

Introduction

The Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Constitution provides for the nomination of members to receive a Lifetime Membership. The Constitution states that:

*Life Members: Life Membership may be conferred on those members who are considered by virtue of (**long and/or**) outstanding service to the Club, to be deserving of such recognition, as recommended by the Executive Committee and subject to approval of a three-fourths majority of the members present and eligible to vote at a General Meeting (**In considering all nominations the Executive Committee shall be guided by the Life Membership Policy**). Life Members shall have full membership privileges and be exempt from payment of membership fees.*

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide the Executive Committee in terms of the requirements for lifetime membership and for the members in terms of submitting nominations.

Limitation on Number of Awards

There shall be only one Lifetime Membership awarded each calendar year.

Eligibility

To qualify for a Lifetime Membership a member must have:

- Been a full member of the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club for a minimum of 10 years;
- Participated in a variety of committees at the executive level;
- Participated in the management of club or BSI tournaments;
- Provided services to BSI, Bowls BC, or Bowls Canada tournaments or championships and or acted as a coach/mentor to new and/or experienced lawn bowlers;
- Displayed outstanding service to the Club and to the sport of lawn bowling; and
- Demonstrated a high level of teamwork and acts as a positive role model to Club members and to people in the community;

Criteria:**Outstanding Service**

1. The performance of a nominee must have been outstanding and deserving of recognition.
2. Such performance is characterized by good conduct that serves as a model for others.
3. To be nominated, candidates must have demonstrated the following:
 - High level of commitment to the sport of lawn bowling and to the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club;
 - A sincere, positive, attitude and image;
 - Commendable level of accountability, transparency and diligence in fulfilling duties;
 - Mutual respect, dignity, and co-operation in working relationships with others; and
 - In their regular service to the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club, nominees must be recognized by their peers as being an outstanding member who is dedicated and committed to the club and its membership.

Disciplinary Action

1. No serious disciplinary action has been taken by the Club, Bowls BC or Bowls Canada Boulingrin in respect of a nominee and no such action is pending on the day on which the award is made.
2. Serious disciplinary action is defined as any instance in which the nominee's behaviour has led to a suspension from the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club or other Clubs where the members has played and/or been a member.

Award Nomination Review

1. The Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club's Executive Committee members will review all Life Member Award submissions.
2. When possible, a past recipient of this Award or senior member of the club will participate with the Executive Committee when it considers a Life membership nomination.

Referrals and Nominations

1. Any referrals for the award must be submitted by full time Oak Bay Lawn Bowling members in good standing.

2. Referrals must be vetted for accuracy and completeness before being reviewed for approval by the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club's Executive Committee. Completed nominations are forwarded through the secretary to the Oak Bay Lawn Bowling Club's Executive Committee for consideration.
3. Each proposal is accompanied by a full statement of the member's background and a current biography. This document must show how the nominee meets all of the requirements necessary for this award, all details and facts must be verified before being submitted for consideration. Each proposal must be submitted with 10 full time members signatures supporting the nomination.
4. Nominations can be submitted at any time by submitting the nomination and requisite documentation to the Executive Committee. The nomination must be submitted at least 3 months before the AGM/SAGM.

Approval by Executive Committee for Recommendation to Full Membership

Nominations require the approval of at least 80% of the members of the attending Executive Committee to be recommended to the full membership as defined in the Constitution.

Reconsideration of Nominations

1. Nominations declined by the Executive Committee may be considered one year after the date of the Executive Committee's decision.
2. At any subsequent time of consideration, the nominee is considered as a new nomination.

Posthumous Nominations

1. The Executive Committee may recommend to the membership that this Award be made posthumously to an individual who had died.
2. In such circumstances, the usual period of qualifying service for the award may be waived.

Award

1. Certificate of life membership will be presented to the individual(s) at an appropriate time as determined by the Executive.
2. The certificate will be signed by the President of the Club and a name tag given that identifies the member as a Life member.