

LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION LTD

The Life Members Nominating Committee comprises all current Life Members, Referee Life Members, Player Life Members and two Board Directors.

Life Member:

A Life Member is a person who has rendered distinguished service to the game of rugby union in South Australia (Clause 11 – SARU Constitution).

In contrast to the Hall of Fame, there is no formal calling process or annual quota and there are tighter selection criteria in that it is a RUSA Life Membership – the service involved has to be to RUSA rather than rugby in SA in a more general sense.

Nominations normally arise by action of a particular club or individual who believe that a person has provided the length and type of service appropriate to the award; the Committee is then convened (generally six weeks before an AGM) and a decision is taken as to whether any recommendation (a special resolution) will be put to the AGM for approval. There is no requirement for the Board to endorse any nominee for Life Membership.

RUSA members at the AGM then vote on the recommendation and any successful recipients are presented at the following Annual Awards Presentation Dinner.

DEFINITIONS:

Life Member:

A person who has rendered distinguished service to the game of rugby union in South Australia (Clause 11 – Constitution). RUSA Life Membership recognises the service involved mainly to RUSA rather than to rugby in South Australia in a more general sense.

Hall of Fame:

The Hall of Fame recognises those people who have made a most significant contribution to the game of Rugby Union in South Australia since its inception in 1932 – an outstanding overall contribution, as opposed to a specific one.

FOR ALL NOMINATIONS:

Special attention should be made to **WHY** the nominee stands out from others.

Ensure as many **DETAILS** of service, participation etc. are included.

1.1 NOMINEE (Person being nominated):

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms or other): _____ Family Name: _____

Given Names: _____

Postal address: _____ Postcode _____

Email: _____

Contact phone numbers: Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Date of Birth: __/__/----

Date of Death: __/__/----

1.2 NOMINOR (Nominating person):

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms or other): _____ Family Name: _____

Given Names: _____

Club/Rugby Affiliation: _____ Position: _____

Postal address: _____ Postcode _____

Contact phone numbers: Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ERA/s of the Nominee's activities

1920's []

1930's []

1940's []

1950's []

1960's []

1970's []

1980's []

1990's []

2000's []

2010's []

The Board of RUSA has determined the following qualifications for Life Membership of the Union.

1. **A Director, Officer, Appointee or Servant** having served on or at the direction of Rugby Union SA for an accumulated period of not less than ten calendar years. **This includes a coach and manager.**

Time periods will be measured from date of appointment until the end of the specified term, season or activity. Overlapping terms will not be double counted

The eligible nominee must also display meritorious service to the game of Rugby Union within South Australia including year

2. **A Player** who shall have played no fewer than 25 games of rugby, or shall have played at least two-thirds of the scheduled games in each of 6 separate seasons, for the senior state representative team in interstate or international competition (regardless of gender with selection based on merit) **and** participated in a minimum number of 180 RUSA sanctioned matches in not less than 10 seasons with one or more affiliated clubs. **

One match will be defined as a game in which the player took the field in a XV's competition or one day's participation in a 7s tournament

In a season which does not include any senior state representative match(es), the criterion for that year will be satisfied by selection in that season's 'ALL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TEAM'

The eligible nominee must also display meritorious service to the game of Rugby Union within South Australia including year

3. **A Referee** who has been appointed to not less than 250 rugby matches in total in not less than ten seasons. **

One match will be defined as a single game in a XV's competition or one day's participation in a 7s tournament

The eligible nominee must also display meritorious service to the game of Rugby Union within South Australia including year

** For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 3, a rugby match is defined as:-

- a. The XV's match or 7s competitions must have occurred at the direction of, or have been conducted by Rugby Union SA; or
- b. Any interstate game.

Meritorious Service

In addition to fully meeting the requirements of one of the above streams, there is an expectation for something more – meritorious service to the game of Rugby Union within South Australia and/ or to the South Australian Rugby Union.

This is understood to mean performance beyond what might otherwise be considered as the service expected of a particular role or activity.

This is a subjective criterion which will be applied differently to different people based on the context of their involvement. It may include but not be limited to a combination of the following

- Performance levels or achievements above the norm such as
 - Years of service or numbers of games significantly higher than the base criterion level;
 - Captaining of State Teams;
 - Selection for national teams or national roles/activities;
 - Winning competition wide or national performance awards.
- Achievements and contributions which enhance the image and standing of RUSA in a national context;
- Contributions to enhancing the quality of RUSA performance through other roles such as coaching, managing, selection duties, or participation in Board, Committees, Judiciary, Appeal Tribunals, administration etc.

Consequences of Life Membership

Each Life Member shall receive

- A life membership medallion;
- Placement of their name and year the honour was bestowed on an honour board designed for that purpose
- Free entry into RUSA official functions (including finals series and presentation nights).

Annual review of eligible persons

A Committee comprising two Directors and all existing Life Members may recommend any eligible persons for life membership to the AGM of Rugby Union SA, where a 75% majority must agree with the nomination.