

## Preamble

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

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

JV can only award a maximum of two Life Memberships per year.

## Nomination Procedure

- All nominations must be treated with the strictest confidence.
- JV will call for nominations for Life Membership at the same time as the official notice of the AGM is distributed to clubs.
- Any Voting Affiliated club can nominate an affiliated, financial JV member for JV Life Membership. It must be submitted in writing to the JV Secretary a minimum of 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.
- The nomination for Life Membership must be seconded by a separate Voting Affiliated club and submitted to the JV Secretary a minimum of 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.
- The nomination should set out the achievements and evidence showing that the nominee meets the selection criteria set out below.
- On receiving a nomination/s the JV Secretary will convene a Nomination Subcommittee to review the nominations. The Subcommittee must consist of three members including a minimum of one JV Committee member and a minimum of one JV Life Member.
- The JV Life Member Nomination Subcommittee must be gender inclusive and include a minimum of one female and one male member.
- The Life Member Nomination Subcommittee makes a confidential recommendation to the full JV Committee.
- All discussion on Life Membership proposals must be 'in camera' and remain confidential. If the JV Committee rejects the nomination, the secretary will advise the nominators in writing.
- The JV Committee nominates candidates for Life Membership to the AGM.
- The motion to approve Life Membership must be a Special Motion under the Constitution and requires 70 % of Voting Affiliated Clubs voting in favour to pass.

## Selection Criteria

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

- i) Demonstrated significant, sustained and high quality service to Judo in Victoria and to JV.
- ii) Length of service should be at least 15 years
- iii) A continuous member for a minimum of 15 years
- iv) A dedication to the values of Judo.
- v) Valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to JV members in general.

## Life Membership Recognition

- Awarding of the Life Membership at the JV Annual General Meeting.
- Recognition of Life Membership at major JV events, on social media, in the newsletter and on the website.
- Award of a Life Membership badge to be worn at JVI tournaments and events
- Exemption from annual JV Affiliation fees and JV competition entry fees.
- Invitations to attend specific official Judo functions.

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