



Bendigo Baseball Association

Governing Document #12

Life Membership

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1.0 Purpose of Governing Document

1.1 This Governing Document sets out the minimum criteria to be eligible for nomination for an award of Life Membership of the Bendigo Baseball Association (BBA) Incorporated.

1.2 This award exists to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the current and future existence of the Bendigo Baseball Association.

2.0 Life Membership

2.1 Life membership is the highest award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to the Bendigo Baseball Association.

2.2 The awarding of Life Membership is therefore only to be awarded in noteworthy and commendable circumstances

3.0 Considerations for the awarding of Life Membership

3.1 In considering the award of Life Membership an individual must have demonstrated significant and sustained high-quality service, of at least 10 years duration, enhancing the reputation and future of the BBA.

3.2 The nominee must be nominated and seconded by two members of affiliated and active Clubs or two members of the Executive of the BBA or a combination of both.

3.3 Length of affiliation with or the number of games played in the BBA are not a criteria for Life Membership by themselves.

3.4 The nomination must articulate the reasons why Life Membership is considered appropriate and must specify examples of work or involvement which has significantly advanced the Association.

3.5 The nomination must be on the BBA approved form attached to this Governing Document at Appendix "A".

3.6 The points to be considered when considering nomination include:

3.6.1 The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee to ensure that their attitude is one that reflects a dedication to the values of the game of baseball;

3.6.2 Commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship, valued leadership and good role modelling that reflect credit back upon the Association;

3.6.3 It would be favourable if there has been considerable service on-field, tournament teams (player, coach, scorer or team manager) or off-field with the BBA (service on the BBA Committee, other Committees or a role critical to the effective operation of the Association.)

4.0 Process for Nominating and Granting Life Membership

4.1 Nominations for Life Membership must be lodged with the BBA Secretary. The nominator is to provide a written submission addressing why the nominee is deserving of Life Membership using Governing Document #12 Appendix A, Life Membership Nomination.

4.2 The BBA Secretary must pass the nomination to the current BBA President who is the Chair of the Life Membership subcommittee. The subcommittee comprises the BBA President, one other member of the BBA Executive and two current Life Members (at the discretion of the President).

4.3 Should a proposed member of the subcommittee not be available for a substantial part of the period allocated for consideration, the remaining members may co-opt another subcommittee member with suitable background from the stated categories. If none are available from those categories, then a person of appropriate experience and expertise shall be seconded as determined by the Chair of the Life Membership subcommittee.

4.4 The nomination must reach the BBA Secretary no later than 31 July in any year. The nomination will only be considered by the Life Membership Subcommittee if submitted before 31 July, otherwise the nomination must be re-submitted the following year.

4.5 In considering the nomination, members of the Subcommittee are not to be influenced by any personal relationship with the nominee and are not to make direct comparisons with other Life Members, nominees or persons not nominated.

4.6 The Subcommittee may request additional information from the nominator if that would assist its deliberations. The Subcommittee may call nominating members to appear to give testimony to the nomination.

4.7 The Subcommittee must consider the nomination against the Life Membership criteria as listed on the nomination form supplied with consideration to sportsmanship, ethical behaviour, and any other general principles the Subcommittee deems appropriate. Each nomination must be considered on its merits and all deliberations will be held in complete confidence.

4.8 Within 42 days of receipt of the nomination by the President, the Subcommittee must decide, via a written secret ballot with an 75% majority, whether to recommend granting the nominee Life Membership and provide its recommendation to the BBA Committee.

4.8.1 The Subcommittee, via the President, must provide a statement of reasons for the recommendation;

4.8.2 The decision may address any other relevant aspects of the proposed Life Membership (e.g. method and timing of its granting and announcement or other aspects of the nominee's contribution or lack of same to baseball that it deems fit).

4.9 The BBA Committee will ratify the recommendation at its next meeting and prior to the Annual General Meeting. Only in circumstances of lack of process would the recommendation not be approved. The recommendation will be presented to the BBA at the next Annual General Meeting.

Appendix A

Life Membership Nomination

Name of Nominee: _____

Please complete this form to the best of your ability including statistical data if known. Where specific details are not known please give an approximation of the details requested.

Criteria	Number
Number of years of active membership or service to the BBA. Indicate specific years.	
Number of games played with a BBA Representative Team.	
Number of games coached with a BBA Representative Team.	
Number of games umpired with a BBA Representative Team.	
Number of games as a scorer with a BBA Representative Team.	
Years involved in a non game participatory capacity. Indicate roles undertaken and length of service. Role 1: Role 2: Role 3: Role 4:	

<p>Positions undertaken with State or Regional Committee and/or roles affiliated with the BBA. Indicate position and length of service.</p> <p>Position 1:</p> <p>Position 2:</p>	
<p>Number of BBA Representative teams the nominee has been involved with as player. Indicate specific years and teams.</p>	
<p>Number of BBA Representative teams the nominee has been involved with as coach. Indicate specific years and teams.</p>	
<p>Number of BBA Representative teams the nominee has been involved with as manager. Indicate specific years and teams.</p>	
<p>Number of BBA Representative teams the nominee has been involved with as scorer. Indicate specific years and teams.</p>	
<p>Number of BBA Representative teams the nominee has been involved with in any other necessary role. Indicate role, specific years and teams.</p>	

Number of Baseball Victoria Championship Carnivals as an umpire . Indicate years and specific carnivals.	
Number of club games played in the BBA	
Number of club games coached in the BBA	
Number of club games umpired in the BBA	
Number of club games as a scorer in the BBA	

Describe how the individual has demonstrated significant and sustained high-quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the BBA and explain why the nominee is deserving of life membership of the Bendigo Baseball Association.

Nominated by:

Signature:

Date:

Seconded by:

Signature:

Date: