

NZRA Life Membership Criteria

1. Background

- 1.1. The New Zealand Rowing Association (NZRA), was established in 1888, and has served the New Zealand Rowing community over many generations since that time.
- 1.2. Over its history, NZRA has from time to time recognised distinguished and auspicious service from its membership by the award of life membership, and it is likely that this will continue into the future.
- 1.3. Life Membership is the highest honour that NZRA can bestow on its members and as such nominees deserve defined, uniform criteria for selection.

2. Attributes for Life Membership

- 2.1. Rights for Life Membership will be built up by meritorious contributions over many years of (mostly) continuous service to NZRA in its widest sense, in recognition of their efforts furthering the interests of rowing, and may include one or more of:
 - (a) Athlete representation in a New Zealand rowing team at age group and/or elite level
 - (b) Coaching representation in a New Zealand rowing team, at age group and/or elite level
 - (c) Administration, either paid or in a voluntary capacity to NZRA or its affiliates
 - (d) Race Official
 - (e) National Selector
 - (f) Other work associated with the delivery of National High Performance program, regattas or trials e.g., members of KRI or SIR; Team physiotherapist
 - (g) Sponsor or benefactor
- 2.2. These contributions may be supplemented by contribution to the sport of rowing beyond the immediate NZRA environment, which might include:
 - (a) Regional Rowing Association
 - (b) Regional Performance Centre
 - (c) Other relevant Association e.g., Secondary Schools
 - (d) Contributing club or schools with active rowing programmes
- 2.3. Notwithstanding all the above, the following will be deemed essential attributes for this level of membership:
 - (a) Active contribution to the wider rowing community in various roles over a significant period, and/or
 - (b) Providing meritorious contribution and distinguished and conspicuous service (including contributions in a leadership role) to NZRA and rowing.
- 2.4. Consideration of service solely as an athlete will be deemed insufficient, on its own, unless supplemented by significant contribution in other areas.
- 2.5. Intermittent contribution by a nominee over several periods of time will be taken into account.

3. Rights as Life Members

- 3.1. Life Members are entitled to receive notice of, attend and speak at Annual and Special meetings of NZRA.

4. Privileges of Life Members

- 4.1. Life Members shall receive a Life Members pocket badge.
- 4.2. Life Members shall be invited to appropriate functions held by Rowing NZ.

5. Nomination Form

- 5.1. All nominations for Life Membership must be submitted on the approved NZRA nomination form. Nominations in other formats will not be considered.