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LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHARTER

Policies and Procedures

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Charter of the Baseball WA Life Membership (BWA LM)

The purpose of the BWA LM is to enrich our heritage by recognising individual members who have provided exceptional, loyal, and outstanding service and contribution to Western Australia Baseball over an extended period of time. Baseball has a long and rich history and has significantly contributed to the fabric of the State of Western Australia. Enshrining and honouring outstanding servants to baseball helps to preserve and promote our heritage to the sporting landscape and community of Western Australia.

Governance

1. The Baseball WA Heritage Committee (BWA HC) is the body responsible for managing all aspects of the BWA Life Membership under the authority and approval of the BWA Board.
2. The BWA HC has responsibility for the creation and maintenance of the:
 - Life Membership Charter
 - Policies, guidelines, and procedural documentation
 - BWA LM nomination, voting, communication and induction processes
 - Developing and maintaining award recognition protocols for inductees.
3. The BWA CEO will be responsible for managing and implementing all agreed actions as directed by the BWA HC relevant to BWA LM administration, with the support of the BWA HC as required.
4. BWA recognises the national significance and place of the Baseball Australia LM, and places importance on positioning WA's LM as a complementary State-based program underpinning the National LM scheme.
5. This Charter, policies, procedures and schedules will be reviewed and updated annually by the BWA HC.

Criteria for Nomination

Entities considering nominating a person for BWA LM, should ensure their respective candidate meets the following criteria:

1. The nominee must have demonstrated a significant, sustained, and lasting contribution to Western Australia baseball over a total of at least 15 years.
2. The nominee may be a staff member who undertakes voluntary service, above and beyond their paid service.
3. Nominees will be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements, and not in comparison to others.
4. The nominee must be seen to have contributed to the growth of baseball across the wider WA baseball community.
5. The nominee must have continually gone over and above what might be reasonably expected to benefit the game and the WA baseball community.
6. The nominee must have demonstrated an attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to WA baseball including good character and community spirit.
7. Life Membership may be awarded posthumously.

Nomination Guidelines

The following entities are eligible to nominate candidates:

1. Baseball WA Clubs
2. WA Baseball Umpires Association
3. WA Scorers and Statisticians Association
4. The Perth Heat
5. The BWA HC
6. Tee-Ball Association of WA

Each entity should carefully consider the *Criteria for Nomination* prior to preparing and making a submission.

1. Nominations must be submitted to the CEO in writing, on the *Official BWA LM Nomination Template* which is available on either the BWA website or on the link below:
https://www.baseballwa.com.au/uploads/1/2/7/2/127255926/baseball_wa_life_membership_form.pdf
2. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with required timelines and deadlines established by the BWA HC and published on the BWA website.
3. For nominations to be considered, the President/Chairperson of the nominating entity must be the Proposer on the *Official BWA LM Nomination Template* in order to authorise the respective nomination.
4. Nominations will be called from nominating entities each year at a time determined by the BWA HC and broadcast by the CEO.

Vetting and Validating

1. Once the deadline for submitting BWA LM nominations has expired, the CEO will pass all submissions on to the BWA HC.
2. The BWA HC shall review all submissions following due process outlined below:
 - a. Vet each submission to ensure they are accurately and properly completed and follow the required *Nomination Protocols*.
 - b. Assess the accuracy and detail of the supporting information provided about each nominee, ensuring that the submission suitably conveys and validates a case that supports the nominee's eligibility for BWA LM consideration.
 - c. If the BWA HC determines that more information or clarification about the accuracy of detail provided is required, the BWA HC can request that the CEO asks the nominating body to revise and resubmit their submission for further analysis within an allocated timeframe.
 - d. The BWA HC reserves the right to interview referees identified in nominee submissions.
 - e. If at any stage of the *Vetting and Validating* process, it is determined that the nominee does not meet eligibility for BWA LM nomination, the BWA HC will request the CEO to inform the nominating entity of this determination and that the nomination is rejected. The CEO will also provide information about future opportunities for nomination of the rejected nominee.
 - f. Nominees who have successfully passed the *Vetting and Validating* process will be recommended by the BWA HC as candidates to be included in a ballot for polling by the *BWA LM Voting Panel*.
 - g. The CEO will ensure all Nominees recommended by the BWA HC are in good standing with BWA, as determined by the BWA Board, before they are included in the official BWA LM ballot.

BWA LM Voting Panel and Procedures

The voting principles and panel, as defined below, are subject to change by authority of the BWA Board. In principle, individuals invited to sit on the BWA LM Voting Panel will be provided with a written agreement describing their roles and responsibilities in respect to confidentiality, voting requirements and other instructions. They will also be given a copy of this Charter which they will be required to read. Invitees will become voting panel members once they sign off and submit the agreement to abide by these terms and conditions.

1. The BWA LM Voting Panel will be recruited under the advisement of the BWA HC, maintained by the CEO and must have a minimum of 40 members at any one time.
2. For a poll to be valid, at least 80% of the panel must cast a vote.
3. Panel members who do not cast a vote, may be removed from the Voting Panel at the discretion of the Chairperson of the BWA HC.
4. A candidate must receive a “yes” vote from a minimum of 75% of the poll’s voting strength (total votes cast) to become a BWA LM.

The BWA LM Voting Panel consists of:

- All living BWA Life Members
- Current BWA Board Members
- The President from each registered BWA Club/Association competing in WA baseball.
- President of Tee-Ball Association of WA.
- The CEO of the Perth Heat.
- The President of the WA Baseball Umpires Association
- The President of WA Scorers and Statisticians Association

BWA LM Nominations Template

Baseball WA Life Membership Nomination Form

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