



TOORAK BURNSIDE BOWLING CLUB INC

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. Eligibility for Life Membership

This policy sets out the minimum eligibility criteria for nomination of the award of Life Member of Toorak Burnside Bowling Club. This award exists to recognise the exemplary contribution of individuals to the Club. It is therefore only awarded in exceptional circumstances.

2. Nomination and Assessment Process

- Nominations to be forwarded to the Board of Management a minimum of eight weeks prior to the AGM. The nominator and seconder must be current financial members, with each having a minimum of five years membership.
- The nominator of an unsuccessful nomination for Life Membership status will be notified in writing.
- Voting by secret ballot to take place at the AGM. A minimum vote of three quarters of full and life members in attendance is required to achieve Life Membership status.

3. Criteria

- The nominee must be a current financial member of the Club.
- The nominee must have minimum 10 years continuous membership.
- The nominee's specific involvement in the Club must include the following:
 - participation in the organisation of Club events
 - attendance at Club events
 - participation in sponsorship and/or fundraising activities
 - undertaken a number of different Club roles and responsibilities.

4. Benefits

- The Life Member's name displayed on the TBBC Honour Board.
- The Life Member's name will be added to the Club archives.
- Club membership paid for life.

5. Suspension

The Board of Management may resolve to suspend a Life Membership if the Life Member serves notice on the Club, or otherwise obtains clearance from Bowls SA, for the participation by the Life Member in an MBA competition on behalf of another bowls club located in South Australia.

For such time as a Life Membership is suspended, the affected Life Member will no longer have any of the privileges of Membership, including that they will not be entitled to vote at General Meetings. The Board may resolve to lift a suspension and reinstate a Life Membership if the Board is satisfied that the reasons for the suspension are no longer in effect.

6. Forfeiture

Forfeiture of Life Membership may occur:

- upon failure to observe any by-laws or Constitutional requirements
- when the Board of Management otherwise determines that the Life Member is no longer a fit and proper person to hold a Life Membership, including, but not limited to, a determination that the Life Member has brought the name of the Club into disrepute.

This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the unanimous support of the Board of Management to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member concerned will be given an opportunity to respond and present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.