



Policy and Procedures: Awards

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1. These general guidelines will assist the committee in awarding Life Membership to deserving individuals. Each nomination will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
2. This award exists to recognise the valuable contribution of individuals to the past, current and future existence of ENA.
4. There will be no limit on awarding Life Memberships each year. Choosing zero recipients, or many, is at the Committee's discretion.
5. In considering the award of Life Membership, the individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high-quality service to the Association. Criteria for consideration may include:
 - Individual's attitude and dedication to the Association
 - Commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship
 - Promotion of the Association positively in the wider community
 - Length of service (10 years is a guide but is not limited to)
 - Active involvement within the Association not only as a player or umpire, but as a volunteer within the Committee or as a Coach
6. Benefits of Life Memberships shall include:
 - Presentation of award at the Association Presentation
 - Exemption of fees associated with the Association (no exemption for player costs)
 - Invitation to all Association events
7. The process for assessing a Life Membership nomination is as follows:
 - Nominations should be presented to the Committee prior to the end of the fixtured season
 - Nominations should include the name of the nominee, name of nominator and the reason for nomination
 - The Committee (or delegates from) will discuss all nominations and vote on acceptance
8. Retraction of Life Membership may occur in extreme circumstances where the activities of the recipient directly affect the image or activities of the Association in an adverse manner. The Life Member will be given an opportunity to present their case for retention to the Committee who will then discuss and vote on the outcome.

SEASON AWARDS

Season MVP and Runner-Up MVP

1. These awards are presented to the most valuable players for the season from the Primary School and High School Competitions (all divisions).
2. The umpires award valuable player votes (3, 2 and 1) at the end of each game in the normal fixtured season to the players they feel showed the highest level of skill and/or sportsmanship in that game.
3. Votes are counted by an independent committee member at the conclusion of the season and the highest vote scorer receives the MVP award, and the second highest receives the Runner-Up MVP award.
4. In the event of a tie, both/all players receive equal recognition.

Volunteer of the Year

1. This award will be determined by a nomination and voting process.
2. All members will be invited to nominate a person whom they believe to be a worthy recipient. The nomination must include the nominators name, the nominees name, the team the nominee is associated with and the reasons for their nomination.
3. Nominations are to be emailed to the Association by the advertised date, to be voted on by the Executive Committee.
4. The decision of the Executive Committee will be final, and the recipient will be announced at the Grand Final Presentations.

GRAND FINAL AWARDS

Grand Final Winners and Runners-Up

1. All teams who play in a Grand Final will be recognised with an award.
 - Grand Final Winners receive an individual medal, and the team is presented with a perpetual trophy (To be kept in the Eaton Boomers Clubrooms once the plaque has been engraved).
 - Grand Final Runners-Up receive an individual medal.
2. Grand Final MVPs are determined by umpire votes at the conclusion of the Grand Final game.
 - Grand Final MVPs receive an individual trophy.

Umpires

1. It is a privilege to be selected as a Grand Final Umpire and so to recognise this, the game umpires will be announced and presented with a small gift as part of the Grand Final Presentations.
2. Umpire of the Year is selected by the Association Umpire Development Officer and all junior and senior umpires are in the running for this award. The criteria can include, but is not limited to:
 - The achievements of the umpire in that year (accreditation, learning)
 - Performance as an umpire during the fixtured season and at carnivals
 - Ability to accept feedback and continue to work on improvement
 - Mentoring and support of fellow umpires