



North Harbour Hockey Association

Life Membership Criteria

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is the greatest honour bestowed to an individual and normally the recipient would have been awarded a Life Membership by their Club before they are considered at a regional level.

This award is received in acknowledgement for the exceptional contribution given to North Harbour Hockey Association (NHHA) by an individual who has positively and significantly influenced the organisation and advanced the game, leaving a mark that inspires others.

Life membership is a privilege and an honour and should not be diminished by having too many people unnecessarily in this category.

ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to any individual who has been exceptional in providing their services, commitment, leadership, governance, and administration support.

The nominee can be a player, coach, manager, administrator, volunteer or an individual who has given significant service (minimum 15 years) to the Association.

Any past or present member of NHHA may be nominated for Life Membership.

CRITERIA

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual will have demonstrated:

1. Exceptional service rendered to the NHHA and the game.
2. Significant sustained and high-quality service that has enhanced the reputation and future of the NHHA, therefore, leaving a noteworthy legacy.
3. A long period of well-documented and commendable service. These prestigious honours are not awarded lightly nor earned as of right.
4. Nominees must have, during their time, advanced or improved the game of hockey significantly, such that their contribution is widely recognised as outstanding at a regional level.
5. Notwithstanding all the above, the following will be deemed essential attributes for this level of membership:
 - i. Active contributions to the wider hockey community in various roles.
 - ii. Providing significant contributions and distinguished service (including contributions in a leadership or governance role) to NHHA, in a regional capacity, and the wider hockey community. Consideration of service solely as a player will be deemed insufficient unless supplemented by significant contributions in other areas.
6. The contributions made by the nominee matched or exceeds that of the existing Life Members.
7. Ideally, the nominee will have been awarded a Life Membership by their Club before they are considered at a regional level.

Note: This is not an Annual Award

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the award may be submitted by any member of the hockey community, including coaches, players, officials, and administrators on or by 1 March each year via online registration – [insert link here](#).

This formal nomination must be supported by at least two current and financial Club or Committee Members.

AWARD SELECTION PANEL

The nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee, who will consist of a facilitator from NHHA office, and the Board of NHHA who will evaluate the nominees suitability based on the criteria listed above.

Any nomination will be considered by the Board, and the granting of the Award will be at the sole discretion of the Board. That person's nomination has to be unanimously approved by the Board before being confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

CONDITIONS

Appointment must be made in line with the Constitution. This currently requires the approval of the NHHA Board and can only be passed by Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

A Life Member will retain that position for life, unless their appointment is revoked on the ground that the Life Member has brought, or that their continued Life Membership will or is reasonably likely to bring, NHHA into serious disrepute.

Retraction of a Life Membership Award may occur where the recipient has conducted themselves in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of the NHHA generally or on a specific code. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances and will require the unanimous agreement of the Board to be enacted. As part of the deliberations, the Life Member in question is to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Life Membership status.