



Superior Curling Club Lifetime Member Nomination Policy and Procedure

1. A Lifetime Membership is a special honor bestowed on a few select individuals. In recognition of that fact, careful consideration of each step in this process should be taken.
2. A Lifetime Member Nomination Form may be requested by any Superior Curling Club member from any Board Member or the SCC Club Manager. Once requested it is the responsibility of the Board Member or Club Manager to ensure a hard copy and/or an electronic version of the Lifetime Membership Nomination Form is provided along with the current Lifetime Member Nomination Policy and Procedure document.
3. A prospective lifetime member must be nominated by not less than 2 current club members and may be presented to any Board of Director member or SCC Club Manager at any time. NOTE: A member is not allowed to nominate themselves. To be considered for the current curling season and voted on at the Annual Spring Membership Meeting, Nominations should be received by the Board of Directors by January 1 of each year.
 - 3.1. Forms must contain detailed information regarding the Nominee.
 - 3.2. It is the responsibility of those submitting the nomination to gather enough information so a good case is made for the Nominee to be presented to the membership for a vote. NOTE: If a Nomination Form is lacking enough detail it will be returned to those nominating to get additional information or recruit help to gather more data.
4. Once a Nomination form is completed and submitted, the completed Lifetime Member Nomination Form must be added to the agenda of the next at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
5. If a member is nominated, the SCC President and/or Board of Directors should review the nomination and evaluate their eligibility for lifetime member status based on the criteria established previously by the Board of Directors.
 - 5.1. The Board of Directors shall appoint one of its members to take the lead on presenting the nomination and to be a moderator between the Board of Directors and the people nominating the member.
 - 5.2. It is within the Club Presidents rights to assign a committee to this task. If a Lifetime Membership Committee is appointed, not less than 1 Board member plus 3 others (Board members and/or other current members in good standing)
6. The following criteria shall be considered for establishing the merit of the Nomination. The items below are examples of what should be detailed within the Nomination Form.
 - 6.1. To qualify for Lifetime Membership, all 'Musts' need to be met.
These items are simple pass/fail, however Nominations **MUST** have the following for consideration:
 - 6.1.1. A prospective lifetime member **MUST** be in good standing. This means the member is up-to-date on dues, and is an active participant in League and/or Bonspiel play in the Superior Curling Club.
 - 6.1.2. A prospective lifetime member **MUST** have been a member of the Superior Curling Club for a minimum of 25 years.
 - 6.2. A prospective lifetime member **SHOULD HAVE** some/most of the following qualifications to be considered.
NOTE: The following is supporting data to justify the Lifetime Membership. These items are much more subjective, for example: *A person could volunteer once in a while, or they could volunteer a substantial amount of time.*
This is where the people doing the nominating will need to make a case for the person they are nominating. A more detailed list of contributions will increase the likelihood that the person will be elected a lifetime member. *Keep in mind, the burden of completing the Lifetime Membership Nomination Form is on the nominator(s), not the SCC Board of Directors.*
 - 6.2.1. **Club Leadership:** Positions held within the club, including but not limited to: Board or Committee Member, League Commissioner, Bonspiel Chairperson, Ice Crew, Juniors Curling Coach or Coordinator, and/or Certified Instructor.
 - 6.2.2. **Sportsmanship:** Playing fair, honorable, and by the rules of curling etiquette. Someone you would respect on and off the ice, and someone you would want to represent the Superior Curling Club.

- 6.2.3. **Volunteering:** Volunteer time such as Season Club Opening or Season Club Closing activities, Bonspiels, Open House or Learn to Curl Events, Junior or Adult Curling Instruction, Facility Management (repair, housekeeping, building or equipment upkeep, etc.), Ice Maker, Ice Crew, etc.
 - 6.2.4. **Curling Instruction and Recruitment:** Time dedicated to growing the game inside and outside the club including actively promoting curling, the Superior Curling Club, and the USCA through recruiting new members, advertising, or Open House and Learn to Curl events.
 - 6.2.5. **Financial Contributions:** Financial and/or material contributions to the club that go above and beyond regular membership contributions.
 - 6.2.6. **Bonspiels:** Participation in in-house bonspiels; travel to other local, US or International club bonspiels.
 - 6.2.7. **Competitive Curling:** Participation in USCA-sanctioned bonspiels such as, but not limited to: State, Nationals, Worlds, Olympics, etc.
 - 6.2.8. **Recognition:** Being recognized internally and externally as a “face of the Superior Curling Club” – recognized for their participation and making other significant contributions to the club.
7. The SCC Board of Directors shall evaluate all nominations to determine if the content of the Nomination Form is sufficient to move forward. By the February and/or March Board of Directors Meeting, a vote will be held to approve or reject the nomination to move forward to a SCC Member vote. NOTE: A unanimous vote by the Board of Directors is needed to move forward with the nomination and allow a full membership vote at the Spring Superior Curling Club Member Meeting. If approved to bring the full membership for a vote the Board of Directors should include its recommendation to the Membership whether to approve or deny a Lifetime Membership vote for the Nominee.
 8. For the Nominee to become a Lifetime Member they must receive a supporting vote of 75% or more of membership. (Proxy voting or voting via video conference is permitted)
 9. Lifetime members are entitled to the following:
 - 9.1. A certificate showing the member as a Lifetime Member shall be presented at the Spring Membership Meeting (if the member is unable to attend a family member or teammate can accept the award on the member’s behalf.)
 - 9.2. A professional photograph of the Lifetime Member is to be displayed at the club.
 - 9.3. Free lifetime club membership (no regular dues or locker rental fees)
 - 9.4. A congratulations letter with the nomination information, vote results, and entitlements should be mailed to the Lifetime Member on behalf of the Club President and Board of Directors.
 - 9.5. A reveal of the Lifetime Member’s Picture and congratulations should be held at one of their first League nights, and a Celebration of the election of the new Lifetime Member, although not required, would certainly be in order.