



Criteria for S.A.R.A. Life Membership

This set of criterion supersedes any past requirements and precedents.

Life Membership of the Association is bestowed on an individual in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the Association, not earned by completing a minimum task list.

The contribution should give favour or advantage to the Association over a number of years. Years of membership of the Association should not count in the assessment of suitability for the award.

The member's relative popularity amongst the membership of the Association must be taken into account as the final decision for bestowing of the award rests with a vote by members at a General Meeting of the Association.

The areas of service for consideration should include:

- administration support to the Association such as dedicated service as a Council/Board Member or managing finances,
- major hands-on contribution to the projects of the Association over an extended period of time,
- advocacy on behalf of and general promotion of the Association with shooting organisations, other groups and Government Departments that relate to sport and presenting the Association in a positive light,
- mentoring and leadership at an elite (state) level, including managing and captaincy of State Teams,
- positive contribution to sub-committees of the Association,
- significant contributions to State Championships,
- significant other contributions to the Association.

Whilst a reasonable length of time of service is important, the overall riding criterion is the quality of such service.

The actions, behaviour and attitude of nominees should never have been seen as detrimental to members, the Association or the shooting movement.

All members of the association are eligible for life membership, for SARA paid employees day to day normal duties of the role will not be recognised, however efforts above and beyond normal requirements or outstanding achievements that benefit the association will be considered as valid criteria in support of the nominators proposal.

The personal achievement of an individual is not to be considered in any recommendation for Life Membership.



Service to individual rifle clubs and district rifle associations that do not benefit the State Association should be assessed by those clubs and district associations and not included in the evaluation process.

Nominations are to be submitted to the Board of the Association in writing in accordance with the Constitution. However, if the Board considers that the submission is lacking in either detail or merit, it should be referred back to the submitting party without detailed explanation.

The Board is not obligated to refer a submission to a General Meeting of members if they feel that such submission does not merit the bestowing of Life Membership.

Any member nominated for Life Membership should be asked to leave the General Meeting at which the nomination is discussed.

The detailed submission should be read to the General Meeting to fully inform the membership of the nominee's contribution to the Association.

Voting for such Life Memberships should be done by secret ballot.

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