

Honours and Awards Policy

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1. Preamble

The Honours and Awards Committee (the Committee) appointed by the Board of Basketball ACT (BACT) assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to the appropriate recognition of local basketball stakeholders for their significant achievements, contributions and/or services to the sport.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

- To ensure recognition within the ACT basketball community of excellence in performance and outstanding contribution to basketball in the ACT by athletes, officials, administrators and supporters
- To manage, promote and administer a sense of fraternity amongst ACT representatives [at all levels] and to celebrate the achievements made by athletes, coaches, officials and administrators.
- To review and develop further policies and strategies for the recognition of contribution to basketball in the ACT.

2. Life Membership

2.1 Definition

Life Membership is the highest honour that can be awarded by BACT. As per clause 6.6 of the BACT Constitution:

‘Life Members are those persons recognised as Life Members of the Association at the time of adoption of this Constitution and those subsequently admitted as Life Members under Rule 11. Life Member memberships are not transferable.’

2.2 Eligibility and Criteria

As per clause 11.4.1 of the BACT Constitution:

‘An individual is eligible for admission as a Life Member on the basis that:

(a) they have made a significant contribution to the development of the Association or to the sport of basketball; for a period exceeding ten years.’

2.3 Nomination Process

As per clause 11.4.2 of the BACT Constitution:

‘A nomination for Life Membership made by a member of the Association or a Director must:

(a) be in writing in the form determined by the Honours and Awards Committee from time to time; and

(b) set out the reasons why, in the opinion of the nominator, the nominee should be considered for Life Membership.’

The Nominations Process will follow a determined timeline to provide adequate opportunity for nominations to be prepared and submitted, considered by the Committee for its recommendation to the Board, and included in the Annual General Meeting papers.

(a) The Committee will meet 2 weeks prior to the November Board meeting to determine the format of the Honours and Awards Nomination Form, and the method of promotion to the public. The Honours and Awards Nomination Form can be found in Appendix 1.

(b) Nominations will open following the November Board meeting.

(c) Nominations must be received 3 weeks prior to the January Basketball ACT Board meeting.

(d) The Committee will meet 2 weeks prior to the January Board meeting to consider the nominations received. The Committee will then provide a report of recommendations to the Basketball ACT Board for consideration at the January Board meeting.

2.4 Approval Process

The Board is the sole authority to determine, by unanimous decision, whether a nomination for Life Membership will be put forward for consideration by Full Members at an Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), as per the BACT Constitution. As per clause 11.5 of the BACT Constitution:

'Nominations for admission to Life Membership (including any nomination initiated by the Honours and Awards Committee) are to be considered by the Honours and Awards Committee at least annually.'

The Honours and Awards Committee shall recommend to the Directors any person that the committee believe are eligible for Life Membership and ought to be awarded Life Membership.

The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, and without the need to give reasons for doing so, determine whether to recommend to the next annual general meeting nominations for Life Membership.

A nominee is admitted to Life Membership if:

(a) the Directors recommend that the nominee be admitted to Life Membership; and

(b) the recommendation is approved by two-thirds of Full Members present at the annual general meeting at which the recommendation is considered.'

2.5 Entitlements

As per clause 11.6 of the BACT Constitution:

'A Life Member:

(a) is not to be counted in a quorum under Rule 8.1 (unless appointed as a Representative);

(b) has the right to remain a Life Member until they die, resign their Life Membership or have their membership terminated according to this constitution;

(c) has no requirement to pay fees to the Association for membership or registration;

(d) has free admission to all functions held by the Association;

- (e) is entitled to receive notice of general meetings;*
- (f) is entitled to attend and speak at general meetings; and*
- (g) is not entitled to vote at any general meeting (unless appointed as a Representative).'*

2.6 Recognition

Life Members recipients will be recognised at the next Basketball ACT Senior Presentation Event and/or other appropriate Basketball ACT event following the Annual General Meeting at which their Membership is awarded.

3. Outstanding Service Award

3.1 Definition

The Basketball ACT Outstanding Service Award is conferred to individuals that provide services to BACT, or it's Full Members, for a sustained and continued period, for example, a period of 5 or more years.

3.2 Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for nomination for an Outstanding Service Award, an individual must meet the following:

- (a) A minimum of five (5) years of sustained service to basketball in the ACT.
- (b) A proven record of making a substantial and positive impact on the local basketball community.
- (c) Commitment to the values of BACT, with no concern regarding personal integrity.
- (d) Evidence of innovative contributions and initiatives that have enhanced the sport at a local level.
- (e) Active involvement and engagement with the broader basketball community.

3.3 Nomination Process

The Nominations Process will follow a determined timeline to provide adequate opportunity for nominations to be prepared and submitted, considered by the Committee for its recommendation to the Board, and included in the Annual General Meeting papers.

- (a) The Committee will meet 2 weeks prior to the November Board meeting to determine the format of the Honours and Awards Nomination Form, and the method of promotion to the public. The Honours and Awards Nomination Form can be found in Appendix 1.
- (b) Nominations will open following the November Board meeting.

- (c) Nominations must be received 3 weeks prior to the January Basketball ACT Board meeting.
- (d) The Committee will meet 2 weeks prior to the January Board meeting to consider the nominations received. The Committee will then provide a report of recommendations to the Basketball ACT Board for consideration at the January Board meeting.

3.4 Approval Process

The Committee will assess nominees based on the established Eligibility Criteria listed in clause 3.2 of this Policy, and provide a report of recommendations to the Board.

The Board, by majority vote, will determine recognitions through Outstanding Service Awards recommended by the Committee.

3.5 Entitlements

Outstanding Service Award recipients will not be granted any special entitlements.

3.6 Recognition

Outstanding Service Award recipients will be recognised at the next Basketball ACT Senior Presentation Event following the Annual General Meeting at which their Membership is awarded.

4 Merit Award

4.1 Definition

The Basketball ACT Merit Award is presented to outstanding players, coaches, and officials who have achieved significant milestones by representing Australia in international competitions, competing in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) or National Basketball League (NBL), or officiating at international events. This award acknowledges and celebrates the exceptional contributions and achievements of individuals within the Australian basketball community.

4.2 Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Basketball ACT Merit Award, individuals must meet at least one of the following criteria for the year being considered:

- (a) National Representation: Players, coaches, or support staff who have represented Australia in FIBA affiliated international competitions, inclusive of underage pathway teams. To be eligible, an individual must be named in the final selected squad.
- (b) Professional League Participation: Players, coaches or officials who have participated in the WNBL or NBL.

(c) International Officiating: Referees and Technical Officials who have officiated at FIBA affiliated international basketball competitions.

4.3 Nomination Process

Prior to the Committee's November meeting, BACT management will advise the Committee of individuals who have met any of the Eligibility Criteria outlined in 4.2 for the year being considered.

4.4 Approval Process

At its November meeting, the Committee will verify each of the nominees and make a final determination on each recipient.

The Committee will advise the Board of its determination.

4.5 Entitlements

Merit Award recipients will not be granted any special entitlements.

4.6 Recognition

Merit Award recipients will be named at the Annual General Meeting following the year being considered, with a list published on the BACT website.



5 Appendix 1 – Honours and Awards Nomination Form

Nominee Details

Full Name:

Club/School:

Email:

Phone:

Nominator Details

Full Name:

Club/School:

Email:

Phone:

Seconder Details

Full Name:

Club/School:

Email:

Phone:

Honour/Award Nominee is to be considered for (please tick):

- ☐ Life Membership
- ☐ Outstanding Service Award
- ☐ Merit Award

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Yes ☐ No ☐