

ESSENDON BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

By Law No. 3 (Life Member and Hall of Fame Criteria)

To be read in conjunction with the Club's Rules

Life Member

Criteria

- (1) To be eligible for Life Membership a member shall have given the Club a minimum ten (10) years' service in one or more of the following areas:
 - (a) Office bearer;
 - (b) Coaching position;
 - (c) Committee of Management; and
 - (d) Club representative of the Club
 - (e) Players
- (2) Service shall be defined as on-field and off-field or may just relate to off-field. ie: committee or worker. On-field service alone does not automatically qualify as to the interpretation of meaning of service to the club. Attendances and involvement in Club activities and support for fundraising should also be taken into account.
- (3) There is no limit to the number of Life Members who can be inducted each year, provided that they meet qualifying criteria.
- (4) Life Membership nominations must be lodged with the Secretary prior to 31 December in each year.
 - (a) A duly elected panel shall research the nominated member(s) eligibility with regard to the above criteria.
 - (b) The panel shall make its decision known to the President, allowing the President sufficient time to organise the presentation of the Life Membership at the Club's Annual Presentation Night.
- (5) Life members are to be presented with a badge and certificate or plaque.
- (6) Life Membership allows the member free admission to one Club function per year.
- (7) A Life Member will be relieved of the payment of Club fees. If the Life Member is still an active player, they will be liable to pay the fee required to be a registered player with the State & National Body.

Hall of Fame

The Essendon Baseball Club Hall of Fame seeks to recognise and enshrine Players and Club Officials who have made a significant contribution to the Club since inception in 1893.

A Standing Committee is established by the Club's administration:

- (a) To make recommendations for inclusion to the Hall of Fame (for the category of Player or Club Officials) on a biannual basis, with reference to the bank of previously recommended nominees.
- (b) To accept and consider any additional candidates nominated by members which must be submitted using the prescribed form.
- (c) These additional nominations, if deemed suitable, are added to the standing bank of nominations.
- (d) All nominees contained in the 'bank of nominees' will have equal initial weight in the biannual selection process, regardless of when they were added to the bank.
- (e) To ensure a transparent and accessible process is established to enable the nomination of candidates for inclusion to the Hall of Fame by members.
- (f) To consider membership of the Standing Committee as the need arises.

Basis for Discretion

A core underpinning of the Hall of Fame concept, is that selection criteria is framed and applied to enable the inclusion rather than the exclusion of past and current members of the Essendon Baseball Club Community. Given the vagaries of competition structures over the years, the Standing Committee will therefore have an element of discretion (sparingly used) in the application of the Selection Criteria, to ensure that demonstrably suitable candidates are not excluded from the opportunity to be considered for recognition by the Essendon Baseball Club community as champions of their club.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria is a sequence of minimum achievements that ideally have been attained by inductees to achieve the status of "Hall of Fame" recognition.

PLAYERS

- (a) Nominees must have played for a minimum of ten (10) Years in the Essendon Baseball Club's Seniors.
- (b) Whilst playing for Essendon Baseball Club, the nominee must have been selected (as player or coach) in an elite level of competition such as the:
National Baseball League, Claxton Shield or Senior Victorian or Senior Australian representative side.
- (c) A player may only be eligible to be inducted as a Hall of Fame member once they have been retired from playing at the elite level for more than five (5) years.
- (d) Other considerations for induction include a candidate's individual record (i.e. Club Champion), ability, integrity, sportsmanship and character and contribution to the Club.

OFFICIALS

- (a) Officials incorporate those who are Club officials, be it Committee members, Coaches, umpires, team officials, club personnel, or similar positions
- (b) The voting committee for this group of Hall of Fame members shall comprise of all duly elected Essendon Baseball Club Committee Members
- (c) Voting is to happen Bi-Annually or as decreed by a majority of Committee members at a properly constituted Club committee meeting.
- (d) The Committee shall consider all candidates and voting shall be based upon the individual's record, ability, integrity, longevity, character and or contribution to the Essendon Baseball Club.
- (e) To be eligible for election a member must have 15 years service or greater in a position or combination of positions listed in point (a)
- (f) Member nominees for this category can be active current or past members of the club.