

# Queensland Canoeing Life Membership By-Law



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## POLICY

Life Membership to Queensland Canoeing is prescribed in 7.3 of the Queensland Canoeing Constitution.

## PURPOSE

Life Membership to Queensland Canoeing is awarded to a person who has rendered distinguished or special service to the sport of canoeing in Queensland as an administrator, coach, official, athlete, volunteer or service capacity for an extended length of time. This could include continuous meritorious service at club, technical committee or generally, which has impacted on the sport at a State level. The most frequently used criterion for life membership is length of service.

Extended length of service may be difficult as persons may hold roles of limited tenure yet perform meritorious service during their term in office. Under these circumstances other criteria should be used to determine whether the person is deserving of nomination for Life Membership.

## CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following criteria may be used to determine suitability of a person for nomination for Life Membership to Queensland Canoeing.

The person under consideration may have demonstrated some of the criteria for distinguished or special service to canoeing in Queensland, including –

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities including personal integrity, respect, and vision.
- Introduced innovative practices/procedures in administration, education and/or management.
- Advanced the sport of canoeing by effective promotion and recruitment with observable results.
- Conducted research and introduced new practices for the development of canoeing.
- Enthused others to implement appropriate ideas/change for the betterment of canoeing.

Supporting material including the nominee's background and level of involvement in sport (i.e. Club president 1994-1998, State coach 1996 etc.) should be included for consideration for nomination.

To be eligible the nominee must not have any debt(s) with any affiliated club or Queensland Canoeing.

## PROCEDURE

The following procedures are to be followed:

- Nominations to be submitted by Member in writing by the prescribed means to the Executive Officer, Queensland Canoeing no less than fourteen (14) days before the date set down for the Annual General Meeting.
- Nominations are distributed to Member Clubs for consideration and voting at the Annual General Meeting by Special Resolution.

## LIFE MEMBER ENTITLEMENTS

A Life Member of Queensland Canoeing is entitled to:

- Life Members may attend and debate at General Meetings, but have no right to vote at General Meetings.
- Life Members to be sent an annual report each year.
- Life Members to be invited to the annual awards dinner.
- Exemption from membership fees to Queensland Canoeing for life.
- Life Members will receive a plaque / certificate / badge.
- Recorded in Queensland Canoeing Honours.

## FORFEITURE OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership may be forfeited upon failure of a life member to observe any by-laws, policies or constitutional requirements upon the QC Board passing a resolution for the removal of Life Membership.