



**BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA
HONOURS AND AWARDS – Life
Membership**

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Acronyms	Full form
BA	Basketball Australia
FIBA	International Basketball Federation
Life Membership	Life Membership of Basketball Australia
The Commission	Honours and Awards Commission

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Honours and Awards policy is to establish a clear, consistent, and transparent framework for recognizing and celebrating the achievements and contributions of individuals and others to basketball in Australia. The policy is essential for ensuring that the recognition process is meaningful, respected, and beneficial to the basketball community.

This policy serves as a guide to ensure that the honours and awards process is conducted professionally, fairly and in alignment with the values and goals of the basketball community.

The policy outlines the selection criteria for Life Membership and the processes for nominations, evaluation, and selections, making them clear for all stakeholders.

2. Scope and limitations

Honours and Awards bestowed by Basketball Australia (BA) includes Life Membership of BA (Life Membership)

3. Purpose of the Awards

Through an honours and awards system, Basketball Australia can promote its positive values and culture, encourage participation, and celebrate the achievements that contribute to the growth and success of the sport.

4. Life Membership of Basketball Australia

Nominees should be in good standing both within and outside the basketball community. They should also exemplify BA's values and culture of inclusion and respect.

No person shall automatically qualify for any award. Life membership may be awarded posthumously.

Life Membership is the highest honour which can be bestowed by BA for longstanding and valued service to Basketball in Australia at a national level.

4.1. Selection Criteria

Life Membership is not a competitive matter. Nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others.

Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of Life Membership. Nominees' strengths against the various criteria will vary.

For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an outstanding, exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to BA.

The selection criteria help ensure that Life Membership in BA is reserved for those who have made truly exceptional and enduring contributions to the sport, ensuring the honour remains a prestigious and respected recognition. The following may be taken into consideration:

Length of Service:

- **Sustained Contribution:** The individual should have contributed significantly to BA over an extended period
- **Leadership Roles:** Holding leadership positions (e.g., coach, administrator, official, or board member) for a significant duration.
- While an association with BA and the sport over a lengthy period would normally apply, the award may be made (in exception circumstances) where the individual concerned had made a distinguished contribution over a shorter period.

Impact on the Sport:

- **Significant Contribution:** The individual's contributions should have had a substantial and positive impact on the development, promotion, and growth of basketball in Australia, particularly at a national level.
- **Influence and Legacy:** The individual's efforts should have left a lasting legacy within the basketball community, inspiring others and helping to shape the future of the sport.

Exemplary Character and Conduct:

- **Integrity and Sportsmanship:** The individual should demonstrate the highest standards of integrity, sportsmanship, and ethical behaviour in their involvement with basketball.
- **Role Model:** The individual should be a role model for others in the basketball community, exemplifying the values of BA.

Diversity of Contribution:

- **Multiple Areas of Involvement:** The individual's contributions should span multiple aspects of the sport, such as playing, coaching, officiating, administration, or community development.
- **Support Across Levels:** The majority of the contribution to the sport should be at a national level however contributions at other levels of the sport (e.g., grassroots, state, or international) may be taken into account.

Service to the Organization:

- **Involvement in BA:** The individual should have a history of active and meaningful involvement with BA.

4.2 Nomination Process

- Proposals for BA Life membership are submitted to the Board for consideration by the Commission. The Commission may consult with the State and Territory members regarding its proposal.
- Proposals for Life Membership will include a written report outlining the history of services of any nominee in relation to the criteria, together with comments on the suitability of the honour.
- Proposals can be submitted to the CEO of Basketball Australia at any time, however the close of proposals each year is December 31 of the year prior to each AGM.
- The proposals can be tabled at any Board meeting prior to each AGM. However, proposals must be tabled and approved at a Board meeting no less than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- A majority of a meeting of the Board is sufficient to formalise the nomination.

- The nomination for Life Membership will be included with the notice of meeting for the AGM as a Special Resolution. The written report detailing the individual's service to BA will be included with the agenda papers for the AGM.

4.3 Approval

Following nomination by the Board, any individual may be bestowed with the honour of being a Life Member at any AGM by Special Resolution.

As a nomination for Life Membership is a Special Resolution, the resolution needs 75% of the vote by the members to pass.

4.4 Benefits of Life Membership include:

- Full membership for life with no fees
- Inclusion on the Basketball Australia Honour role
- Invitation to the AGM and other Basketball Australia events as appropriate.

4.4 Rescinding Life Membership

Rescinding Life Membership may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that adversely impacts on the reputation of BA. This provision should be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the full support of the BA Board and passed by members as a Special Resolution.

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