

Sport Inclusion Australia
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Sport Inclusion
A U S T R A L I A

Drive Inclusion through Sport

Honorary Life Membership
Guidelines
&
Nomination Form

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Overview

Introduction

Sport Inclusion Australia, SIA is a National Sporting Organisation established in 1986 to assist the inclusion of people with an impairment, primarily an intellectual impairment into the mainstream community using sport as the medium. Sport Inclusion Australia is the Australian member of Virtus, World Intellectual Impairment Sport.

Our **Purpose** is to build a more inclusive community.

SIA facilitates, educates and supports sporting organisations and the wider community about the power of sport to deliver social inclusion, while advocating for the rights of all Australians to be treated with dignity.

Our **Mission** is to drive inclusion through sport.

The philosophy has never wavered 'Promote sporting opportunities for people with an impairment in mainstream settings with sport owning and delivering sport for all Australians at the appropriate ability level with a 'person first' approach'.

We want to make sure no one is left behind.

Purpose

Honorary Life Membership is the highest recognition that can be awarded to a member by Sport Inclusion Australia. It is bestowed upon individual members in acknowledgement of loyal and outstanding service and contributions which has provided measurable benefit to Sport Inclusion Australia over an extended period of time.

Honorary Life Membership is awarded to recipients as part of Sport Inclusion Australia Annual General Meeting each year.

Nomination Process

1. Any individual involved with Sport Inclusion Australia, as a member organisation, past or current Board member or member of staff or key volunteer can be nominated by any current financial member with the nomination seconded by at least one other financial member using the approved Nomination form.
2. Nominations should include the nominator's rationale for putting forward the candidate with the support of favourable applications demonstrating minimum service requirements and examples meeting the criteria.
3. This should be a written document and signed by the nominating member and a seconder and submitted to the CEO to be tabled at any Board meeting prior to each AGM.
4. Honorary Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
5. In the event that the Nominee is serving on the Sport Inclusion Australia Board at the time of nomination, that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.
6. A simple majority of a meeting of the Board is sufficient for the nomination to be endorsed.
7. Honorary Life Membership will be presented at the next Annual General Meeting and must be recorded in Sport Inclusion Australia's official records.
8. The granting of Honorary Life Membership and the recipient's service to Sport Inclusion Australia will be publicised in Sport Inclusion Australia's media and by any other communication tool considered appropriate.
9. Nomination for Honorary Life Membership must be tabled and agreed at a Board meeting no less than 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
10. The close of applications for the current year is 60 days prior to the AGM.

Criteria

Honorary Life Membership should not be considered as a competitive matter. Nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others.

Granting Honorary Life Membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of Honorary Life Membership. Nominees' strengths against the various criteria will vary.

To assist with the nomination, some or all of the following criteria should be considered.

For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an outstanding, exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to Sport Inclusion Australia.

Eligibility

Minimum 5 years' consecutive involvement

Minimum 5 years in specific, and preferably voluntary, roles that contribute to the benefit of Sport Inclusion Australia. These roles may include but not be restricted to – service on the Board, coordinator roles, fund raising activities, promotional and marketing, committee and/or event coordinator roles, event support roles.

Assessment Criteria

Honorary Life Membership of the Association may be conferred upon any individual, who has rendered outstanding service to the objects of Sport Inclusion Australia;

Objects of Sport Inclusion Australia:

- (1) Support and promote the inclusion of people with an impairment in particular those with an intellectual impairment, into sporting, recreational and other programs, organisations and opportunities;
- (2) Have regard to the public interest in its operation; and
- (3) Do all such other things as may be incidental to the attainment of such objects.
 - (i) History of representing Sport Inclusion Australia with distinction on Inclusion or related sector boards; committees, advisory groups or panels; in public and community forums; media, advocacy and lobbying activities.
 - (ii) Demonstrated commitment and dedication to, including modelling behaviours articulated in the Vision, Mission and Organisational Values of Sport Inclusion Australia.
 - (iii) Demonstrated leadership of, in or on behalf of Sport Inclusion Australia, including acting as a role model and mentor.

Objections and rescinding of Honorary Life Membership

In the case of an objection, the objector must provide strong reasons and/or evidence that demonstrates the basis for awarding the Honorary Life Membership does not meet selection criteria or is based on an inaccurate representation of the recipient's contribution. The CEO must collect and document evidence for the SIA Board to make their final decision.

Rescinding of Honorary Life Membership may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that adversely impacts on the reputation of Sport Inclusion Australia. This provision should be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the SIA Board. As part of the deliberation the Honorary Life Member is to be given an opportunity to present his/her case for retention of his/her status.

Honorary Life Membership – Benefits

- Full membership for life with no fees
- Inclusion on Sport Inclusion Australia Honour role
- Recognition in Sport Inclusion Australia Publications

Honorary Life Membership Nomination Form

Part 1

Section 1 - Purpose

This form must be completed by a colleague, co-worker, volunteer, peer or community member only. It should not be completed by the Nominee.

Section 2 - Nominee:

Title		First Name		Surname	
Position			Address		
Telephone			Email		

Section 3 – Reason for Nomination

Tell us why the person should be made an Honorary Life Member of Sport Inclusion Australia. Tell us about how they meet the criteria. In particular, tell us about their

1. History of representing Sport Inclusion Australia with distinction
2. Demonstrated commitment, dedicated and living the Vision, Mission and Values of Sport Inclusion Australia
3. Demonstrated leadership, role modelling and mentoring as part of Sport Inclusion Australia

Section 4 – Other Information if required

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Section 5 – Declaration

Complete your details and sign the nomination form

Nominator 1

Title		First Name		Surname	
Position			Address		
Telephone			Email		
			Signature		
			Date		

Nominator 2

Title		First Name		Surname	
Position			Address		
Telephone			Email		
			Signature		
			Date		

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