

# Target Rifle Victoria

## Life Membership Policy

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*This policy is due for review two years after the date of policy adoption*

## Overview

For many years debate has occurred as to the way/method to bestow the honour of Life Membership of TRV onto an individual who has provided outstanding service to the organisation. The system appeared to be weighted by the politics of the day and may not have been objective in ascertaining or quantifying the performance of individuals nominated for such an honour.

Traditionally there has been very little athletic recognition in providing for Life Membership awards, where the majority of Life Memberships have been awarded based on administrative longevity and performance in this function.

Now, more than ever, TRV relies on the performance of individuals in competition to provide the leverage to ensure our relevance is conveyed to the public. A fact that is still not recognised by many within our organisation. This is not to say that reward and recognition for other outstanding contributions, such as in administration, coaching, or as an official should not be identified.

This policy aims to identify any member who may be worthy of a Life Membership of Target Rifle Victoria Inc.

## Implementation

Outstanding service comes in many forms. Of course, administrative, coaching, and technical service is important to the organisation and should remain so. **Competitive service** is an area of recognition also, and this recognition may include:

- International competition and results achieved in such events.
- Domestic Competition and the results achieved in such events.
- Service to team management and athlete development.

**Administrative service** should include service of substantial length at Target Rifle Victoria level or at levels above this on behalf of Target Rifle Victoria.

It is also considered reasonable that **Coaching and/or Technical Services** which are used regularly in the sport of small bore shooting and are sufficient to rank of note should also be considered of a Life Membership award.

## Nomination Criteria

A member club is the body that is to nominate an individual for a Life Membership. *This does not mean that the nominee needs to be a member of the club that nominates them.*

A member of TRV (i.e. club) has the right to nominate any individual they deem appropriate for a recognition award.

The nomination is to provide a detailed listing of service and reference to data (where possible) to verify the information on which the nomination was based. The nomination is to be made according to the Rules of Target Rifle Victoria.

## Responsibilities

A Life Membership Assessment Committee (of **three** persons) is to be formed on an annual basis at the Annual Congress of TRV.

Nominations are to be made by a member club (see under “Nomination Criteria” for more detail) and should be directed to the Secretary of TRV who in turn will notify the President. These nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence and forwarded to the Life Membership Assessment Committee for their consideration.

The Life Membership Assessment Committee is to make their recommendation to the Annual Congress of TRV on the basis of the information presented to them by the nominee and must not allow any political or personal circumstances of the day to influence their decision.

Any member of the Life Membership Assessment Committee who has a personal interest in any nomination put before the Committee must declare their interest, and a decision on whether or not that person will continue on the Committee for that recommendation or be replaced, will be taken by TRV Council.