

ACT TRIATHLON

Life Membership Criteria

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1. Introduction

The award of life membership is the highest honour ACT Triathlon can bestow on an individual and is awarded in recognition of those who have rendered distinguished service to the existence or effectiveness to triathlon and multisport in the ACT through the promotion of the interests and objectives of ACT Triathlon.

Life Membership is conferred by special resolution of a General Meeting of Members on the recommendation of the Board of ACT Triathlon (under 10A of the ACT Triathlon Constitution).

The Board of ACT Triathlon may determine the number of life memberships it recommends for conferral each year. However, typically no more than one life membership will be awarded on an annual basis.

2. Nominations

Nominations for Life Membership of ACT Triathlon may be received at any time. However, nominations will not be considered by the Board until the meeting immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the President of ACT Triathlon and the Executive Officer (State Services Manager).

Nominations must be signed by at least two individual members belonging to at least two different ACT Clubs.

The nomination should:

- (a) set out the achievements and activities of the nominee; and
- (b) explain how the nominee meets the criteria set out in the below matrix (a nominee does not need to meet all service criteria types); and
- (c) include details of exemplary service demonstrated by the nominee.

On its own initiative, the Board may consider and nominate any individual associated with ACT Triathlon who has demonstrated exemplary service but not been nominated for conferral of Life Membership.

3. Eligibility matrix

The Board of ACT Triathlon uses the below matrix to guide their decision to assess and endorse a nomination for Life Membership.

Achieving minimum service levels will not automatically guarantee the endorsement of the Life Membership nomination.

The Board may consider other categories of service not listed as part of their deliberations, as well as an individual’s championing of the Objectives of ACT Triathlon as detailed in clause 44 of the Constitution.

Category	Service	Period (years)
Board	Elected Board Member	At least 2 continuous terms
Board	Executive Board Member (President, Vice-President, Treasurer)	At least 2 continuous years
Coach	ACT Foundation/Development Coach – active coaching	At least 5 years
Coach	National Performance Coach – active coaching	At least 3 years
Athlete	Local athlete for over 10 consecutive years	10 years or more
Athlete	Age Group athlete – competing at World Age Group events	6 years or more
Athlete	Professional athlete – long or short course	5 years or more
Official	Technical Official officiating local events	At least 6 continuous years
Official	Technical Official officiating national or international events	At least 4 continuous years
Volunteer	Club volunteer	At least 5 years
Volunteer	ACT Triathlon volunteer	At least 5 years
Employee	Employee of ACT Triathlon who has rendered significant service to the sport	At least 3 years of employment

4. Life Member acceptance

Individuals recommended for conferral of Life Membership by the Board of ACT Triathlon will be advised prior to the Annual General Meeting to enable their attendance at the meeting.

Individuals must accept or reject ACT Triathlon’s resolution to confer Life Membership in writing. Upon written or oral acceptance and conferral at the Annual General Meeting, the individual’s details will be entered into the register of members, and from the time of entry the person will be a Life Member.

5. Life Member recognition

While Life Membership will be conferred at the Annual General Meeting, an individual’s Life Membership will also be formally recognised at the ACT Triathlon Annual Awards of the season of conferral.

6. Policy review

The Life Membership Criteria shall be reviewed biennially by the Board of ACT Triathlon.