

QRSS Program Life Membership and QRSS Sport Specific Life

Membership

QRSS Life Membership is an honour bestowed on exceptional individual's whose outstanding contributions have provided a measurable benefit to the representative school sport program over an extended period of time.

QRSS **Program** Life Membership will be bestowed on eligible nominees for contribution across the broad program. Not specific to one sport.

QRSS **Sport Specific** Life Membership will be bestowed on eligible nominees for contribution in a specific sport.

- An individual can be awarded QRSS Sport Specific Life Membership in more than one sport.
- An individual can be awarded QRSS Sport Program Life Membership and QRSS Sport Specific Life Memberships.

Eligibility

Nominees must have:

- Demonstrated an extremely **high level of contribution** and an **extraordinary commitment** to the Queensland Representative School Sport program.
- Served Queensland Representative School Sport at more than one level (**District, Region, State or National**), or in other associated roles including but not limited to Board and Management Committee members; Sport Executive members; Event Officials, National Sports Advisor etc.
- A nominee must not have been subject to any Code of Conduct infringements during their service.

Life Membership will be considered on nominee's personal contributions and achievements, not in comparison to others.

Length of service

- Contributions should be evident over a significant period of time.
- While there is no 'minimum' length of service, a period of approximately 10 years' active contribution is an indicator of a long-term commitment.
- Duration of service does not guarantee an award of Life Membership.

Nominations

- All QRSS Life Membership nominations must be submitted to QRSS - CO by the due date in term 2 each year via an online application.
- QRSS Program Life Memberships will be processed by a QRSS - CO appointed panel consisting of 3 members.
- QRSS Sport Specific Life Memberships will be processed by a QRSS - SRG appointed panel consisting of the SRG chair, 1 other SRG member and 1 QRSS-CO appointed member.
- QRSS - CO prior to the State Championship/s attended by the award recipient will notify the host region for the provision of the award and inclusion of the award recipient in the state championship program. QRSS - CO will update the QRSS Awards database.

QRSS Program and Sport Specific Life Membership - Examples of Demonstrated Contribution and Commitment within service to the QRSS Program

Examples of Leadership

- **Mentoring & Support**
 - Guiding new convenors, coaches, or officials in understanding QRSS processes.
 - Providing professional support and advice to colleagues across districts/regions.
- **Program & Event Leadership**
 - Convening state championships or coordinating major school sport events.
 - Leading teams of coaches, officials, and managers at state, national, or international competitions.
- **Governance & Decision-Making**
 - Chairing or contributing to Boards, Management Committees, or Sport Executives.
 - Influencing policy or procedures that improve fairness, safety, or inclusivity.
- **Innovation & Improvement**
 - Developing resources, training, or systems that improve delivery of school sport.
 - Introducing new practices that enhance athlete pathways or event management.
- **Professional Respect & Influence**
 - Being recognised by colleagues as a role model for professionalism, fairness, and integrity.
 - Representing Queensland on national advisory groups and influencing national directions.
- **Capacity Building**
 - Actively encouraging and developing the next generation of convenors, officials, or coaches.
 - Creating opportunities for colleagues to take on leadership or higher responsibilities.

Evidence of Program Development and Improvement

- **Event Quality & Growth**
 - Introduction of new championships, divisions, or participation opportunities.
 - Improved event organisation, efficiency, or inclusivity (e.g., smoother scheduling, greater student access).
 - Growth in participation numbers or retention rates.
- **Pathway Strengthening**
 - Creation or refinement of clear athlete, coach, or official pathways from district to state/national levels.
 - Enhanced opportunities for students from underrepresented groups (e.g., inclusion, equity, regional access).
- **Innovation & Systems**
 - Development of resources, policies, or procedures that improve consistency across the program.
 - Implementation of new technologies or systems (e.g., registration, scoring, communication).
 - Improved safety, wellbeing, or risk management practices.
- **Professional Development**
 - Establishment of training programs for convenors, officials, or coaches.
 - Mentoring systems or succession planning for leadership roles.
- **Recognition & Reputation**
 - Lifting the profile of QRSS at district, regional, state, or national levels.
 - Queensland practices being adopted as models by other states or at national events.
- **Sustainability & Legacy**
 - Contributions that leave lasting structures, practices, or traditions that continue to benefit the program.
 - Strengthening collaboration between districts, regions, state bodies or national bodies.