



## **CJSA Life Membership** **Criteria**

### **I. Definition of a Life Member**

Life Membership is generally considered to be the highest award an organization can bestow upon one of its members. Life membership in the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association ("CJSA") is no different. The CJSA awards life membership in recognition of the exceptional contributions of an individual to the CJSA, to the community and to the sport of soccer. Accordingly, a life member should be an exceptional citizen who has consistently contributed to the CJSA over an extended period of time, and who has demonstrated a significant and sustained commitment toward the enhancement and reputation of the CJSA.

In order to be eligible for life membership, an individual must be, or have been, member of the CJSA; this membership may be in any of a variety of capacities, including but not limited to, a Board member, an administrator, a coach, a referee, a volunteer or as a financial or material contributor.

In recognition of the significance and importance of this award, only one individual, if any, may be awarded life membership per year.

### **II. Nomination and Election Process**

Any CJSA Board member eligible to vote at CJSA meetings and any life member may nominate up to one individual per year for life member in the CJSA. Such nominations must be submitted in writing to the President of the CJSA at least 120 days prior to the CJSA annual meeting. Nominations may include up to three letters of recommendation.

Prior to the close of the nomination period, 120 days prior to the CJSA annual meeting, the President of the CJSA will appoint a Life Member Selection Committee, which must be approved by the CJSA Board of Directors. The Life Member Selection Committee will consist of 3 members, of which one will be a current life member.



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At the close of the nomination period, the President of the CJSA will forward all of the nominations to the Life Membership Selection Committee for their consideration and recommendation. The Life Member Selection Committee will then evaluate the nominations to determine if any of the nominees meet the criteria for life membership. If none of the nominees meet the criteria for life membership in a given year, the Life Member Selection Committee will recommend that no life membership award be granted that year. If more than one nominee meets the criteria in a single year, the Life Member Selection Committee will determine which one of the nominees will be eligible for life membership that year. The Life Member Selection Committee may not recommend more than one nominee for life membership in a single year.

The Life Member Selection Committee will submit their recommendation to a regular CJSA Board of Directors meeting at least 60 days prior to the CJSA annual meeting.

The Board of Directors will consider the Life Member Selection Committee's recommendations and vote for or against awarding life membership to the nominee at the last regular meeting of the CJSA Board of Directors that precedes the Annual meeting. Two-thirds of the Board of Directors present at the meeting must approve the nomination or life membership will not be awarded to the nominee that year. The Board of Directors vote will be by ballot.

The Board of Directors is not required to approve any nominee for life membership.