

Water Polo Australia Life Member Guidelines

This document has been created to assist members in considering nominations for Water Polo Australia Limited Life Membership.

For Life Membership the emphasis must be on extraordinary and outstanding service to Water Polo Australia. The individual contribution of the person being nominated must have been above and beyond what could be reasonably expected, within the water polo community.

The sport of water polo is made up of Athletes, Administrators, Coaches, Technical Officials and Volunteers. As such, Life Membership must represent much more than just being part of an Australian Team or the holding of office and the routine performance of that office.

The election to Life Membership is addressed in the Water Polo Australia Constitution at Clause 12, which states that:

(a) The Company may, from among persons who have provided long and meritorious service with the Company, appoint Life Members in recognition of their efforts in furthering the interests of the Company.

(b) A Life Member may only be elected by Special Resolution at an Annual General Meeting.

(c) Nominations for life membership must be submitted to the Company and must be received by the Company Secretary by the last day of the financial year prior to the relevant Annual General Meeting.

(d) Nominations for life membership shall be examined by the Board. After reviewing the nomination and completing any relevant enquiries, the Board shall make a recommendation to the Annual General Meeting in relation to the nomination.

(e) Upon life membership being conferred, the person's details shall be entered upon the register. A person shall become a Life Member from the time their life membership is formally announced.

Life Membership Criteria

The Water Polo Australia Board will assess nominations for Water Polo Australia Life Membership against the following criteria;

(a) Length of service by the nominee to the sport of water polo in one or more of the following roles, an Athlete, Administrator, Coach, Technical Official or Volunteer (a minimum of 10 years combined service is required).

(b) The outstanding contribution the service has made to the growth, development and standing of the sport in the broader community.

(c) The service must be diligent, extraordinary and the applicant's achievements must be above and beyond what could reasonably be expected, within the water polo community.

(d) The nominee's service shall be recognised as having made a significant positive and lasting impact to the sport of water polo in Australia.

(e) The values and behaviours that the nominee has demonstrated in their ethical and exemplary service and their reputation and standing within the water polo and broader sport community.

(f) Any (other) factor considered relevant to life membership consideration by the Board.

The above information above is provided to assist potential nominators in preparing Life Nominations.