

LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The award of Life Membership is the highest honour Triathlon WA can bestow on an individual and is awarded in recognition of those who have made an outstanding contribution to the existence or effectiveness of the association during their membership. No more than two Life Memberships will be awarded on an annual basis.

CRITERIA

Each nomination for Life Membership of Triathlon WA will be considered on its individual merits. The criteria listed below is to be demonstrated over a minimum period of ten (10) years, unless exceptional circumstances are cited.

Decisions will be made on the basis of:

- Sustained service to triathlon in WA, that is well above what is normally expected;
- Significant leadership within triathlon in WA;
- Outstanding innovation in triathlon activities within WA;
- Strong support for Triathlon WA activities and programs;
- Enhancement of triathlon within the wider community ;
- Financial member of Triathlon WA during the majority of the period of service
- Uphold and demonstrate the values of Triathlon WA

PROCESS

1. TWA Board will call for nominations for life membership in the March of the Financial Year preceding the AGM.
2. Nominations must reach the Board no later than the Board Meeting preceding the Triathlete of the Year Awards (generally the May Board meeting)
3. Any current financial member of Triathlon WA may nominate any other current financial member for Life Membership, provided that the nomination is seconded by a third financial member. If the nominee is a Board Member, they will not be involved in any aspect of the selection process.
4. Nominations must be submitted on the appropriate nomination forms. All nomination submissions must address the criteria for selection as outlines above.
5. The nomination must articulate the reasons why Life Membership is considered appropriate. Where possible, specific examples of work or involvement should be cited.
6. Nominations must be treated confidentially by the nominators, the Nominations Panel and the Board.
7. The Board will call for nominations from existing life members to participate on a Nominations panel. The Board will select 2 of the nominees to sit on the Nominations panel. The nominated Life Members must be actively involved in the sport over the past 5 years.
8. The Nominations Panel will consist of 2 active Life Members, the President of TWA & two other Board members
9. The nominations will be discussed by the Nomination Panel prior to being presented to the Board. The Board at the meeting following receipt of the nominations and before the Annual General Meeting will agree on the nominations presented
10. While each nomination is to be treated on its merits, the Board has the information as outlined in the Criteria above to use as guidelines. For the Board to send the nomination forward as a motion at the Annual General Meeting, the nomination must be supported by at least 75 percent of the membership of the Board. The Board's decision is final.

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11. If the Board decide not to support the nomination for Life Membership, then the proposer and seconder of the motion will receive a written notification of the Board's decision, signed by the President of Triathlon WA.
12. If the nomination is successful, then the President of Triathlon WA will present the nomination at the Annual General Meeting for voting as per the Triathlon WA Constitution.
13. The Nominations Panel will also be responsible for recommending nominees for the TWA Service to Sport Award. Refer to the TWA Annual awards and State Series Policy for further details on the Service to Sport Award.
14. Successful Life Membership Nominations approved at the AGM will receive a Triathlon WA Standard Membership free of charge on an annual basis as per the constitution.

Version Control

Version	Date	Revised by	Comments
1.0	July 2008	H. Lethlean	Policy Adopted
2.0	May 2013	H. Lethlean	Policy Updated
3.0	February 2018	P. Minchin	Change to dates for call of nominations to enable the Life Member Panel to recommend nominations deemed suitable for the Service to Sport Award.
3.0	February 2020	A. Apps	Updated expert from Triathlon WA constitution in line with constitution changes September 2019
4.0	June 2020	A. Apps	Remove excerpt from Constitution. Insert point 14. Life Membership Fee covered by TWA
5.0	March 2022	A.Apps	Criteria reviewed and reworded to ensure clarity. Addition of upholding and demonstrating the values of Triathlon WA Inclusion within point 14. Standard Membership free of charge.