



## **Maccabi Australia Inc**

### **Policy for Life Membership of Maccabi Australia**

## Life Membership – Maccabi Australia

Life membership is the highest honour accorded by Maccabi Australia (MAI) and confers membership on a person for the rest of his or her life. It recognises outstanding leadership and significant impact to Maccabi Australia over many years.

### Constitution relating to Life Membership

The relevant clauses relating to Life Membership in the MAI Constitution are noted below:

Clause 7.1 The Board of MAI and any State Representative Member of MAI may nominate for election as Life Members of MAI any individuals who are Board Members or former Board Members of MAI.\*

\*Please note that it is also possible for the Board of Governors to nominate an individual

Clause 7.2 The criteria for such election shall be the rendering of distinguished outstanding service to MAI over a period of not less than fifteen years and subject to the MAI policy and process dealing with Life Membership.

Clause 7.3 The election to such position shall require a 75% majority of the votes cast by Board Members and Presidents of each State Representative of MAI (other than those Presidents already on the Board) at an Annual General Meeting of MAI\*\*;

\*\* it is proposed that this be changed to allow the vote to occur prior to the AGM, so that the announcement may be made at the AGM

Clause 7.4 A Life Member is entitled to attend all general meetings of MAI but is not entitled to vote either personally or by proxy at any general meeting of MAI.

Clause 7.5 A Life Member shall be appointed to the Board of Governors (BOG) at the time of their appointment as a Life Member if the BOG has been established in accordance with Article 39 of the Constitution and remains in existence at the time of the appointment to Life Membership.

### Guidelines

1. The selection of Life Members is governed by the Maccabi Australia Policy for Life Membership.
2. Candidates for Life Membership are nominated by Board Members of MAI, by State Representative members of MAI or by Members of the Board of Governors.
3. Nominations shall remain confidential in case the nomination is unsuccessful.
4. Nominees should not be approached directly for information pertaining to the nomination.
5. When nominating a candidate for Life Membership, the nominator is required to complete a nomination form and a written submission clearly demonstrating the candidate's achievements against the criteria of "outstanding leadership and significant impact to the organisation" over many years.
6. Completed nominations may be submitted to the Executive Director of MAI at any time.
7. If the nomination and submission are sent in by electronic means, a hard copy of the signed nomination form must also be sent to the MAI Office.
8. Nominations will be considered in confidence at a meeting of the Sub Committee for Life Membership and a recommendation made to the MAI Board at a Board Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
9. Life Membership recipients will be announced at the AGM

### **Life membership nomination process**

Nomination forms are available from the MAI Office. The forms request details of the nominee, the nominator and the seconder. Both the nominator and seconder must be current Board Members of Maccabi Australia or a State Representative Member of MAI or a member of the Board of Governors.

- ⇒ Details of at least three referees are to be provided with the Nomination Form. These people shall be recognised individuals within the Maccabi community.
- ⇒ The nomination process has two stages. The first is a submission to the Life Membership Subcommittee. The second is the recommendation to the Board of MAI.
- ⇒ The Life Membership Subcommittee will be represented by the current President of MAI, the Immediate Past President of MAI, the Chairperson of the MAI Board of Governors and two current serving Board members. No nominee shall be eligible to sit on this subcommittee.
- ⇒ A submission should be prepared to accompany the nomination form, clearly demonstrating the following:
  - i. The nominee shall have been an active and involved member of Maccabi for at least 15 years offering both leadership and significant service to the organisation.
  - ii. The nominee shall have contributed outstanding service to Maccabi through:
    - a. A minimum of eight years as an elected or co-opted Board Member of MAI plus
    - b. A further seven or more years' contribution via one or more of the following:
      - Continued contribution on or to the MAI Board
      - National Subcommittees(s)
      - National Sport Councils
      - Special National Project Group(s)
      - Sport team leadership at National and International level
      - Maccabi World Union Executive Member
- ⇒ The Life Membership Sub Committee will make an initial determination based on the submission of either a favourable consideration, leading to further investigation or non-favourable, with the nomination not approved.
- ⇒ Following consideration of the submission against the stated criteria, the Life Membership Sub Committee shall decide whether discussion with any or all referees supplied is required.
- ⇒ Once the Life Membership Sub Committee is unanimous that the person nominated meets the criteria, the nomination will be forwarded to MAI Board and Presidents of each State Representative of MAI for further consideration and approval. The election to such position shall require a 75% majority of the votes cast by MAI Board Members and Presidents of each State Representative of MAI (other than those Presidents already on the Board)
- ⇒ The MAI Board may seek further information from any source in its consideration of the nomination.

### **If the nomination is approved:**

- ⇒ The nominator and seconder shall be notified of the outcome of Maccabi Australia's deliberations. This will be in confidence until the announcement at the AGM .
- ⇒ The honour of Life Membership will be conferred and a certificate (signed by the President) presented at the Maccabi Australia AGM.