

# WkTTA Life Membership Guidelines

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## **GENERAL**

Life membership is a prestigious recognition given to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Association, often over many years. The specific criteria for awarding life membership includes a significant and distinguished service or outstanding contribution to WkTTA's well-being and/or TTNZ.

Life Membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others.

While it is inevitable comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should be avoided. Granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise.

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARD OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

WkTTA will limit the number of inductions to a maximum of two per annum. Such a limit will not however result in the automatic granting of two Life Memberships per year.

There should be no more than six living Life Members at one time.

The process for awarding honorary life membership shall be:

1. The Committee shall call for nominations from the membership or respond to a nomination brought to a committee meeting.
2. Any nomination shall include a Proposer and Secunder from the membership, and the Proposer must submit (to the Secretary) a completed Proposal Form indicating how the proposed Life Member fulfils the criteria established for the award.
3. The Proposer and the Secunder must both be fully paid up members of the Association.
4. A person cannot be proposed or seconded by an immediate family member or work colleague.
5. In the event that the nominee is serving on the committee at the time of nomination, that person must be removed from any voting in respect of the nomination.
6. The committee may convene an awards sub-committee for the purpose of making a recommendation to the full committee.
7. The full committee shall vote on the proposal with a two-thirds majority being required to formalise the nomination.
8. The President shall advise the nominee(s) of the result and request confidentiality until the Annual General Meeting, at which time the award is formally acknowledged.
9. Nominations that are not successful can be resubmitted for consideration in the future
10. The symbol of this award shall be a badge (or such object as may be determined from time to time), identification on the website and an entry on the Honours Board.

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## CRITERIA

Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominee's strengths against the various criteria will vary.

Consideration solely as a player will be deemed insufficient, unless supplemented by significant contribution in other areas.

Intermittent contribution by a nominee over several periods of time will be taken into account.

To assist with the nomination, some or all of the following criteria should be considered.

- **Long-term Membership:**

Nominees are typically required to have been a member of WkTTA for a substantial period, typically 15 years or more.

- **Organisation Management:**

In which the nominee has made a significant contribution to the management of WkTTA and/or TTNZ over an extensive period in an administrative capacity.

- **Significant Contributions to success of WkTTA:**

The nominee's actions should demonstrate a significant and lasting contribution to the sporting success of WkTTA or table tennis in general, whether through individual or team contributions.

- **Significant Contributions as an Official or Delegate:**

In which the nominee has made a significant contribution to the organization of WkTTA as an official or delegate or of a member club over an extensive period.

- **Significant Contributions as Coach:**

In which the nominee has made a significant contribution to the sport as a coach.

- **Renown as a Member:**

Recognition of the nominee's reputation or skill within WkTTA, a member club or TTNZ.

- **Alignment with Organization's Principles:**

That the nominee's actions have always aligned to WkTTA's values and principles and has not brought WkTTA into disrepute with others.