



Hobart Archers Inc. Honorary Life Membership Guidelines

These guidelines must be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the Hobart Archers Inc and have been developed to assist the assessment of a nomination for life membership against Clause 3.1 of the Constitution.

1. Background:

Extract from the Hobart Archers Constitution, Section 3 – Membership

3.1 Life Membership of Hobart Archers may be granted to an archer for exceptional interest of the sport (A two-thirds voting majority at the Annual General Meeting is required).

2. Life Membership

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual club members whose exceptional service and contribution has provided a measurable benefit to the Club over an extended period of time. Life membership is the highest recognition that can be awarded to a member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution. It should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

3. Nomination, Criteria and Benefits

4. Nomination

- 1) Any potential nominee for Life Member must be nominated by a current financial member. Any such nomination must be in writing and signed by the nominator and seconded and signed by another current financial member. The nominator and seconder must have been members for a minimum of 5 years.
- 2) The nominator's written request must outline the reasons for proposing the nominee and outline in detail how the nominee meets the criteria of the Guidelines.
- 3) A nominee cannot be nominated by, or supported by, a family member.
- 4) In the event of a nominee serving on the Committee at the time of nomination, the nominee will be ineligible to participate in any deliberation relating to the nomination.
- 5) Awarding of posthumous Life Memberships will not be considered.
- 6) The written nomination can be lodged to the Secretary of the Committee at any time of the year.
- 7) Upon receipt of a written nomination, the Committee will review the submission. If necessary, the Committee may seek assistance from current and past members for input to the merits of the nomination.
- 8) A simple majority vote of the Committee is required to determine recommendation for life membership.
- 9) If the majority vote is 'yes' then the nomination will then be put to a vote at the Annual General Meeting – the nominator shall outline the reasons why and then the vote put to the Annual General Meeting.
- 10) The voting at the Annual General Meeting will be by Secret Ballot.
- 11) In the event that the Committee does not vote for recommending life membership at the Annual General Meeting, it must inform the nominator of its decision and reasons for it in writing.



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5. Criteria

Granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise, with the following being provided as guidance to the nominator and Committee:

- a) The nominee will have demonstrated an exceptional contribution of service to the Club over an extended period of time which has had demonstrated and measurable benefit to the Club and its membership.
- b) The nominee must have been a financial member for a continuous period of not less than 10 years, or a total period of not less than 10 years.
- c) The nominee must have served a minimum of 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the Club. These roles may include service to the Committee, fund-raising, promotional role, volunteering, mentoring, assistance with new members, social functions, development activities, maintenance activities.
- d) Regular participation in the running of Club, State and National events.
- e) The nominee may have represented the Club with distinction in the broader archery community and various governing bodies.
- f) The nominee may have represented the Club as a competitor in local, regional or national competitions.
- g) The nominee must have a demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the Club including good sportsmanship and community spirit.
- h) The nominee has been regarded as a role model within the Club and displayed valued leadership.

It is expected that the nominee will have a minimum of five(5) of the eight (8) criteria.

6. Retraction of a Life Membership

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the Club. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require full Committee support. As part of the deliberation the "Life Member" in question is also to be given the opportunity to present his/her case for retention of his/her status.

7. SPECIAL NOTES

- a) Any decision made by the Committee is final.
- b) Life Membership is not automatically given to a spouse. A spouse must be nominated in their own right.
- c) All nominations should be treated with the strictest of confidence until such time as being presented for ratification at an Annual General Meeting.



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8. Benefits of Life Membership

- a) Awarded Life Membership Hobart Archers Club Trophy.
- b) Reduced annual membership fees.