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## Life Membership (FROM WA LTD CONSTITUTION)

- 15.1 Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by WA Ltd for longstanding and valued service to the sport of Wrestling and Associated Styles in Australia.
- 15.2 Any Member of WA Ltd may forward a proposed nomination to the Directors of WA Ltd for its consideration for Life Membership.
- 15.3 On the nomination of the Directors, any individual may be elected as a Life Member at any AGM by Special Resolution.
- 15.4 Nominations for Life Membership shall include a written report outlining the history of service of the nominee, together with comments on the suitability of the honour.
- 15.5 The WA Ltd policy of Life Membership will set out:
  - a) the categories of Life Membership which exist;
  - b) the criteria to be met by each category of Life Member; and
  - c) the privileges and benefits of each category of Life Member which shall include the right to receive notice and attend, but not the right to vote at, General Meetings.
- 15.6 A person may be posthumously recognised as a Life Member.



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## **Protocol and Process Guide for Nominations of the Award of: Life Memberships of Wrestling Australia**

### **Life Membership**

The sole and primary objectives for awarding a Wrestling Australia Life Membership is;

*“To publicly recognise and honour the outstanding dedications, loyalty, service and/or contribution that an individual has made over a period of time or as a result of as significant milestone and/or achievement to Wrestling in Australia”.*

### **Life Memberships Categories**

It is recognised that many individuals give countless hours of their time, unquestionable loyalty and a dedicated service to Wrestling in Australia in a number of different roles. Wrestling Australia acknowledges that without these dedicated people, the sport of Wrestling cannot and could not prosper and would not have provided these basic enjoyments to the community and Australia.

In recognition of these dedicated people, Wrestling Australia has created two categories of Life Membership-

- a Gold Life Membership, and
- a Silver Life Membership

to ensure that all appropriate servants of Wrestling are included, recognised, and honoured in the most respectful manner.

### **Nomination**

All nominations must be made on the Wrestling Australia approved form- included with this guide. All relevant sections must be completed and no other form or nominations shall be acceptable.

### Process for nomination

- The Membership Nomination Form must be submitted by the person making the nomination.
- The nomination must include a detailed history of the Service that the nominated person has made to Wrestling according to the appropriate category listed above, and the actual and detailed contribution and specific accomplishments achieved by the individual.
- The completed form must be received by the Wrestling Australia Board no later than 30 days prior to the date of the AGM.
- The individual’s nomination must be endorsed by at least two thirds of those representatives entitled to vote at the relevant AGM.
- There is no limit to the number of times an individual may be nominated.



### Benefits of Gold Life Membership

- Free membership to Wrestling Australia
- Free entry to Wrestling Australia events
- Acknowledgement on the Wrestling Australia website as a Gold Life Member

### Benefits of Silver Life Membership

- Free membership to Wrestling Australia
- Acknowledgement on the Wrestling Australia website as a Silver Life Member

### **Nomination Criteria- Guide to Gold Life Membership**

Gold Life Memberships may be recommended for any outstanding contribution to Wrestling in Australia. The following do not attempt to be exhaustive guidelines, but rather to ensure the intent of the Award is to honour the individual's contribution to Wrestling in any of the Gold Life memberships Categories.

The scope of the types of contributions that could be awarded, are as follows:

- The nominee has made a direct, recognised, and significant contribution to the success of the sport of Wrestling beyond that to an individual club in anyone, some, or all of the following elements:
- Leadership, Status, positive and community impact, Management, Strategic Direction, Governance, Professionalism, Operation of Wrestling over a period of at least 10 years
- The nominee has made a direct, recognised, and significant contribution to the sporting success of Wrestling over a period of 10 years.
- The nominee has made a direct, recognised, and significant contribution to the success of Wrestling, as an official, committee person, delegate, or volunteer of a member's club over a period of 10 years.

### **Nomination Criteria- Guide to Silver Life Membership**

Silver Life Membership may be recommended for any highly meritorious contribution to Wrestling in Australia that is deserving of recognition. The following do not attempt to be exhaustive guidelines but rather to ensure the intent of the Award is to honour the individual's contribution to Wrestling.

The scope to the types of contributions that could be awarded, are as follows:

- The nominee has made a direct, recognised, and significant contribution to the success of the sport of Wrestling beyond that to an individual club in anyone, some, or all of the following elements:
- Leadership, Status, positive and community impact, Management, Strategic Direction, Governance, Professionalism, Operation of Wrestling over a period of at least 5 years



- The nominee has made a direct, recognised, and significant contribution to the sporting success of Wrestling over a period of 5 years.
- The nominee has made a direct, recognised, and significant contribution to the success of Wrestling, as an official, committee person, delegate, or volunteer of a member's club over a period of 5 years.

#### NOTE

Silver Life Members can transition to or be upgraded and afforded Gold Life Membership if that Category of Gold Life Membership is satisfied and meets qualifying Criteria.

#### **Forfeiture of Life Membership**

Life Membership may be forfeited by a WAI Board resolution upon failure or serious breach by a life member in any Category.

A Board decision to remove life memberships may be appealed by calling a Special General Meeting as per the Wrestling Australia Constitution.



Gold or Silver Membership Nomination Form

I..... wishes to nominate:

Nominee Name:.....

Nominee Club/Association.....

for ( ) Gold or ( ) Silver Life Memberships of Wrestling Australia at the AGM.

Signature:.....

Date: .....

To help in considering the nomination, please detail why the nominee should receive Life Membership based on the Criteria outlines in this document.

Received by: .....

Date:

