



WDGA By Laws Overview

These By-Laws sit under the WDGA Constitution. If there is any ambiguity with the By-Laws the Constitution takes precedence.

Changing the Constitution requires the approval of members, whereas the WDGA Executive has the authority to change By Laws at any time.

By Law 001 Membership - Life Member Relating to Constitution Section 14

1. Life Members

Any member of a member club or committee member of the association that has rendered outstanding service to the association may be elected as a life member of the association.

[See By-Law 002 for Eligibility Criteria]

- i. The distinction shall be conferred only at an Annual General or Special General Meeting.
- ii. The distinction shall carry with the right to attend and speak at all general meetings of the association, but not to vote unless otherwise qualified.
- iii. Full playing rights and access to all district events without fee, other than club team events unless otherwise qualified.

By Law 002 Life Member Eligibility Relating to constitution Section 14

1) Introduction

This By-Law has been prepared to assist members of the Executive, nominees and referees concerning the nomination and consideration processes for Life Membership of Western District Golf Association. (The district)

Any individual member who has rendered distinguished and exceptional service to the District may be nominated for this membership class.

2) Life Membership

Life Membership is the highest award available to recognize the distinguished and exceptional contribution of individuals to the district. It is therefore only to be awarded for this level of contribution. This document also sets out the procedures and policies which are applied by the board in their consideration of Life Membership nominations. Importantly, such consideration includes the board's endorsement (or otherwise), of a nomination put forward for Life Membership of the district. In this regard the board wishes to make it clear that when they endorse a nomination for Life Membership, they are providing to the members a confirmation that such nomination in their majority opinion meets the standard of "distinguished and exceptional service" set down. Under no circumstances should such endorsement be seen as a recommendation by the board to members to vote in a particular way.

3) Nomination for Life Membership

- o Any full member club may propose or second a nomination for election of a Life Member.
- o The Nomination (accompanied by any relevant documentation) must be lodged with the district secretary no later than two (2) calendar months before the date of notification of an Annual or Special General Meeting.
- o Such a nomination must be reported to the next meeting of the Executive which will resolve by majority whether or not to endorse the nomination

- Should the board decide to endorse the nomination, the Secretary will forward the nomination details to the district clubs a minimum of 21 days before the ensuing General Meeting at which it will be submitted for voting by members.
- For the nomination to be passed at least 75% of those members entitled to vote and who are present at the General Meeting, must vote in favour of the granting of Life Membership to a nominee.

4) Consideration Guidelines

- The length of membership where the distinguished and exceptional service has occurred should be at least 10 years.
- The general attitude and overall demeanour of the nominee shows a dedication to the core values of the district set down in the Strategic plan
- The Nominee has a commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship.
- The Nominee will have provided valued leadership and/or been an outstanding role model to the Members in general.
- The nominee's service must reflect favourably on and have brought credit to the district.
- The nominee's member club must be a current financial member of the district.

5) Specific Criteria:

To include two or more of:

- Playing
- Managing
- Administration
- General Contribution
- Other special achievements for the district which maybe either on or off the course or both.

6) Benefits of Life Membership:

- Award of the life membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- Exemption from district tournament playing fees.
- A personal invitation to any special event organized by the district.
- Listing on the district's website and/or honour board.
- Status of being a member of a select and honoured group within the district.
- Ability to include award recognition on a Curriculum Vitae.

7) The Application:

The Life Membership application must address the above criteria in points 4 & 5 above, including:

- A proposer and seconder from two differing district member clubs.
- The President and Secretary of the nominating and seconding member club must sign the application.
- The President and Secretary of the district may also nominate an individual for life membership.

- 1) Adoption of the Golf Australia Member Protection Policy (4th December 2018) Adopted July 2020. By WDGA. (Executive Minutes)

Constitution:-

The Committee of the Western District Golf Association has adopted and will abide by the Golf Australia Member Protection Policy (GA – MPP). The adoption of this policy for matters relating to the MPP is an adjunct to sections 19 to 24 of the constitution.

- a. The GA – MPP covers the following policies and procedures, is an appendix to these By-Laws and is found on the Policies page of the WDGA Website
 - i. Child Protection Commitment
 - ii. Codes of Conduct
 - iii. Member Welfare Matters
 - iv. Complaints Procedure

By Law 004 Golf Australia Players Code of Conduct Policy

Relating to Board Decision on July 3rd 2020

Dated: July 3rd

- 2) Adoption of the Golf Australia Player Code of Conduct
The Western District Golf Association has adopted and will abide by the Golf Australia Player Code of Conduct. The adoption of this policy for matters relating to the Player Code of Conduct ***does not*** supersede 19 to 24 of the constitution and therefore these clauses apply to matters relating to the player code of conduct. The GA – Player Code of Conduct, is an appendix to these By-Laws and is found on the Policies page of the WDGA Website.

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