

# TRIATHLON WA LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY



The award of Life Membership is the highest honour Triathlon WA can bestow on an individual and is done so in recognition of those who have made an outstanding contribution to the existence or effectiveness of the association during their membership. No more than 2 Life Memberships will be allocated on an annual basis.

## Criteria

Each nomination for Life Membership of Triathlon WA should be considered on its individual merits.

Decisions will be made on the basis of:

- Service to Triathlon WA well above what is normally expected;
- Significant leadership within Triathlon WA;
- Outstanding innovation in Triathlon WA activities;
- Strong support for Triathlon WA activities;
- Enhancement of the standing of Triathlon WA in the community;
- Long association with the activities of Triathlon WA;
- Should have a minimum of ten (10) years membership of Triathlon WA, unless exceptional circumstances can be cited.

## Process

1. Nominations must reach the Board no later than the Board Meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting.
2. Any member of Triathlon WA may nominate any other member for Life Membership, provided that the nomination is seconded by a third member. A nominee must not be a member of the Board at the time of nomination.
3. There is no formal nomination form; letter format is appropriate and submissions may be by mail or email. Please ensure that the nomination submission addresses the criteria for selection as outlines above.
4. The nomination must articulate the reasons why Life Membership is considered appropriate. Where possible, specific examples of work or involvement should be cited.
5. Nominations must be treated confidentially by the nominators and the Board.
6. The nomination will be discussed by the Board at the meeting following receipt of the nomination and before the Annual General Meeting.
7. The Board will decide whether to proceed with the nomination at the Annual General Meeting. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

## **Constitution**

### **7.3 Life Members**

- (1) The Board may recommend to a General Meeting that any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to Triathlon, Duathlon, Aquathlon in Western Australia through the promotion of the interests and objects of the Association be appointed as a Life Member.
- (2) A resolution of a General Meeting to confer life membership (subject to Rule 7.1(3)) on the recommendation of the Board must be a Special Resolution.
- (3) A person nominated for Life Membership must accept or reject the Association's resolution to confer life membership in writing. Upon written acceptance, the person's details will be entered upon the Register, and from the time of entry on the Register the person will be a Life Member.
- (4) A Life Member may elect to be a Senior Member and will be entitled to all privileges and all obligations of that position.

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