

Mansfield & District Equestrian Club (MADEC)

Life Membership

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to MADEC. It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances.



Nomination:

Any financial Member may nominate another member for consideration for the Life Membership Award. Nominations must be submitted in writing and signed by at least two current (unrelated) financial members of the club.

The nomination should be prepared so as to set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and at a minimum meet the criteria as set out below. Nominations must be received by the MADEC Committee no later than 1st September in the year in which the nomination is to be considered.

Award Criteria:

In considering the award of Life Membership, an individual will have demonstrated a significant, sustained and high quality level of service enhancing the reputation and future of MADEC.

The points to be taken into consideration when considering nomination include:

- ❖ The nominee's length of service to MADEC shall be at least 10 years as a Committee member, having also held an Executive Position for a portion of that time;
- ❖ The nominee will have been unselfish in his/her work and dedicated to the ideals and success of MADEC;
- ❖ The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship;
- ❖ The nominee will have provided valued leadership and /or been an outstanding role model to the members in general;
- ❖ The nominees' service must reflect favourably on and have brought credit to MADEC;
- ❖ The nominee will have significantly helped members in the understanding of HRCVA rules;
- ❖ The nominee must be a currently active, financial member.

Note: Achieving the minimum service levels will not in any way automatically guarantee the award of Life Membership.

Process of Assessment:

All nominations must demonstrate attainment of the minimum service requirements above and other details of exemplary service.

The Committee (minimum quorum required) will assess any nominations for Life Membership based on the above criteria. The Committee will discuss and consider the application over two regular meetings prior to the October Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Committee will assess all nominations put forward and only those nominations that the Committee considers worthy for Life Membership shall be endorsed and put to a vote at the (AGM). A unanimous vote will be required for approval.

Presentation of the Life Membership Award will be at the December rally Christmas Dinner.

Retraction of Life Membership:

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of MADEC or HRCVA. To be enacted, this provision will require the unanimous agreement of the Committee. As part of the deliberations the Life Member in question is to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.

Benefits of Life Membership:

- ❖ Award of Life Membership at the MADEC Annual General Meeting;
- ❖ Exemption from MADEC Membership fee;
- ❖ Listing on the MADEC website and other official documents;
- ❖ Invitations to attend all official MADEC functions.