



EQUESTRIAN
QUEENSLAND

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Policy Area: Honorary Life Membership

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In accordance with the Constitution of Equestrian Queensland (EQ) Inc, the EQ Board may recommend to the Annual General Meeting that any person who has rendered distinguished or special service to Equestrian Queensland, may be granted Honorary Life Membership.

Principle

Honorary Life Membership is the one of the highest honors EQ can bestow on an individual, and is awarded in recognition of those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the sport and the association during their membership.

This recognition is not necessarily awarded annually. It may be done on special or significant occasions.

Process for nominating and granting of Honorary Life Membership of EQ

1. Nominations for Honorary Life Membership may be made at any time, and (those supported by the Board) are included for consideration at the next Annual General Meeting, the resolution must be passed by a Special Resolution taken by secret ballot. The nominator must complete the 'Equestrian Queensland Honorary Life Membership Nomination Form' and provide written submissions addressing the Honorary Life Membership criteria.
2. The EQ CEO must collate nominations and pass these to the Chair of the Board.
3. EQ members that have represented Australia as an athlete or official at the Olympics or World Equestrian Games will be automatically nominated for Honorary Life Membership in recognition of their achievement.
4. The Board must consider the nomination against the Honorary Life Membership criteria. Each nomination will be considered on its merits. In considering the nomination, members of the Board are not to be influenced by any personal relationship with the nominee and are not to make direct comparisons with other Honorary Life Members, nominees or persons not nominated. The Board may request additional information from the nominator if that would assist its deliberations.
5. The Board must decide whether or not to recommend the nominee be admitted to Honorary Life Membership and provide its recommendation at the next Board meeting immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Board may provide a statement of reasons for the decision and may address any other relevant aspects of the nomination.
6. Following the Board's decision, endorsed nominees will be put forward to the EQ Members for formal voting at the Annual General Meeting.
7. The granting of Honorary Life Membership of EQ and the recipient's services to the Sport should be publicised on the organisation's website and any other communication newsletters considered appropriate.
8. Recipients of Honorary Life Membership must be recorded in the EQ's official records.

Criteria to be considered in granting Honorary Life Membership of EQ

1. Length of active involvement in the sport:

To have contributed to Equestrian activities in Queensland to the degree necessary for Honorary Life Membership, a nominee will almost necessarily have been involved for a significant time. While there is no 'minimum' period of membership, a period of at least ten years' active service (not necessarily concurrent) is an indicator of a long-term commitment.

2. Positions held and length of time:

The nominee should be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to the sport over a majority of those years of involvement. This may include:

- (a) significant contributions while holding positions at a club or on a Committee (bearing in mind that membership of such committees does not of its own mean a person has made significant contributions);
- (b) making significant contributions in the sport either at the state or national roles;
- (c) participating to a much greater extent than the average member as a regular, consistent and reliable volunteer in the sport; and
- (d) competing with distinction at a National or International level.
- (e) uphold and demonstrate the values of Equestrian Queensland

Multiple active roles benefitting a large number of people in equestrian sport over a long period of time are the most obvious indicators of outstanding service to the sport, deserving of Honorary Life Membership.

Removal

Where an Equestrian Queensland Honorary Life Member conducts him or herself in a manner which is deemed by the majority of the Board to be contrary to the interest of the Association, the Board may commence proceedings to consider the termination of the Honorary Life Membership.

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Further to the EQ Honorary Life Membership Policy, to apply for Honorary Life Membership of EQ, please complete the online nomination form as support documentation. The award of Honorary Life Membership is one of the highest honors EQ can bestow on an individual, and is awarded in recognition of those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the sport and the association during their membership.

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ONLINE NOMINATION FORM:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EQLifeMembership>

SELECTION CRITERIA ASSESSMENT:

Please refer to the Equestrian Queensland Honorary Life Membership Policy (above) for full details on the criteria and nomination process.

Each nomination for Honorary Life Membership of Equestrian Queensland will be considered on its individual merits.

All criteria listed must be addressed satisfactorily.