Criteria Guidelines for nomination of Candidates for
ASHS Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual ASHS Members whose exceptional loyal, outstanding service and contribution has provided measurable benefit to the Society over an extended period of time.

Honorary Life Membership is recognised by the Australian Stock Horse Society as the highest recognition that can be awarded to a Member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution; it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

- Nominations for ASHS Honorary Life Membership will be called for annually.
- Nominations for ASHS Honorary Life Membership maybe submitted by a Branch, Management Council or by a sitting ASHS Board Director.
- Nominations are to be submitted via a Branch, State Management Council or Director through to Head Office.

Prior to submitting a Nomination for ASHS Honorary Life Membership please should ensure that the candidate meets some or all of the criteria as listed below.

**CRITERIA:**

1. Current or previous financial Member of the Society.
2. Long-term commitment to the Society and the Breed - evidenced through long-term membership and active participation in the ASHS.
3. Nominee has represented the Society with distinction on committees, in the competition arena or in the public equine arena – national or internationally.
4. Should display good character, general attitude and behaviour.
5. Show a long-term dedication to the values and aims of the ASHS.
6. Significant contribution to growing, developing and shaping the work of the ASHS during this period.
7. Displays good leadership and is a role model who reflects credit on the ASHS.
8. Minimum 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the Society, these roles may include but not be restricted to – service on the ASHS Board of Directors, a Branch or Management Council committee, coordinator roles, fund raising activities, promotion and marketing, committee and/or event coordinator roles, committee and/or event support roles.
9. Sitting ASHS Directors are not eligible to be nominated for Honorary Life Membership.
10. The Nominee has demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the Society including good sportsmanship.
11. It would be expected that a nominee will have made a contribution to the Society which goes beyond the normal role of an ordinary member.

Honorary Life Membership submissions are to include a profile of the candidate that provides grounds for the nomination. Pertinent information would include but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- The candidate’s contribution and outstanding service to the ASHS, including length of membership, and the specific ways in which they contributed to growing, developing and shaping the ASHS.
- A minimum of three brief letters of support are to accompany the nomination.
Guidelines for Selection of an ASHS Honorary Life Member

CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE
Honorary Life Membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others. Criteria are provided as guidelines, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated.

There is some subjectivity in the granting of Honorary Life Membership, a nominee’s strengths against the various criteria will vary. To assist with the nomination, some or all of the above criteria should be considered. For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the Society and membership.