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<b>Situation</b>
A Service Member as a nominee has questioned why do Service Members have to complete 6 months nomination period while Sierra Squad only complete 3 months?
<b>Reference</b>
<b><i>Club Constitution, Sect 65</i></b>  1. A confirmed Service Member (one who has been voted in after his/her nominee period) has full voting rights and has the capacity to hold any official position within the Club. Service Members are required to pay the initial membership fee, and monthly building funds fee only when confirmed.  2. As a result, only Service Members hold voting rights while Sierra Squad are only required to complete three (3) months nominee period, having no ADF or Allied Service, and cannot hold an Executive position (unless Honorary).  <b><i>Note: No voting rights have ever been conferred upon Sierra Squad members as they have not served in our Defence Force and the Club is a Military Motorcycle Club. As such, the Sierra Squad has no need to complete 6 months nominee period.</i></b>
<b>Result</b>
It is critical that Service Members understand the Club Constitution and its Credo, SOP's and certainly it's Mission and Objectives. Elected Service Members will step up to Executive positions and hence a longer nominee period is essential to ensure they are across the Club requirements.  Sierra Squad members can elect to take up Executive positions in an 'honorary role', but that may occur when an Executive position becomes vacant and a Service Member is not available to carry out those duties.
<b>Previous Results</b>
The same questions have arisen in the past by Sierra Squad members re the Club Constitution, and each has been informed.  Additionally, it has been informed to Sierra Squad Members that our Club is a Military-based Club and their support is toward the military members, Veterans and other ex-Defence personnel that need assistance.

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