

This policy sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for Life Membership with the Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club.

This award is to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of the Club. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

Only **ONE** recipient should receive this award in any one year period. The club recognises that exceptional circumstances may arise, when two worthy recipients are eligible. It will be then at the discretion of the committee how many awards are given.

It should also be noted that life membership does not have to be awarded each year.

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual **will have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club.**

The points to be taken into account when considering any nomination include:

1. General Considerations

- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the values of the Club
- Commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship
- Valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Club

2. Length of Service

- The length of service to the Club should be extended service of 10 years *as a player and/or as a volunteer* with such service in either role.

3. Other Specific Criteria

- Specific achievement, both on and off the field, will be taken into consideration.
- Four areas of service in the Club include: Playing, Coaching/Managing, Administration and General Contribution (including fund-raising, supporting and other as relevant)

4. Benefits of Life Membership

- Award of Life Membership at the Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club Annual General Meeting and following Presentation Night.
- Exemption from fees associated with the Club (this excludes player registration AWFA component)

- Exemption from all costs associated with social functions organised by the club (this privilege is only extended to the Life Member- not their partner or other family members)
- Personal invitation to both junior and senior presentation events
- Listed on our Club website and other official documents as required
- Status of being a member of a select group within the club
- Ability to include award recognition on Curriculum Vitae

Process for Assessing Applications for Life Membership

Nominations for Life membership should be forwarded by a club member to the Club Secretary no later than 4 weeks before the AGM in each year on a club application form.

Nominees should demonstrate the following attributes

- Attainment of minimum service requirements.
- An outstanding contribution in at least one of the four areas of service with at least some contribution in the other three areas or contribution deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Committee with other details of exemplary service.

The final list of endorsed nominations for the award of Life Membership will be submitted to the Committee members for agreement before the AGM. Subject to agreement by Committee members, Life Membership may be awarded at the next Club Annual General Meeting.

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club and as directed by the MSSC Constitution.