



AIFSC Honorary Life Membership Policy

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Purpose

This policy sets out the criteria to be eligible for nomination for Life Membership of the Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC). Life Membership is intended to be an award of significant distinction to recognise contributions made by individuals to AIFSC. Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by AIFSC and should be regarded with prestige by members of AIFSC and recipients alike.

Eligibility

1 General Behaviour

When considering any nomination, the following should be taken into account:

- the general attitude and demeanour of the candidate;
- a demonstrated commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship; and
- a history of conduct that has consistently reflected positively upon AIFSC.

2 Length of Service

A candidate for Life Membership must have demonstrated a significant, sustained and high quality history of service, enhancing the reputation and future of AIFSC. The emphasis should be on the quality of the service rather than the length, however this history of service should extend over ten (10) years, which need not be consecutive.

3 Nature of Service

A candidate for Life Membership should have a history of service to AIFSC other than purely skating. Candidates are entitled to have their contribution to AIFSC as a skater be given due consideration, however Life Membership shall be awarded to a Member with significant service to AIFSC as an administrator or leader.

4 Life Membership not granted automatically

Satisfaction of the eligibility criteria described in this policy does not infer automatic granting of Life Membership.

5 Exceptional circumstances

These eligibility criteria may be adjusted in exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to posthumous Life Membership.

Nominations

1 Who can nominate

Any current financial Member of AIFSC may nominate a candidate for Life Membership.

2 Making of nominations

Nominations for Life Membership must be forwarded in writing (on the attached Nomination Form) to the Secretary and should include the Member's reasons for putting forward the Nominee for Life Membership.

3 Consideration of nominations

At the discretion of the Committee, upon receipt of a nomination the Secretary shall either convene a Special General Meeting for the nomination to be considered, or provide notice of the nomination to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

4 Multiple nominations

To preserve the prestige of Life Membership, only one such award will generally be made in any single financial year. Multiple awards may be made in the same financial year in exceptional circumstances, such as where spouses, having provided the same length of service, are nominated for the award together. In the event of multiple nominations being received, the AIFSC committee will consider the nominations at an Ordinary meeting and vote to select the preferred candidate (should the standard of the nominated candidates be considered suitable).

Life Membership Award

The successful candidate shall have Life Membership conferred at the AIFSC AGM. The award shall include a certificate together with recognition of their contribution to the Club by no longer requiring the Life Member to pay the annual membership fee.

