

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

## PURPOSE

This policy outlines the eligibility, criteria and processes for awarding Life Membership of JVI.

## INTRODUCTION

Life Membership is the highest award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the sport of Judo and Judo Victoria Incorporated. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

## PROCEDURES

- All nominations will be treated with the strictest confidence.
- Any financial Member may nominate another financial JVI member for consideration for the Life Membership award.
- Nominations must be submitted in writing to the JVI Secretary and must be signed by two current financial members (unrelated members) of the Club.
- The nomination should be prepared so as to set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and at a minimum must meet the award criteria as set out below.
- Nominations must be received by the JVI Secretary no less than 3 months before the Annual General Meeting in the year which the nomination is to be considered.
- On receiving a nomination the JVI secretary will convene a sub-committee to review the nomination. The sub-committee shall consist of at least three members of the JVI Executive Committee and one JVI Life Member.
- The committee shall consider the merit of the application against the criteria. At the conclusion of the committee's deliberations the President shall call for a secret ballot. If the result of the ballot indicates that at least 70% of the members of the committee is in favour the President will call for a proposer and seconder for the nomination of the candidate for life membership. The motion will then be dealt with in accordance with the meeting procedures and recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The Secretary shall then place on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting the nomination for acceptance and the award of the Life Membership.
- If the nomination is unsuccessful, the Secretary shall advise the nominator in writing, the reasons behind the failure of the nomination

## CRITERIA

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service to Judo and Judo Victoria Inc.

These points will be taken into account when considering any nomination:

- The nominee's length of service to Judo Victoria shall be at least 15 years as a continuous financial JVI member in any role.
- The nominee reflects a dedication to the values of Judo.
- The nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the JVI members in general.
- The nominee must be a currently active financial member.
- The nomination must demonstrate attainment of minimum service requirements and other details of exemplary service.

Important Note: Achieving the minimum service levels will not in any way automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION**

- Status of membership of a select group within Judo Victoria Inc.
- Awarding of the Life Membership at the Judo Victoria Inc. Annual General Meeting.
- Exemption from JVI membership fees and JVI competition entry fees.
- Listing on the Judo Victoria Web site and other official documents.
- Invitations to attend specific official Judo functions.

## **RETRACTION OF A LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Retraction of a JVI Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image of Judo or brings the name of Judo or Judo Victoria Inc. into disrepute.