

## **EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

### **Policy**

The Equestrian Western Australia (EWA) Inc may confer life membership on a person under the EWA Constitution clause 7 in recognition of services rendered to the sport.

### **Principle**

The award of Life Membership is the highest honour Equestrian WA can bestow on an individual, and is awarded in recognition of those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the sport and the association during their membership.

This recognition is not necessarily awarded annually. It may be done on special or significant occasions.

### **Process for nominating and granting of Life Membership of EWA**

1. Nominations for Life Membership may be made at any time, and (those supported by the Board) are put at the next Annual General Meeting, the resolution must be passed by a Special Resolution taken by secret ballot. The nominator must complete the 'Equestrian Western Australia Life Membership Nomination Form' and provide written submissions addressing the Life Membership criteria.
2. The CEO must collate nominations and pass these to the Chair of the Board.
3. EWA members that have represented Australia as an athlete or official at the Olympics or World Equestrian Games will be automatically nominated for Life Membership in recognition of their achievement.
4. The Board must consider the nomination against the Life Membership criteria in light of the general principle. Each nomination must be considered on its merits. In considering the nomination, members of the Board 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. The Board may request additional information from the nominator if that would assist its deliberations.
5. The Board must decide whether or not to recommend the nominee be admitted to Life Membership and provide its recommendation at the next Board meeting immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Board may provide a statement of reasons for the decision and may address any other relevant aspects of the proposed Life Membership.
6. Following the Board's decision, endorsed nominees will be put forward to the EWA Members for formal voting at the Annual General Meeting.
7. The granting of a Life Membership of EWA and the recipient's services to the Sport should be publicised on the organisation's website and any other communication newsletters considered appropriate.
8. Recipients of Life Membership must be recorded in the EWA's official records.

## Criteria to be considered in granting Life Membership of EWA

### 1. Length of active involvement in the sport:

To have contributed to Equestrian activities in Western Australia to the degree necessary for Life Membership, a nominee will almost necessarily have been involved for a significant time. While there is no 'minimum' period of membership, a period of at least ten years' active service (not necessarily concurrent) is an indicator of a long-term commitment.

### 2. Positions held and length of time:

The nominee should be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to the sport over a majority of those years of involvement. This may include:

- (a) significant contributions while holding positions at a club or on a Committee (bearing in mind that membership of such committees does not of its own mean a person has made significant contributions);
- (b) making significant contributions in the sport either at the state or national roles;
- (c) participating to a much greater extent than the average member as a regular, consistent and reliable volunteer in the sport; and
- (d) competing with distinction at a National or International level.
- (e) uphold and demonstrate the values of Equestrian WA

Multiple active roles benefitting a large number of people in equestrian sport over a long period of time are the most obvious indicators of outstanding service to the sport, deserving of Life Membership.

## Removal

Where an Equestrian WA 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.

## Version Control

Version	Date	Revised by	Comments
1.0	October 2018	EWA Board	Policy Adopted
2.0	June 2022	Z. Acott	Policy Updated

## **EQUESTRIAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM**

Further to the EWA Life membership Policy, please complete the following nomination form as support documentation for your nomination for Life Membership of Equestrian WA. The award of Life Membership is the highest honour Equestrian WA can bestow on an individual, and is awarded in recognition of those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the sport and the association during their membership.

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This form must be returned to Equestrian CEO by the end of February.

### **NOMINEE DETAILS:**

<b>Name of Life Member Nominee</b>	
<b>Number of Years as a member of EWA</b>	

### **NOMINATOR DETAILS:**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Membership Number:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

### **SELECTION CRITERIA ASSESSMENT:**

Please refer to the Equestrian WA Life Membership Policy (above) for full details on the criteria and nomination process.

Each nomination for Life Membership of Equestrian WA will be considered on its individual merits.

All criteria listed on page four (4) must be addressed satisfactorily.

### **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

PLEASE RETURN TO: CEO, Equestrian WA, via one of the following methods.

IN PERSON: Equestrian WA, State Equestrian Centre, 303 Cathedral Avenue, Brigadoon WA 6069

MAIL: Equestrian WA, 303 Cathedral Avenue, Brigadoon WA 6069

ELECTRONIC: via email to [ceo@equestrianwa.org.au](mailto:ceo@equestrianwa.org.au)

Receipt will be provided within 48 hours of receiving the nomination. If you have not received a confirmation, please contact Equestrian WA on 08 9296 1200

**SELECTION CRITERIA EVIDENCE:**

<p><b>Provide evidence of long-term association with the activities of Equestrian in WA</b></p>	
<p><b>Provide evidence of significant contributions while holding positions at a Club or on a committee</b></p>	
<p><b>Provide evidence of making significant contributions in the sport either at the state or national roles</b></p>	
<p><b>Provide evidence of participating to a much greater extent than the average member as a regular, consistent and reliable volunteer in the sport</b></p>	
<p><b>Provide evidence of competing with distinction at a National or International level</b></p>	
<p><b>Provide evidence of upholding and demonstration of the Equestrian WA values</b></p>	