

## Protocol & Process Guide for Nomination for the Award of: Honourary Life Membership of Football South Coast

### Life Membership

The sole and primary objective for awarding a Football South Coast Life Membership is;

***“to publicly recognize and honour the outstanding dedication, loyalty, service and/or contribution that an individual has made over a period of time or as a result of a significant milestone and/or achievement to (any of the streams of) Football in the Football South Coast Governing Region.”***

### Life Membership Categories

It is recognised that many individuals give countless hours of their time, unquestioned loyalty and a dedicated service to the game of Football without ever holding an official committee or other position at a club, or within the football association (current or previous) nor any of the football councils, but continue to provide services as loyal and critical & essential servants of our game of Football.

FSC acknowledge that without these wonderful and dedicated people, our beautiful global game of football cannot and could not have prospered and would not have provided that basic enjoyment to our community, of a simple game of football every week.

In recognition of these wonderful people, FSC has created 3-Categories of Life Membership – a Gold Life Membership, a Silver Life Membership & an Associations Foundation Life Membership - to ensure that all appropriate servants of the game are included, recognised and honoured in the most respectful manner.

With this in mind, the nomination for a FSC Life Membership must be in accordance with and in alignment to at least one of the following categories:

#### Gold Life Member - Category:

- I. Services to Football across Multiple Streams of Football  
{Includes: FSC Directors, FSC & other Board Members, Cross Football Members, others so deemed by FSC Directors **and** a Football Council}
- II. Services to Football across Junior Football  
{Includes previous IJFA Committee/Directors & all others as supported & deemed appropriate by JFC}
- III. Services to Football across Men’s Professional Football  
{Includes previous IFA Directors & all others as supported & deemed appropriate by MFC}
- IV. Services to Football across Women’s Football  
{Incl. previous IWFA Committee/Directors and all others as supported & deemed appropriate by WFC}
- V. Services to Football across Men’s Amateur Football  
{Includes previous IAFA Committee & all others as supported & deemed appropriate by MFC}
- VI. Services to Football across Futsal Football  
{Includes any previous Futsal Committees & all others as supported & deemed appropriate by Futsal Football Council &/or FSC Board}

## **Silver Life Member – Category**

- VII. **Services to Football in an Honorary or Supporting Capacity/Role**  
{Includes any person that has actively and openly supported a long standing partner or club without holding any official office or position as a volunteer and others as deemed appropriate & supported by FSC Directors **and** a Football Council}
- VIII. **Services to Football in a related Football Organisation**  
{Includes: Judiciary Members, Referees, Tribunal Panel Members, Office Volunteers, Football Councils' Match Day Volunteers, Competition and/or other Official Commissioners and all Others etc... so deemed appropriate by FSC Directors **and** a Football Council}

## **Associations Foundation Life Member - Category**

- IX. FSC Board accepts that a Life Membership of FSC is a formal recognition & acknowledgement of all that provided a dedicated & loyal service to football. As a result, all Life Members of Associations who are a signatory of the MoU to Unification will now also be recognized, honoured & respected and shall be automatically afforded the status of Life Membership of FSC.

### **Nomination**

The nomination for Gold & Silver Life Membership must be made on the FSC approved pro-forma - included with this guide. All relevant sections must be completed and no other form of nomination shall be acceptable. This nomination will form the basis of the citation to be awarded with the symbol of Gold or Silver Life Membership as determined from time to time.

### **Process for nomination**

- The Gold or Silver Life Membership Nomination Form must be submitted by either the person making the nomination and seconded by a FSC Council Member or submitted by a FSC Member Club representative and seconded by another FSC Member Club representative. In all circumstances all nominations must be seconded before being submitted to the respective Football Council.
- The nomination must include a detailed history of Service to Football according the appropriate Category listed above, and the actual & detailed contribution and specific accomplishments achieved by the individual. All this information must be on the FSC GOLD or SILVER LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM
- The members of the individual's relevant council should receive a copy of the nomination at least 21-days prior to any Member Clubs Meeting
- Each council may submit up to two (2) Life Membership Nominations each year.
- The individual's nomination must be endorsed by more than 50% of those eligible to vote at relevant football councils' member clubs meetings.
- The individual and any others who wish to speak - will be able to speak to the meeting prior to voting taking place.

- If more than 2 Nominations are received and supported, the relevant Football Council will submit only 2 member club supported Nominations to CEO of FSC for that particular year. Those that do not get submitted would need to be reviewed & presented to Member Clubs again in the following year.
- Endorsed FSC Councils Life Membership Nominations may be submitted at any time, however the FSC CEO must receive all endorsed Life Membership Nominations from Councils at any time up to & prior to 30<sup>th</sup> June of that football competition year for that nomination to be considered for Award and declaration in that football calendar year by the FSC Board of Directors for approval at its September Board Meeting.
- All Football Council Life Membership Nominations will be voted on by Member Clubs at various times prior to 30<sup>th</sup> June of that year but to coincide with the Football Councils Member Club Meetings during the course of the year up to 30<sup>th</sup> June and must be submitted to the CEO. The CEO will submit to the FSC Board for final approval at its September Meeting of the FSC Board of Directors for inclusion at an appropriate ceremony announcement or function for inclusion before the end of that Calendar year.
- Each FSC Board Director can nominate one only individual per calendar year.
- All Gold or Silver Life Membership nominations by FSC Directors must be supported, endorsed and agreed to by at least 3 FSC Directors with at least 1 of the 3 FSC Directors being an Independent appointed FSC Director of the Board, before any nomination can be submitted for a membership vote by those eligible members to vote as per FSC AGM.
- All such FSC Directors & Members Nomination for Gold or Silver Life Membership voting will be conducted at an appropriate time so as to align with any ceremony announcements and awards. All such FSC Directors & Members voting for Life Memberships must be supported by more than 50% of the Directors & Members present. The FSC Directors & Members Voting, on FSC Directors Nominations, should be conducted before the September FSC Board Meeting.
- The FSC Board of Directors will then formally approve for the award of FSC Gold, Silver & Association Foundation Life Membership at its September Board meeting all such Council Endorsed Life Membership Nominations & FSC Directors Nominations - except where more than or only 50% of those eligible to vote, voted against the Nomination or Motion.
- There is no limit to the number of times an individual may be nominated.

### **Symbol of Life Membership Award**

The symbol of a Life Membership Award shall be either; a Gold plated Gold Life Member Medallion/Badge/Pin, or a Silver plated Silver Life Member Medallion/Badge/Pin.

## **Benefits of Gold Life Membership**

- Free admission to all FSC administered games
- Special Priced Entry to FSC Grand Finals (as determined by FSC/Football Councils)
- Free membership to the FSC loyalty Club
- Invitation to attend any special announcements or media events
- Invitation to attend all Football Council Functions of their issued or designated council at a special price to be determined by the relevant football council.
- Invitations to attend all FSC functions at a special price to be determined by FSC

## **Benefits of Silver Life Membership & Associations Foundation Life Membership**

- Free admission to all FSC administered games
- Free membership to the FSC loyalty Club
- Invitation to attend all Football Council Functions of their issued or designated council at a special price to be determined by the relevant football council.
- Invitations to attend all FSC functions at a special price to be determined by FSC

## **Nomination Criteria - Guide to Gold Life Membership - Categories 1 to 5**

Gold Life Membership may be recommended for any highly meritorious contribution to Football in the FSC Governing Region. The following do not attempt to be exhaustive guidelines, but rather to ensure the intent of the Award is to honour the individual's contribution to football in any of the Gold Life Membership Categories detailed.

The scope to the types of contribution that could be rewarded, are as follows:

- I. Years of service do not need to be continuous but must be within the prescribed block periods.
- II. The nominee has made a direct, recognised & significant contribution to the success of the Sport of Football beyond that to an individual club in any one, some or all of the following elements:

Leadership, Status, positive & community Impact, Credibility, Management, Strategic Direction, Governance, Professionalism, Holistic & Unified Approach for the good of the whole game, Operation of the game of Football, over a period of at least seven (7) years in any 10 year block period.
- III. The nominee has made a direct, recognised & significant contribution to the sporting success of a Football Club over a period of at least seven (7) years in any 10 year block period
- IV. The nominee has made a direct, recognised & significant contribution to the success of the game of Football as; an official, committee person, delegate or volunteer of a member club over a period of at least seven (7) years in any 10 year block period.

## **Nomination Criteria - Guide to Silver Life Membership - Categories 6 to 7**

Silver Life Membership may be recommended for any highly meritorious contribution to Football in the FSC Governing Region. The following do not attempt to be exhaustive guidelines, but rather to ensure the intent of the Award is to honour the individual's contribution to football in any of the Silver Life Membership Categories detailed.

The scope to the types of contribution that could be rewarded, are as follows:

- V. Years of service do not need to be continuous but must be within the prescribed block periods.
- VI. The nominee has made a direct, recognised & significant contribution to the success of the Sport of Football beyond that to an individual club in any one, some or all of the following elements:

Leadership, Status, positive & community Impact, Credibility, Management, Strategic Direction, Governance, Professionalism, Holistic & Unified Approach for the good of the whole game, Operation of the game of Football over a period of at least seven (7) years in any 10 year block period.
- VII. The nominee has made a direct, recognised & significant contribution to the sporting success of a Football Entity or Football Group over a period of at least seven (7) years in any 10 year block period
- VIII. The nominee has made a direct, recognised & significant contribution to the success of the game of Football as; an official, committee person, delegate or volunteer of a Football Entity/Group over a period of at least seven (7) years in any 10 year block period.
- IX. The nominee has made a direct, recognised & significant contribution to the game of Football through a previous Football Association and/or Football Council or Club or Football Group/Entity in areas such as; a Sponsorship, Sports medicine; sport physiotherapy, sport psychology, etc.

### **NOTE:**

In exceptional and deemed "warranted & worthy circumstances" the Board of FSC Directors may also consider special nominations deemed appropriate but outside the above criteria in either of the Categories of Gold & Silver Life Memberships.

An example of such a circumstance may be a serious illness or condition that may impact the timing qualification or a Major and Significant Milestone contribution to Football that warrants such an action to publicly recognise the awarding of an Honourary Gold or Silver Life Membership Award by the FSC Board of Directors at that time or soon after.

Silver Life Members can transition to or be upgraded and afforded Gold Life Membership if that Category of Gold Life Membership is satisfied and meets qualifying Criteria.

## **Nomination Criteria for Associations Foundation Life Member – Category 8**

- X. FSC Board accepts that a Life Membership of FSC is a formal recognition & acknowledgement of all persons who have provided a dedicated & loyal service to football.

As a result, the only Criteria for transition to FSC Associations Foundation Life Membership shall be that:

“all existing and awarded Life Members of Associations who are a signatory of the MoU to Unification” will be recognized, honoured & respected and **shall be automatically afforded** the status of “Associations Foundation Life Membership” of FSC.

### **Forfeiture of Life Membership**

Life Membership may be forfeited by a Board resolution upon failure or serious breach by a life member in any Category, to observe any by-laws or constitutional requirement of FSC.

A Board decision to remove life membership may be appealed by calling a Special General Meeting as per the FSC constitution.

**FSC GOLD or SILVER LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

I, Family Name: .....

Given Name: .....

a member of FSC wishes to nominate:

Nominee Family Name: .....

Nominee Given Name: .....

Nominee's Club/Association/Group:.....

for ( ) GOLD or ( ) SILVER Life Membership of FSC effective from the next General Meeting of Clubs of the Football Council.

Signature:.....

Date / /

I have read the criteria and believe that this nominee complies with the criteria.

As such I would like the FSC Board to accept this nomination and consider the person stated above for the award.

*To help in considering the nomination, please tell us a bit about the nominee under the following headings (where applicable):*

1. Detail the way the nominee has made a significant contribution to Football over a period of at least seven (7) years in any 10-year block period as per the Clauses in the listed Categories detailed.

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2. Detail the way that the nominee has made a significant contribution to the sporting success of Football over a period of at least 7-years over a 10-year block period

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3. Detail the way the nominee has made a significant contribution to the sport as a non-paid volunteer or delegate over at least 7-years in any 10-year block period.

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4. Detail the way the nominee has made a significant contribution and impact to the sport through an association or significant milestone or activity including such activities as: significant & leading Sponsorships, long & recognized volunteer contribution through Sport medicine; and similarly volunteer through sport physiotherapy and/or sport psychology, significant impact with gaining milestone Govt support .....

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**Please add a separate sheet if required with all other details about the nominee that can demonstrate the significant & recognized contribution to Football by the Nominee that can assist Member Clubs, FSC Directors & Members determine the significance & impact of this nominee’s participation & involvement with Football.**

**Supported by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Accredited Representative)**

**Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Accredited Representative)**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

This Nomination Form **MUST** be supported by at least one appropriate (to the Nominee) and accredited Football Representative, either:

- I. A Football Council appropriate Representative OR
- II. A Member Club Official OR
- III. FSC Director (where appropriate) OR
- IV. An associated Football Association/Group Representative

**AND** this Nomination Form must be seconded by an additional accredited member as per the listed above accredited representatives.

Therefore all Nominations must receive a **Seconded Signature** to support this Nomination Form.