

HERITAGE AND AWARDS POLICY



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Purpose

As referenced in the Perth Football Leagues (PFL) constitution, this Heritage and Awards Policy has been established to govern the preservation of heritage and recognition of individual achievement and contribution to the PFL. It establishes a clear nomination process, criteria and selection guidelines for the recognition and awarding where Board discretion and resolution required either by the PFL's constitution or provisions of this policy.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the Heritage and Awards Policy are:

- **Preserve History:** Document and maintain the history of the PFL.
- **Acknowledge:** Celebrate the breadth and depth of the PFL and its Member Clubs.
- **Recognise Achievement:** Acknowledge outstanding contributions by individuals.
- **Promote Pride:** Foster a sense of pride and belonging among members and stakeholders.
- **Inspire Excellence:** Encourage continued excellence and participation in the league.
- **Govern:** Provide process and governance for awards and recognitions as specified in the PFL's constitution.

Definitions

Term/Acronym	Definition
PFL	Perth Football League as the registered trading name for the West Australian Amateur Football League (WAAFL)
League	A Clubs highest graded team in their Men's or Women's program
CEO	The Perth Football League's Chief Executive Officer
PFL State Team	A team that is selected from the leagues entire talent pool to compete against another local or interstate league

HISTORY

Preservation of History

The PFL commits to record and maintain historical information required to verify and evaluate nominations with the integrity and to acknowledge current and previous award recipients.

AWARDS

Category of Awards

There are three levels of awards:

1. **Life Membership:** Highest honour in the PFL and for individuals who have made a significant contribution and impact on the PFL.
2. **Hall of Champions:** For individuals who have demonstrated outstanding success in the PFL.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR ALL AWARDS

- A call for nominations will be sent to clubs by the PFL no later than the 30th of April each year.
- Nominations may be submitted by the PFL CEO, Member Clubs or the PFL Umpires Association and received no later than 30 May each year.
- *A PFL Heritage and Awards Advisory Group may be formed from time to time and where this has occurred it will undertake an initial assessment* of the candidates against the selection criteria and provide recommendations to the Board by 30 June each year.
- Nomination forms can be found on the PFL website or requested from the appropriate PFL staff member.
- The nomination must include:
 - An outline (including evidence where possible) of why/how the nominated person or company meets the nomination criteria for the selected award.
 - A brief history of the nominee's service and commitment relevant to the selection criteria of the selected.
 - Supplementary information such as feature articles highlighting the work of the nominee of further letters of support or testimony are not essential but could be beneficial to the strength of the candidate's nomination.
- The Board or the Heritage and Awards Advisory Group may request evidence to support a nominee's eligibility.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Overview

Life Membership of the Perth Football League is an honour bestowed on individual association members, past members, club representatives, or staff whose exceptional, loyal, and outstanding service and contribution has delivered measurable benefit to the PFL over an extended period of time.

This recognition reflects not just longevity, but the depth of commitment, leadership, and impact that strengthens the fabric of the PFL and upholds the values of fairness, respect, and community that underpin amateur football.

Selection Guidelines

- The individual's integrity and character as assessed by reference to the PFL's values as they apply from time to time is of the highest significance when assessing candidates.
- The individual has made an exceptional contribution to the reputation and influence of the PFL and its community.
- The individual's dedication and commitment to the vision and purpose of the PFL can be demonstrated.
- Show how the individual has been a positive influence on PFL participants, volunteers and the community.
- Examples are able to be cited of an individual consistently providing support and going above and beyond expectations.
- Long service in a specific field at a single club or body is unlikely to be recognised with this honour, as Life Membership of the specific club or organisation would then be most appropriate.
- Life Membership shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) persons per year and there will not necessarily be appointments every year, but in general the calibre of nominees would have to maintain the extremely high standards of those people previously awarded the PFL's highest honour.
- Nominations are not accepted for a current PFL employee or serving Board members.

Benefits

Life Membership inductees shall receive:

- A life membership badge, to be awarded at an event determined at the discretion of the PFL
- Invitations to PFL events and functions:
 - A single invitation to the PFL's Annual Awards Night.
 - A single invitation to the PFL A Grade Grand Final function.
 - Invitation to the AGM each year.

HALL OF CHAMPIONS

Overview

The purpose of the Hall of Champions is to recognise players, coaches and umpires who have achieved outstanding success in the League. For players, superior achievement and outstanding impact is most likely evidenced by gaining of individual awards, regular state representation and Grand Final wins as a minimum.

Nomination Criteria

For a player or Coach to be eligible for nomination to the Hall of Champions selection, they must have met a **minimum of one element in at least three categories below.**

Category 1 - Players
League Premierships – Minimum two
League Games Played – Minimum 150 games played (Men) 100 for Women (Women)
Category 2 - Coaching
League Premierships – Minimum won two
Category 3 – PFL Awards
League Grand Final Best on Ground – Minimum one
League Fairest & Best – Minimum two
League Leading Goal Kicker – Minimum two
Category 4 - Representative Football
Represented PFL State Team – Minimum two
Category 5 – Club Awards
League team’s Club Fairest & Best Awards – Minimum three

If a player hasn’t met the above criteria they can still be eligible if they have contributed an outstanding achievement in one category as outlined below:

Category - Outstanding
Category 1 - Players
League Premierships Won – Minimum five
Category 2 - Coaching
League Premierships – Minimum Won five
Category 3 – PFL Awards
League Fairest & Best – Minimum three
League Leading Goal Kicker – Minimum three

For an Umpire to be eligible for Hall of Champions selection they must have met at least **three** of the elements listed below.

Umpiring - Umpires to have satisfied at least three of the below criteria.
Total A Grade League Games – Minimum 150 games
A Grade GF’s – Minimum 2
PFL Representative Games umpired – Minimum 2
Total Years Service – Minimum 10 Years

Selection Guidelines

- The individual’s integrity and character is of the highest significance when assessing candidates.
- A candidate may only be eligible for induction into the Hall of Champions if that individual has retired from League involvement (playing, coaching or umpiring) for a minimum of three years.
- No more than three (3) eligible candidates will be recommended per year.

Benefits

Hall of Champions entrants receive:

- A Hall of Champions badge, to be awarded at an event determined at the discretion of the PFL.
- Invitations to PFL events and functions:
 - A single invitation to the PFL's Annual Awards Night.
 - A single invitation to the PFL A Grade Grand Final function.