South Australian Amateur Soccer League Inc

SAASL Awards and Life Member Policy

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Policy to be reviewed	Annually

1. SAASL Awards

The South Australian Amateur Soccer League (SAASL) Constitution and the League Championship Rules provide opportunities for individuals whose contributions to SAASL exceed the ordinary for an extended period of time to be recognised.

The Board may recommend such individuals as it considers merit the following awards:

a. Life Membership

b. Meritorious Service Award

c. Player Life Membership

d. Any other awards that the Board may determine appropriate.

The League will recognise all inductees and award winners in the SAASL Yearbook, on the SAASL website and history, and as determined by the Board.

2. SAASL Life Membership

The South Australian Amateur Soccer League (SAASL) Constitution states that Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by the League for longstanding and valued service to the League. The first Life Membership was awarded in 1968.

The Board may recommend such individuals as it considers merit the award of Life Membership of SAASL.

Persons eligible for SAASL Life Membership are:

a. Members of the Board or any sub-committee of SAASL with a minimum of ten (10) years service to the League.

b. Any other person who during their association with the League made outstanding contributions to, and for, the well-being and success of the League and who does not fall into category 2(a) above.

    i. Not more than one SAASL Life Membership falling into this category shall be awarded in one year.

A person may be appointed as a SAASL Life Member only by Special Resolution put to an Annual General Meeting by the Board.

A SAASL Life Member cannot be required to pay fees or subscriptions (other than fees that are required to be paid by a participant in the Sport in his or her capacity as a participant in the Sport).

SAASL Life Members shall be entitled to free admission to all matches conducted by and under the auspices of the League.

SAASL Life Members shall be entitled to attend all General Meetings of the League and participate in discussion at those meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

If a nominee is successful in being admitted to SAASL Life Membership, they will receive a memento of induction as Life Member of the South Australian Amateur Soccer League, to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Meritorious Service Award

The Meritorious Service Award was first awarded in 1990.

On the recommendation of the Board, the League may make a Meritorious Service Award to any person who has rendered sterling service to soccer, at SAASL club level, for a period of not less than ten (10) years.

Members may nominate persons who have rendered sterling service to the Club and soccer for at least ten (10) years for consideration of the Board.

Nominations shall be in writing, on the prescribed form, and shall contain the full details of the services rendered by the nominee and must be received by the due date nominated by the League.

Not more than one award shall be made in any one year.

If a nominee is successful, the Meritorious Service Award will be presented by the League at the SAASL Awards Night, or as determined by the Board.

4. Player Life Membership

The SAASL Board may award Player Life Memberships to players who have rendered sterling service at the representative level for SAASL, having participated in multiple tournaments and matches, and who have consistently exhibited dedication, commitment, and excellence in representing the League.

a. Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for Player Life Membership, a player must have represented SAASL in no less than eight (8) tournaments in one or more of the following recognised representative teams:

i. SAASL Saturday Select

ii. SAASL Sunday Select

iii. SAASL State Select

iv. SAASL State Team.

For the purposes of this award, the SAASL State Select matches held in 2014 will be considered as one tournament for the Players who participated.

If a Player is awarded a Player Life Membership, the award will be presented at the SAASL Awards Night.

Player Life Members are not entitled to any of the privileges afforded to SAASL Life Members.

The Board retains the discretion to consider additional factors of service, leadership, and representation beyond the minimum criteria when awarding the Player Life Membership.

b. Historical Context

The inaugural Player Life Memberships were awarded in 2004 to players who had represented SAASL in no fewer than four National Amateur Championships.

These recipients were recognised for their longstanding contributions and were formally awarded by the SAASL Board. There were fourteen (14) players inducted as inaugural Player Life Members.

Following the restructuring of soccer/football at the national level, the National Amateur Soccer Association was disbanded. While many amateur associations merged with their respective State governing bodies, SAASL has continued as an independent and autonomous competition.

The League continues to seek engagement with other like-minded amateur associations to continue participation in amateur representative tournaments.

5. Discretion of the SAASL Board

The Board retains absolute discretion and shall be the sole authority for the interpretation and application of the SAASL Awards and Life Member Policy.

The Board reserves the right to revoke a Player Life Membership if, in its sole discretion, the recipient is found to have engaged in conduct that brings the League into disrepute or is deemed to be no longer of good character.

The Board may, at its sole discretion, revoke a Meritorious Service Award upon application by the nominating Club, if the recipient is found to have engaged in conduct that brings the League or the Club into disrepute, or is deemed no longer to be of good character.

The Revocation of the Player Life Membership or the Meritorious Service Award requires a formal resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the SAASL Board.

The Board may seek to revoke a SAASL Life Membership if the recipient is found to have engaged in conduct that brings the League into disrepute or is deemed to be no longer of good character.

The Revocation of a SAASL Life Membership shall only be by Special Resolution put by the Board to an Annual General Meeting and must be passed by a majority of the members present at the meeting.

Grounds for revocation of one of the SAASL awards may include, but are not limited to:

a. Criminal convictions (excluding minor traffic offences).

b. Conduct that significantly contradicts the values and integrity of SAASL.

c. Actions that may damage the reputation or interests of the League and its members.

6. Review of Awards Policy

This Policy will be reviewed biennially by the Board and confirmed prior to the commencement of each Season.

Signed SAASL President

23/2/2026

Date

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Signed SAASL Business Manager

24/02/26

Date