



LIFE MEMBERSHIP  
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# INTRODUCTION

## POLICY

The New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) Inc may confer life membership on a person under the NSWTA Constitution clause 7.3. The constitution takes precedence over this policy in the event of any inconsistency.

## PRINCIPLE

Life membership is the highest honour the NSWTA can grant a volunteer or administrator. It is generally conferred on a person who has rendered distinguished, meritorious or exceptional service to the organisation. The most frequently used criterion for life membership is the length of service. In the case of NSWTA continuous extended distinguished or meritorious service at state level shall be considered as one element of the criteria. It is also recognised that persons may have several roles and/or functions at State level that warrants consideration. Further persons may hold roles of limited tenure and yet perform outstanding meritorious service during their term of office. Under these circumstances, other criteria should be used to determine whether the person is deserving of a nomination for life membership. In all cases, such criteria will relate to the quality of the service performed by the person under consideration.

Life Membership of the NSWTA will only be available to those persons whose distinguished and meritorious service has been in areas of administration, volunteerism and or State Technical panels of the sport in NSWTA. A person whose main contribution to the sport in NSW has been through, playing, coaching and or refereeing are recognised through the NSWTA

Hall Of Fame structure. They are not considered for Life Membership unless they meet Life Membership criteria.



## CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following criteria will be used to determine the suitability of a person for nomination of Life Membership of the **New South Wales Touch Association**. The person under consideration should have continuous, distinguished, outstanding and meritorious service, demonstrated by some or all of the following.

For clarity and the purpose of this policy, meritorious service is defined as commendable service that is not obscured by disciplinary action, poor performance issues, or unacceptable absenteeism. It describes actions or achievements that are deserving of recognition or reward. In summary, the concept of meritorious service emphasises the importance of recognising individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to others.

### DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The person under consideration should have continuous, distinguished, outstanding and meritorious service and demonstrated all or some of the following:

- » Innovative practice: reviewing and modifying existing administrative and management procedures and introducing new procedures when required that have benefited the NSWTA.
- » Advancing the profile of the game and the NSWTA by effective promotion which provides visible results.
- » Increasing participation/representation with the NSWTA.
- » Enhancing communication with the general body of NSWTA members and stakeholders.
- » Constantly reviewing and modifying existing administrative and management NSWTA procedures.
- » Reviewing the procedures of the NSWTA and/or other bodies, seeking to identify any better relevant policies and procedures that can be used, and introducing them to our sport where applicable.

- » Enthusing others to implement appropriate ideas.
- » Outstanding leadership qualities in all or many areas of the sport.
- » Holding, in the opinion of the board of the NSWTA, good standing within the organisation and the wider community.
- » Meritorious service at the NSWTA level.
- » Such other criteria as the board of the NSWTA deems fit

### TENURE OF SERVICE

The minimum requirement for continuous service to be considered for Life Membership can fall over a number of distinct categories within the organisation. A guide to this is the following:

#### NSWTA BOARD SERVICE.

- » Meritorious Service for a continuous period of not less than 10 years

#### NSWTA TECHNICAL SERVICE.

- » Meritorious Service for a continuous period of not less than 15 years
- » In this category Technical Service can be any or all of the three arms, Director of Referees, Director of Coaching, Director of Selecting.

**NSWTA STATE PANEL SERVICE.**

- » Meritorious Service for a continuous period of not less than 20 years.
- » In this category continued support of the objects of the NSWTA are to be demonstrated.

**AFFILIATE EXECUTIVE SERVICE.**

- » Meritorious Service for a continuous period of not less than 20 years as the leader of their Affiliate
- » In this category continued support of the objects of the NSWTA are to be demonstrated.

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE.**

- » Meritorious Service for a continuous period of not less than 20 years.
- » In this category continued support of the objects of the NSWTA are to be demonstrated.

**PROCEDURE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP****NOMINATION**

- » Any member of the NSWTA may recommend a person for nomination as a life member.
- » Nominations must be made on the prescribed NSWTA nomination form (or similar template form), including the details of the nominating Member or Director in accordance with rule 7.3(a) of the NSWTA Constitution, and submitted to the General Manager of NSWTA where the nomination will be date received and registered.

**CONSIDERATION**

- » The NSWTA Board will appoint a nomination committee to consider the nomination against the criteria.

- » The Nomination committee may be made up of two Board members and a minimum of two maximum of three life members.
- » The Nomination Committee will consider the nomination against the criteria.
- » Should the Nomination Committee consider the nomination worthy of consideration they will make such recommendation to the Board of the NSWTA. Should they consider that the nominee does not meet the criteria and/or does not possess the worthiness to be a Life Member they will make such a recommendation to the Board of the NSWTA.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- » The NSWTA Board will consider the recommendation from the Nomination Committee.
- » The NSWTA Board may decide to accept or decline the recommendation.
- » Should the NSWTA Board accepted the recommendation the nominations shall then be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled NSWTA Annual General Meeting for consideration by the members.
- » Details of any approved candidate recommended to the NSWTA members by the Board for life membership shall be distributed to the members for their information prior to the Annual General Meeting with appropriate comments from the Board included.
- » A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer life membership must be passed by Special Resolution. The vote on such resolution will be taken by secret ballot.
- » A 75% majority of voting members must approve the candidate for life membership.

- » Any new Life Member approved by the membership in general meeting in a particular year shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

## ENTITLEMENTS

Any entitlements as a NSWTA Life Member they shall be as per the NSWTA Constitution and

NSWTA Policy as determined from time to time by the Board.

## REMOVAL

Where a NSWTA Life Member conducts him or herself in a manner which is deemed by the majority of the board to be contrary to the interest of the Association, the Board may proceed in terminating the Life Membership.

## REGIONAL LIFEMEMBERSHIP

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MAY BE USED TO DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF A PERSON FOR NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF A NSWTA REGION. WHILE IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR ALL THE CRITERIA TO BE SATISFIED, SOME AT LEAST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. SUCH CRITERIA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN RENDERING SERVICE AND BENEFIT TO THE NSWTA.

### DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The person under consideration should have continuous, distinguished, outstanding and meritorious service and demonstrated all or some of the following:

- » Innovative practice: reviewing and modifying existing administrative and management procedures and introducing new procedures when required that have benefited the Region and or NSWTA.
- » Advancing the profile of the game and the Region by effective promotion which provides visible results.
- » Increasing participation/representation with the Region.
- » Enhancing communication with the general body of Regional members and stakeholders.
- » Constantly reviewing and modifying existing Regional administrative and management procedures.
- » Reviewing the procedures of the Region and/or other bodies, seeking to identify any better relevant policies and procedures that can be used, and introducing them to our sport where applicable.
- » Enthusing others to implement appropriate ideas.
- » Outstanding leadership qualities in all or many areas of the sport.
- » Holding, in the opinion of the board of the NSWTA, good standing within the organisation and the wider community.
- » Meritorious service at the Regional level.
- » Such other criteria as the board of the NSWTA deems fit.

### TENURE OF SERVICE

The minimum requirement for continuous service to be considered for Life Membership of a NSWTA Region is:

### REGIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE.

- » Meritorious Service for a continuous period of not less than 10 years

#### REGIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICE.

- » Meritorious Service for a continuous period of not less than 10 years
- » In this category Technical Service can be any or all of the three arms, Director of Referees, Director of Coaching, Director of Selecting.

#### REGIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE.

- » Meritorious Service for a continuous period of not less than 10 years.
- » In this category continued support of the objects of the Region are to be demonstrated.

### PROCEDURE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

- » Any member of the Region may recommend a person for nomination as a life member.
- » Nominations must be made on the prescribed nomination form (or similar template form), including the details of the nominating Member or Director in accordance with rule 7.3(a) of the NSWTA Regional Constitution, and submitted to the Regional Administrator where the nomination will be date received and registered.
- » The nomination is to be forwarded to the NSWTA General Manager 60 days prior to the AGM for NSWTA Board endorsement.

### CONSIDERATION

- » The Nomination will be considered against the criteria.

- » The nomination should be worthy of consideration and endorsed by the NSWTA Board.

- » Should the nominee not meet the criteria and/or does not possess the worthiness to be a Life Member they will not be endorsed by the Board of the NSWTA.

### RECOMMENDATION

- » The Regional Executive will consider the Nomination Committee.
- » Should the Regional Executive accept the recommendation and it has been endorsed by the NSWTA Board, the nominations shall then be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled Regional Annual General Meeting for consideration by the members.
- » Details of any approved candidate recommended to the members by the Regional Executive Board for life membership shall be distributed to the members for their information prior to the Annual General Meeting with appropriate comments from the Board included.
- » A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer life membership must be passed by Special Resolution. The vote on such resolution will be taken by secret ballot.
- » A 75% majority of voting members must approve the candidate for life membership.
- » Any new Life Member approved by the membership in general meeting in a particular year shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

### ENTITLEMENTS



Any entitlements as a Regional Life Member shall be as per the NSWTA Regional Constitution and NSWTA Policy as determined from time to time by the Board.

## REMOVAL

Where a Regional Life Member conducts him or herself in a manner which is deemed by the majority of the Board to be contrary to the interest of the Association and or the Region, the Board and or Regional Executive may proceed in terminating the Life Membership.

