price to be determined by FSC
- iv. One FREE ticket to attend a Football Council End of Year presentation night functions of choice, PLUS one partner/guest to be charged at a special price to be determined by FSC
- v. Provision of a FSC Polo with 'Life Membership' (to be supplied every 3 years)
- vi. Attend via specific and individual invitation any other events that the Football South Coast Board and/or CEO deem appropriate
- vii. The right to receive notices to and attend any general meetings of the Company but does not have the right to vote at any general meeting and will also be afforded the benefits set out in the by-laws. A Life Member is able to speak to any matter at a general meeting in accordance with section 10.6(a)(i) of the FSC Constitution
- viii. The right to receive written notice of all Football Councils Annual Club Meetings as per the FSC By-Laws
- ix. Nominate or Second a Nomination for all Football Councils as per the FSC By-Laws

6. Forfeiture of Life Membership

Life Membership may be forfeited by a Board resolution upon failure or serious breach by a life member in any Category, to observe any by-laws or constitutional requirement of FSC.

A Board decision to remove life membership may be appealed by calling a Special General Meeting as per the FSC constitution.

FSC LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Family Name: _____

Nominee Given Name: _____

Nominee's Club or Football Council: _____

Football Council Life Nomination Submission:

Nominator Name: _____

Seconder Name: _____

I have:

1. **Attached evidence** of approval by member clubs.
2. Read the criteria as per Clause 2 and I believe that this nominee complies with the criteria.

(Please attach a document outlining how the nomination meets the Criteria of Life Membership)

FSC Director Life Nomination Submission:

FSC Director Nominator

(name): _____

FSC Directors

{list the Directors who have endorsed the Nomination} _____

I have read the criteria as per Clause 2 and I believe that this nominee complies with the criteria.

(Please attach a document outlining how the nomination meets the Criteria of Life Membership).

Signature:.....

Date / /

I would like the FSC Board to accept this life nomination membership and consider the individual stated above