



Gymnastics Australia

BY-LAW 2

AWARDS

This By-law is made by the Gymnastics Australia (GA) Board under Clause 22 of the GA Constitution. It is binding on GA and all members of GA.

Approved by the GA Board on 29 April 2007

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this by-law is to enable Gymnastics Australia (GA) to acknowledge and recognise athletes, coaches and officials who have excelled in international competition or provided significant and meritorious service to gymnastics in Australia.

2. LIFE MEMBER

2.1 GA may elect to Life Membership at any AGM on a Special resolution a person who has provided GA with distinguished and meritorious service for not fewer than 12 consecutive years or 15 years of broken service of no more than two breaks, at a national level. Service to GA may be as an athlete, coach, official or administrator.

2.2 Nomination and Selection Process

Nominations for Life membership shall only be made by an Association Member, a Director of GA or the Board of GA.

2.3 Nominations for Life Membership shall be submitted in writing to the GA Board Awards Committee which will review the nomination and submit to the Board for recommendation to the Association Members. The Board will then advise Association Members of its recommendation no later than 21 days prior to the date of the AGM. The recommendation shall include:

- (a) a statement as to the nominee's eligibility and suitability
- (b) a short report outlining the history of the services rendered to GA by the nominee of no more than 750 words.

2.4 If the GA Board rejects the nomination it shall provide the nominator with its reasons in writing.

2.5 If an Association Member wishes to provide comment regarding a nomination, it must do so within 7 days of receiving the notice of the proposed Life Member by notifying the GA Board Awards Committee in writing.

2.6 Benefits

In addition to the entitlements set out in clause 5.10 (e) of the GA constitution, Life Membership of GA entitles the member to the following privileges:

- (a) Attendance at the AGM of GA
- (b) A GA badge (as struck from time to time) with the addition of the words "Life Member"; and
- (c) To receive invitations to major events (airfares and accommodation not included).

3. HALL OF FAME

3.1 The Hall of Fame Award is established to enable GA to recognise any athlete or coach who is determined to have achieved “legend” status in the sport of gymnastics. Hall of Fame Award is not a recognition of service or longevity.

3.2 Structure of Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Award shall recognise athletes and coaches and the GA Board will determine the selection criteria for each from time to time.

3.3 The Hall of Fame Award shall be made on the recommendation of the Awards Committee.

3.4 The Hall of Fame Award is the ultimate award and only one recipient under each division may be inducted in each calendar year. In exceptional circumstances, the GA Board may approve more than one Legend Award for a division in a year.

3.5 Eligibility Guidelines

3.5.1 Athlete who has or is

(a) Won an individual medal at an Olympic Games or World Championship, where he/she was selected by GA as an official Australian representative,

or

(b) Won five (5) gold medals consisting of individual and/or apparatus at any Commonwealth Games,

or

(c) Recognised by the gymnastics community as a “legend” for their significant contribution to the sport or outstanding international sporting achievements spanning a period of time,

and

(d) Included on the Athlete Roll of Honour.

3.5.2 Coach

(a) Demonstrated a high level of international success at World Championships and Olympics,

or

(b) Ten (10) years outstanding service towards developing and improving Australia’s international ranking.

3.6 Selection

3.6.1 Association Members or a Director of GA or the GA Board shall nominate to the GA Awards Committee which shall make recommendations to the GA Board as to any athlete and/or coach, or more than one of each, to be inducted into Hall of Fame.

3.6.2 GA shall decide in its absolute discretion as to whether any person will be inducted in any year.

- 3.6.3 Induction will take place at a time and in a manner determined by GA, which may include invitation to an event/dinner/ceremony including airfares and overnight accommodation paid for by GA on one occasion only for each inductee.

The inductee shall be presented with a framed citation, which sets out his/her contributions to and achievements in the sport.

4. ATHLETE ROLL OF HONOUR

The Roll of Honour recognises outstanding performance by Australian Athletes.

4.1 Selection Criteria

Athletes who meet the criteria outlined below for each Gymsport shall be recognised on the Roll of Honour.

4.1.1 Men and Women's Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics

(a) The criteria for selection for the period prior to the introduction of the Australian Institute of Sport (that is, 1982) are:

- i Australian representation at two World Championships
- or
- ii Australian representation at one Olympic Games.
- or
- iii Winner of an apparatus or individual medal at a Commonwealth Games or World Championship.

(b) The criteria for selection for the period from 1982 to the 1992 Olympic Games are:

- i Australian representation at two World Championships.
- or
- ii Australian representation at 2 Olympic Games.
- or
- iii Winner of an individual medal at a Commonwealth Games, or an individual or apparatus medal at any World Championship.

(c) The criteria for selection for the period from 1992 and onwards are:

- i Winner of an individual or team medal at Olympic Games or World Championship.
- or
- ii Australian representation at 2 Olympic Games
- or
- iii Australian representation at 5 World Championships
- or
- iv Winner of an all around Gold Medal or three individual medals at Commonwealth Games or at any major international events.
- or

- v Distinguished contribution to Australian Gymnastics at an international level for 8 or more years.

4.1.2 Trampoline Sports Criteria

The criteria for selection for Trampoline Sports are:

- (a) Represent Australia in 5 World Championships
or
- (b) Finalist in 3 World Championships (Individual event)
or
- (c) Finalist in 3 World Championships (Team event)
or
- (d) Medallist in an individual or pairs event in a World Championships,
or
- (e) Finalist in the Olympic Games (Individual Event)
or
- (f) Gold medallist in an individual or pairs event in any major international event (e.g. World cup)

4.1.3 Aerobic Gymnastics

The criteria for selection for Aerobic Gymnastics are:

- (a) Representation in a minimum of three FIG World Championships
or
- (b) A top three placing at an FIG World Championships, FIG World Cup or IAF World Cup Event.

4.1.4 Acrobatic Gymnastics

The criteria for selection for Sports Acrobatics are:

- (a) Representation at a minimum of three FIG World Championships
or
- (b) A top three placing at a FIG World Championships or World Cup Event.

4.2 Benefits

The Athletes who gain Roll of Honour status will be awarded a framed picture certificate and will be recognised in the GA Annual report.

5. ATHLETE AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Athlete Award of Distinction pins will be awarded to athletes who attend Olympic Games or Senior World Championships and/ or Commonwealth Games events. Athletes will be awarded a recognition pin and certificate.

6. MERIT AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

6.1 Award of Merit

The GA Board may in its absolute discretion present an Award of merit to any person who has demonstrated positive and meritorious service to GA at national level for not fewer than five years.

6.2 Special Recognition Awards

Special Recognition Awards may be given by the GA Board to a person who has given positive service to GA in a nominated area. A nominee should have undertaken a project and/or a major task on behalf of GA which has resulted in a positive contribution to the sport.

6.3 Nomination and Selection Process

A person may be nominated for an Award of Merit or Special Recognition Award by an Association Member, Technical Member, GA Board or a GA Director. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the GA Board.

6.4 The Awards Committee shall consider all nominations received and shall recommend to the GA Board that it make the Award or not and shall provide to the GA Board.

- (a) A statement of the nominee's eligibility and suitability
- (b) A short report outlining the history of the services rendered to GA by the nominee of not more than 750 words.

In event that GA Board decides not to approve the nomination, the Directors shall provide reasons for their decision to the nominator.

6.5 Benefits

The GA Board will decide at its discretion the nature of the recognition bestowed, which may include one or more of:

- (a) Listing in the GA Annual Report
- (b) A badge
- (c) A medallion
- (d) A certificate

7. NOMINATION PROCESS & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

7.1 The CEO will call for nominations prior to the end of each calendar year.

7.2 Nominations shall be sent to GA by 31st March of the following year for consideration by the Awards Committee;

7.3 Awards will be presented at such time and at such place as is determined by the GA Board.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

No member of the Board of GA, the Awards Committee, or GA staff shall divulge or disclose the results or and other particulars of any selection process at any time.

9. AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee referred to herein is appointed by the GA Board pursuant to Awards committee By-law under the Constitution, which will assess the eligibility of nominations for awards and make recommendations to the Board.

The Awards Committee shall at all times act in accordance with, and subject to the terms of this By-law, unless expressly authorised otherwise by the GA Board.

10. CHANGES TO THE BY-LAW

Amendments to By-law will be made pursuant to Clause 22.1 of the GA Constitution.



GYMNASTICS AUSTRALIA
AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Award nominating for: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Major Achievements relevant to the nominated award criteria (*please attach further information as necessary*):

Gymnastic History:

Competitor: _____

Technical Official: _____

Administrator: _____

Nominator:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE NOTE:

- Nominations are to be made in accordance with GA By-Law 2 (Awards) of the Constitution.
- Nominations must be signed by the Nominator.

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