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Life Membership

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Policy Statement

Intent

Australian Taekwondo may confer Life Membership on a person under Clause 5.4 of the Constitution. The Constitution takes precedence over this Policy in the event of any inconsistency.

Objectives

Life Membership is an honour conferred on a person who has rendered distinguished, loyal and outstanding service, and whose contribution has provided measurable benefit to Taekwondo over an extended period of time.

Persons may have held roles of limited tenure and yet have performed outstanding meritorious service during their term of membership. Under these circumstances other criteria should be used to determine whether the person is deserving of nomination for Life Membership. Such criteria shall relate to the quality of the service performed by the person under consideration.

Scope

Any member who is in good standing with Australian Taekwondo may be nominated for Life Membership.

Criteria for Life Membership

The degree and value of a member's achievements and contribution are primary considerations, rather than their length of membership. However, there is an expectation that a member would need around ten years of continuous membership to meet the necessary level of contribution.

In the case of a deceased member, a person may be posthumously recommended for Life Membership.

The following criteria may be used to determine the suitability of a person for nomination for Life Membership. While it is not necessary for all the criteria to be satisfied, some at least should be considered. The person under consideration should have had continuous outstanding and meritorious service and have demonstrated all or most of the following:

1. Have advanced the profile of taekwondo by effective promotion which provided tangible results.
2. Increased the participation of the martial art and/or the sport by participation or representation with key stakeholders and peak bodies.
3. Demonstrated a positive attitude and demeanour that reflects a dedication to the values of Australian Taekwondo including our core values and mission.
4. Provided valued leadership among members and key stakeholders, offering mentoring and ongoing support often being looked up to as a role model by other members.
5. In the opinion of the Nominations Committee, have a good standing within Australian Taekwondo and the wider taekwondo community.
6. Meritorious service at an international, national and/or state/territory level.
7. Not have conducted themselves in a manner that reflects adversely on the image of taekwondo or the activities of Australian Taekwondo.
8. Not be under current investigation which may potentially lead to sanctioning.
9. Must be of good repute and not have a criminal record.
10. Such other criteria as the Nominations Committee deems fit.

Nomination Process

Any financial member of Australian Taekwondo may recommend a current member (or a deceased member) for nomination as a life member. Nominations must be made on the attached nomination form (or similar template form), including the details of the nominating member in accordance with Clause 5.4 the Constitution, and submitted to the Chief Executive Officer.

Nominations will be placed on the agenda for the consideration of the Nominations Committee of the Board, who shall assess the candidate for Life Membership in accordance with the criteria set out in this policy.

The details of any candidate recommended to the State Delegates by the Board for Life Membership shall be distributed for their information prior to the Annual General Meeting, with appropriate comments from the Board included.

A Special Resolution of voting members must approve the candidate for Life Membership in accordance with Clause 5.4 of the Constitution.

Privileges of Life Memberships

A Life Member shall be entitled to:

1. Full individual membership for life with no membership fees payable.
2. Receive notice and attend the Annual General Meeting, but not the right to vote.
3. Recognition on the Australian Taekwondo website and acknowledgment at meetings attended.
4. Complementary access to national and state/territory events.
5. A commemorative badge.

Repeal of Life Membership

Life Membership is revokable at the discretion of the Board.

Accountabilities

Implementation:	Chief Executive Officer
Compliance:	Chief Executive Officer
Monitoring and Evaluation:	Board
Development and Review:	Chief Executive Officer
Interpretation and Advice:	Chief Executive Officer

Who Should Know This Policy

1. The **Board** is responsible for the approval and maintenance of this policy.
2. The **Chief Executive Officer** is responsible for implementation and ensuring adherence to this policy and for educating members in the content of the policy.

How Will The Effectiveness Of This Policy Be Measured?

1. Nomination process for Life Membership adhered to.
2. Designated Life Members are accorded the benefits of life membership.