

HONOURS AND AWARDS POLICY

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define a way in which the basketball community can publicly recognise those in our sport who have made a notable and significant contribution, either within South Australia, Nationally or Internationally. Awards are intended to honour outstanding dedication, loyalty, service and contribution that an individual has made over a period of time or as a result of a significant milestone and/or achievement.

SCOPE

The scope of this policy is governed by the eligibility criteria for each award. Anyone may make an award nomination in line with this policy.

DEFINITIONS

The following awards will be recognised as official Basketball SA Awards:

1. Participant Life Member

This award recognises participants of the sport who have reached a significant milestone. Participant Life Member was previously known as 300 Club. All 300 Club members awarded before May 2021, will automatically be transferred to the Participant Life Member category. After May 2021, the criteria detailed in this policy must be achieved to receive Participant Life Membership.

2. Life Membership

Life Membership publicly acknowledges the direct service someone has made to basketball over an extended period of time.

3. Hall of Fame

This award recognises individuals with outstanding sporting achievements in basketball at the highest levels in the sport.

4. Legend

This award is an extension of the Hall of Fame and recognises those South Australian's whose success extends to the highest levels in the national and international arena.



Participant Life Member	
Eligibility	Nominees who have demonstrated significant service to South Australian basketball.
Nomination	Nominations can be submitted by: • Basketball South Australia • An Affiliated Member Association
Criteria	The following milestones must be achieved: • Players must complete 10 year's service and 150 games at the top level • Coaches must complete 10 year's service and 150 games at the top level • Referees must complete 10 year's service and 200 games at the top level • Technical Officials must complete 10 year's service and 250 games at the top level Technical Official will be defined as Statistician, Score-table, Referee Coach, Media, other volunteer appointed by Basketball SA. The top level will be defined as playing in the top tier of competition in SA, for 2021 this will be NBL1 Central and prior to 2021 it was Premier League. Games played at Senior State Team level will also contribute to the tally.
Selection	The CEO, in conjunction with staff at BSA and any other person the CEO deems appropriate, will review the nominations to ensure that the candidate meets the necessary criteria for the award. The ultimate decision as to each award winner is for the CEO.



Life Membership	
Eligibility	Nominees who have demonstrated significant service to South Australian basketball.
Nomination	Nominations are not called for Life Members. Potential Life Members can be identified to the HAC on an ad hoc basis by: • an Affiliated Member Association; • a Commission Member; • a Life Member of BSA; • the CEO; or • the HAC itself. • If any individual or group wishes to nominate a person for Life Membership, they should consult with a person or Affiliated Member Association to make the nomination on their behalf if that person or Affiliated Member Association deems this appropriate.
Criteria	• The proposed Life Member must have been primarily a resident of South Australia, or have demonstrated a close link with Basketball SA, while pursuing or furthering their achievements during the period under consideration. • The proposed Life Member's service must be exceptional and have made outstanding contributions which have provided identifiable benefit to the entity of Basketball SA over an extended period of at least ten (10) years. This would not include long and meritorious service to an Affiliated Member Association, but service to Basketball SA as a Commission member, administrator, coach, referee, technical official, a combination of the capacities listed previously, or in another capacity that is deemed appropriate for the purposes of this award. • While an association with Basketball SA over at least then (10) years is usually required, the award may be made in exceptional circumstances where the proposed Life Member had made a distinguished and exceptional service over a shorter period. Awards in such circumstances will be rare. • In addition to a proposed Life Member's individual contribution, the proposed inductee's integrity, sportsmanship and character must also be considered. • Basketball SA staff members and members of the HAC and members of the Commission must abstain from all discussions

	and decision-making processes that create, or which may be perceived to create, a conflict of interest in all matters concerning the identification of potential Life Members. The nature of the actual or perceive conflict must be disclosed to the Commission.
Selection	• For any potential Life Member that the HAC considers to have satisfied the criteria, a nomination packet consisting of news clippings, magazine articles, and/or other informative and factual data about the (now) proposed Life Member must be submitted to Basketball SA management. • If requested by the HAC and approved by the Commission, the CEO will appoint a person or entity (i.e. a consultant) to conduct research and undertake assessments of the potential or proposed Life Member and report back to the HAC. • The CEO, in conjunction with Basketball SA management and any other person the CEO deems appropriate, will review the proposed Life Member's nomination. The review is to ensure that there are no adverse concerns about the proposed Life Member's integrity, sportsmanship and character which would make the award untenable publicly. • Taking into account any identified concern in the above paragraph, the HAC will make the final recommendations to the Commission regarding the proposed Life Member through the CEO. • The Commission is to make the final decision regarding each proposed Life Member being awarded Life Membership. • The Commission is able to remove the Life Membership status if information about the inductee's integrity, sportsmanship and/or character becomes available or known after the person is inducted as a Life Member, which, if known at the time of the induction, may have meant that the person would not have been inducted as a Life Member.



Hall of Fame	
Eligibility	Nominees whose service and achievements have significantly shaped South Australian basketball.
Nomination	Nominations are not called for BSA Hall of Fame candidates. Potential candidates can be identified to the HAC on an hoc basis by: • an Affiliated Member Association; • a Commission Member; • a Life Member of BSA; • the CEO; or • the HAC itself. If any individual or group wishes to nominate a person for the BSA Hall of Fame, they should consult with a person or Affiliated Member Association to make the nomination on their behalf if that person or Affiliated Member Association deems this appropriate.



Criteria	Specific Criteria for Players The proposed candidate must have, if prior to national league competitions being introduced (generally 1979 for men and 1981 for women): • excelled as a player at a senior international level; or • excelled at and made exceptional contributions as a state representative player at senior Australian championships. • excelled at and made exceptional contributions as a player at a junior international level or • at national league level. A long-term playing career alone is not sufficient justification for selection. Specific Criteria for Coaches The proposed candidate must have, if prior to national league competitions being introduced (generally 1979 for men and 1981 for women): • excelled as a coach at a senior international level; or • excelled at and made exceptional contributions as a state representative coach at Australian championships. • excelled at and made exceptional contributions as a coach at a junior international level or at national league level; or • excelled at and made extraordinarily exceptional contributions as a state representative coach at Australian championships. A long-term coaching career alone is not sufficient justification for selection.
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Specific Criteria for Technical Officials

The proposed candidate must have, if prior to national league competitions being introduced (generally 1979 for men and 1981 for women):

- excelled as a technical official at a senior international level; or
- excelled at and made exceptional contributions as a technical official at senior Australian championships; or
- excelled at and made extraordinarily exceptional contributions as a technical official at senior South Australia state championships.
- excelled as a technical official at a senior international level; or
- excelled at and made exceptional contributions as a technical official at a junior international level or at national league level.

A long-term career as a technical official alone is not sufficient justification for selection.

Criteria for Nomination of Contributors

The proposed candidate must have:

- excelled in a role which supported players, coaches or technical officials at a senior international level; or
- excelled at and made exceptional contributions in a role which supported players, coaches or technical officials at a junior international level or at national league level; or
- excelled at and made extraordinarily exceptional contributions in a role which supported players, coaches or technical officials at a state level.
- The areas of achievement and/or service may include administration, education, media, sports science, sports medicine and other relevant areas.
- Long-term service alone is not sufficient justification for selection.

General Selection Criteria

- The proposed candidate must have been primarily a resident of South Australia or demonstrated a close link with basketball in South Australia while pursuing or furthering their achievements.
- In addition to a proposed candidate's individual contributions, the proposed candidate's integrity, sportsmanship and character must also be considered.

	• A BSA staff member is ineligible to become a member of the Basketball SA Hall of Fame while that member is employed by BSA. • A member of the HAC is ineligible to become a member of the Basketball SA Hall of Fame while that member is still in office. • Neither a member of the Commission nor any member of the Commission member's family, is eligible to become a member of the Basketball SA Hall of Fame while that member is still in office. • BSA staff members and members of the HAC and members of the Commission must abstain from all discussions and decision-making processes that create, or which may be perceived to create, a conflict of interest in all matters concerning the identification of potential inductees into the Basketball SA Hall of Fame. The nature of the actual or perceived conflict must be disclosed to the Commission.
Selection	For any potential candidate that the HAC considers to satisfy the criteria, a nomination packet consisting of news clippings, magazine articles, and/or other informative and factual data about the (now) proposed candidate must be submitted to the CEO. The CEO, in conjunction with senior staff at BSA and any other person the CEO deems appropriate, will review the proposed candidate's nomination. The review is to ensure that there are no adverse concerns about the proposed candidate's integrity, sportsmanship and character which would make the award untenable publicly. Taking into account any identified concern in the above paragraph, the HAC will make the final recommendations to the Commission regarding the proposed candidate for Basketball SA Hall of Fame Membership. The Commission is to make the final decision regarding each proposed candidate for membership of the Basketball SA Hall of Fame. The Commission is able to remove the Basketball SA Hall of Fame status if information about the now Basketball SA Hall of Fame member's integrity, sportsmanship and/or character becomes available or known after the person is admitted to the Basketball SA Hall of Fame, which, if known at the time of the admittance, may have meant that the member would not have been admitted to the Basketball SA Hall of Fame.





Hall of Fame Legend	
Eligibility	Nominees who have made an exceptional and enduring impact on South Australian basketball through distinguished service and achievement. Only existing Hall of Fame individuals will be eligible for induction as a Hall of Fame Legend after a term of 5 years. Legends will have achieved significant results at the highest level of basketball in South Australia <u>and</u> on a National and/or International scale for a consistent period of time.
Selection	For any potential candidate that the HAC considers to satisfy the criteria, a written submission must be submitted to the CEO. The CEO, in conjunction with senior staff at BSA and any other person the CEO deems appropriate, will review the proposed candidate's nomination. The review is to ensure that there are no adverse concerns about the proposed candidate's integrity, sportsmanship and character which would make the award untenable publicly. Taking into account any identified concern in the above paragraph, the HAC will make the final recommendations to the Commission regarding the proposed candidate for Basketball SA Hall of Fame Legend. The Commission is to make the final decision regarding each proposed candidate for membership of the Basketball SA Hall of Fame Legend. The Commission is able to remove the Basketball SA Hall of Fame Legend status if information about the member's integrity, sportsmanship and/or character becomes available or known after the person is admitted to the Basketball SA Hall of Fame, which, if known at the time of the admittance, may have meant that the member would not have been admitted to the Basketball SA Hall of Fame.
Criteria	Hall of Fame Legend will automatically be assessed for Legend status by the HAC, taking into consideration: • Career achievements • Leadership, professionalism and sportsmanship • Competitions competed in and length of participation • Other recognitions • Impact of achievement on basketball

3.1 Record Keeping

A history register for each award type will be maintained by Basketball SA and include the recipient name, nominated by, nominated for, and date received.

Life membership and Hall of Fame nominations may be held over for consideration in subsequent years.

Successful Hall of Fame Nominations will be kept in full for the purpose of potential future assessment of Legend Status.

3.2 Nominations outside Basketball SA

Basketball SA will only submit nominations to external honours and awards bodies, including but not limited to the Basketball Australia Hall of Fame and the South Australian Sport Hall of Fame, where the nominee has first received formal recognition through Basketball SA's Honours and Awards framework.

Authority to make such external nominations on behalf of Basketball SA is vested solely in the Commission and the Chief Executive Officer.

1	Nov 2018	New policy	Awards Committee
2	Jul 2019	Updates to Life Member, inclusion of 3.2	Awards Committee
3	Mar 2020	Format change, inclusion of Hall of Fame Contributor	Awards Committee
4	May 2021	Inclusion of Participant Life Member to replace 300 Club. Addition of recognition to presentation information.	Awards Committee
5	January 2026	Updates	CEO & Senior Management