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Awards

1. Basketball Australia Awards

The following awards created by Basketball Australia (BA) are the responsibility of the Honours and Awards Commission, under the direction of the Board of BA.

The Commission has charter to make recommendations to the Board for the following awards consistent with the criteria set out herein:

- Life Membership of Basketball Australia,
- Membership of the Australian Basketball Hall of Fame,
- Basketball Australia Order of Merit,
- Life Membership of the Women's National Basketball League,
- Gaze Family and Maher Family Medals for the male and female International (Able-Bodied) Players of the Year, and
- Sandy Blythe and Sue Hobbs Medals for the male and female International Wheelchair Players of the Year.

1.1 Policy/Principals/Eligibility Applicable to these Awards

Nominees generally must be in good standing both within and without the sport and be considered good citizens in the wider sense.

No person shall automatically qualify for any award.

With the exception of Life Membership, which requires approval of a General Meeting of Basketball Australia, any other award may be revoked by the Board of Basketball Australia following a recommendation endorsed by a two-thirds vote of the Honours and Awards Commission.

1.2 Life Membership of Basketball Australia

1.2.1 In accord with the Constitution of Basketball Australia, Life Membership is the highest honour which can be bestowed upon an individual for longstanding and valued service to basketball in Australia.

1.2.2 There is only one category of Life Membership and the award shall be restricted to those whose association to basketball in Australia extends for a lengthy period (generally at least ten years) and whose service to basketball is worthy of the highest honour.

1.2.3 Mere longevity is not sufficient to qualify a person for this award; rather, the potential Life Member must have made a significant, memorable, positive, commendable and lasting contribution either directly to Basketball Australia and/or to the sport of basketball in Australia.

1.2.4 While an association with Basketball Australia and the sport over a lengthy period would normally apply, the award may be made (in exception

circumstances) where the individual concerned had made a distinguished contribution over a shorter period. Awards in such circumstances will be rare.

1.2.5 Life Members have the right to receive notice of and to attend, but not the right to vote at, General Meetings.

1.2.6 Life Members will be invited to significant BA events conducted in their city of residence.

1.3 Australian Basketball Hall of Fame

The Australian Basketball Hall of Fame (ABHF) is established to reflect the history of the sport in Australia and includes automatically all of those individuals who were inducted into the previous Australian Basketball Federation (ABF) and National Basketball League (NBL) Halls of Fame.

Special consideration will be given to the long-term history of the sport in Australia and to times when there were not the same opportunities as there have been in more recent times.

Inductions to the ABHF will be in four categories:

- Player
- Coach
- Technical Official
- Contributor

Inductees will be recognised for their achievements in one or more of the following components:

- Basketball Australia
- Women's National Basketball League
- National Basketball League

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1.3.1 Eligibility Guidelines

Players	Coaches	Technical Officials	Contributors	Legends
<p>Players must have been retired from basketball for at least two years from the highest level of competition in which he/she competed to be eligible for induction into the ABHF and must:</p> <p>Have competed at the international level in at least 50 official FIBA, IWBF, INAS or IPC games or in at least 150 games at the national league level or their international equivalents.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Have made significant achievement and outstanding contribution as a player at the national, state association and/or masters level.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Have achieved outstanding results or performances in Australian basketball or leagues in a manner that deserves special recognition.</p>	<p>Must have represented Australia as a coach in at least 50 official international games (being World Cups or Championships, Continental Cups or Championships, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games and FIBA Qualification Events ONLY).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Have made an outstanding contribution to coaching at any other level in Australia.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Have coached in the NBL or WNBL, or their international equivalents, for at least 100 games.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Have represented Australia as a coach at at least three Junior World Cups or Championships.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Have represented Australia as a coach in at least two of Olympic Games and/or two Paralympic Games and/or two World Cups or Championships (Junior or Senior).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Have made an outstanding contribution to coaching at institute, national, state and/or local association level.</p>	<p>Technical Officials must have been retired for at least two years from the highest level at which he/she officiated to be eligible for induction into the ABHF and must:</p> <p>Have represented Australia as a technical official in at least 50 official international games (being World Cups or Championships, Continental Cups or Championships, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games and FIBA Qualification Events ONLY).</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Have made an outstanding contribution to officiating at any other level in Australia.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Have represented Australia as a technical official in at least two of Olympic Games and/or Paralympic Games and/or World Cups or Championships (Junior or Senior).</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Have made an outstanding contribution to officiating at any other level in Australia.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Have made significant and outstanding achievements and contributions to officiating at the national, national league, state and/or local association level.</p>	<p>The Contributor category is open to:</p> <p>Administrators, educators, media and any persons in any capacity (including players, coaches and technical officials) who do not qualify under their specific eligibility guidelines) who have made an outstanding contribution to Australian basketball.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Persons who have made an exceptional contribution to the international basketball community and/or international teams or a national league.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Any person who, in the opinion of the BA Honours and Awards Commission, has given outstanding service to Australian basketball at any level or levels over an extended period.</p>	<p>Legend Award can be made to any player, coach, technical official or contributor who, in the opinion of the Honours and Awards Committee, has achieved “legend” status in the sport of basketball.</p> <p>This award will generally be awarded to a person whose contribution to the sport is of the highest achievement.</p> <p>The Legend Award can be given only to a person who has previously been awarded membership of the ABHF.</p>

1.3.2 Nominations for the ABHF

Nominations for Players, Coaches, Technical Officials and Contributors may be made as follows:

- by an individual person, requiring a nominator and seconder; or
- by a basketball association at any level, requiring signed authorisation of the President/Chair, Deputy President/Chair and/or the Executive Officer or Secretary of the association.

Nominations for the Legend Award may be triggered only by the Screening Committee or the Honours and Awards Committee.

1.3.3 Limitations on ABHF Awards

The number of places awarded to Players must always be at least one-half of the total number of awards in any award period; and

- as a guide, the Commission should attempt to have at least one inductee from each other category (Coaches, Technical Officials and Contributors) for each induction session;
- the awards apply to both able-bodied and wheelchair athletes and officials; and
- awards may be made posthumously.

1.3.4 Cycle of Inductions for the ABHF

There should be an induction class for the ABHF at least every two years, however at the discretion of the board of BA, inductions to the ABHF may be made annually.

1.4 Basketball Australia Order of Merit

[Note: Basketball Australia Order of Merit includes automatically all of those persons who may have been qualified previously for the Merit Award.]

Basketball Australia Order of Merit Award eligibility will be considered against one or more of the following:

- a) Former national team players, coaches, team managers, support staff and international technical officials who have continued to support Australian basketball at the national or international level over an extended period.
- b) Any player, coach, administrator, volunteer, teams support staff or technical official who has performed a particularly outstanding basketball achievement that warrants special recognition.
- c) Any player, coach, team manager, support staff, referee or technical official who has represented Australia at junior and/or senior level in a total of at least three competitions of the following: World Cup/Championships, Olympic Games (including qualifying tournaments), Paralympics, Commonwealth Games or Oceania Championships
- d) Any person who has given outstanding service to Australian basketball at national and/or international levels over an extended period, but who falls short of meeting ABHF qualifying criteria.
- e) Any person with outstanding attributes not otherwise listed herein, and who has made a considerable and significant contribution to Australian basketball at the national or international level, but would be considered worthy of consideration for the Order of Merit Award.

- f) Any company or individual who by their continued financial support or by single financial contribution, in the opinion of the BA Board, qualifies for the Order of Merit Award.

1.5 Lifetime Membership of WNBL

[Note: Lifetime Membership of WNBL includes automatically all of those persons who may have been awarded previously as a Life Member of the League.]

- a) Lifetime membership of the WNBL is awarded for long and outstanding service to the competition and/or its organisation and operation.
- b) Any person (in the role of player, coach, referee, technical official, or administrator), who has given outstanding service to the WNBL over an extended period may be nominated and/or considered for Lifetime Membership of the league.
- c) Candidates for WNBL Lifetime Membership will be considered only on the basis of their contributions to, and achievements in, the WNBL competition.
- d) Candidates should have displayed the highest level of performance and competitive spirit while making a significant, memorable, positive, commendable and lasting contribution to the WNBL.
- e) Consideration will be given in exceptional circumstances to players, coaches and referees who have not reached the required criteria.
- f) There shall be no limit on the number of people awarded WNBL Lifetime Membership in any one year, but the Basketball Australia Honours and Awards Commission may use its discretion in recommending to the BA Board how many awards will be made.
- g) Consideration for WNBL Lifetime Membership will be triggered automatically at 250 games for players and coaches or a combination of both, and 150 games for referees.

1.6 International Player of the Year Awards

International Player of the Year Awards are made as follows:

- a) The Gaze Family Medal is awarded to a member of the Boomers team;
- b) The Maher Family Medal is awarded to a member of the Opals team;
- c) The Sandy Blythe Medal is awarded to a member of the Rollers team; and
- d) The Sue Hobbs Medal is awarded to a member of the Gliders team.

1.6.1 The proposed medallists are chosen for recommendation as follows:

At the conclusion of each international teams' (Boomers, Opals, Rollers and Gliders) full-year schedule of games, the Head Coach, two Assistant Coaches and Team Manager, under the direction of the General Manager – High Performance, will select the teams' International Player of the Year. Their selection will be forwarded by the General Manager – High Performance to the Awards Commission for screening and approval. The Commission will forward the selection to the BA Board for approval.

1.6.1 In the event of a lack of international matches being played by any team, the Commission can recommend to the BA Board that the International Player of the Year Award not be awarded for that year.

1.7 Process for Considering and Conferring Awards

The deliberations of both the Screening Committee and the Honours and Awards Commission remain confidential at all times and no public comment will be made by the members thereof.

1.7.1 Screening Committee

- a) The Chief Executive of Basketball Australia will, from time to time, appoint an Awards Screening Committee which will consist of four members. One member will be from the senior management ranks of Basketball Australia (in order to provide the important link to historical records and databases), one will represent the WNBL, a third member will represent the NBL and the fourth will be an “outside” chairperson appointed by the Chief Executive.
- b) This Screening Committee is charged with-
 - (i) In conjunction with the BA Office, the calling for nominations from the public, interested parties, and the membership of BA where this is appropriate (e.g. for ABHF; other awards are triggered internally),
 - (ii) considering nominations received,
 - (iii) making nominations of its own where considered appropriate, and/or
 - (iv) examining the claims where there is automatic consideration for all basketball Australia awards and, together with staff of basketball Australia, with ensuring that all appropriate supporting information/material is gathered for subsequent presentation to the Honours and Awards Commission.

1.7.2 Honours & Awards Commission

- a) The Board of Basketball Australia, in conjunction with the Chief Executive, will appoint a Chair for the ABHF Honours & Awards Commission. The Chair of the Commission will invite BA, the WNBL and NBL to each appoint two persons to the Commission. The membership of the Commission will be presented to the Board of Basketball Australia for approval.
- b) The Chair of the Commission and Commission members representing BA, the WNBL and NBL may solicit nominations for induction to the ABHF from their various bodies and other sources. These nominations must then be submitted for screening by the Screening Committee. Commission members may suggest to the Screen Committee names for consideration but not direct that such names be included in proposals put forward to the Commission.
- c) The Honours and Awards Commission considers the names put forward by the Screening Committee and makes its decisions; a nomination requires support of two-thirds of the members participating in a meeting convened by the Chairman of the Commission.
- d) The Chairman of the Commission forwards recommendations to the Board via the Chief Executive of BA.

1.7.3 The Basketball Australia Board

- a) The Board considers the recommendations of the Honours and Awards Commission and it is then a matter for the Chief Executive to arrange induction/presentation ceremonies.
- b) The Board may decide that the names of forthcoming inductees into ABHF may be made public on a progressive basis or otherwise in order to optimise publicity.
- c) The Board of Basketball Australia reserves the right to award Hall of Fame status in an appropriate category in exceptional circumstances, without going through the operational process of the Screening Committee and the Honours and Awards Commission. It shall do so only after consultation with the Chairman of the Honours and Awards Commission.

1.7.4 Presentation/Conferring of Awards

- a) Once approved, it becomes the responsibility of the Chief Executive to inform awardees, and to arrange presentation/conferring and other public recognition of awards.
- b) All awards will be recognised on honour boards in BA's principal office.
- c) Presentation/conferring of awards will take place as follows:
 - (i) **Life Member** - either at a General Meeting of Basketball Australia, or at a dinner or other suitable function with the Board and other appropriate invitees. The Life Member will be presented with BA's Life membership badge.
 - (ii) **ABHF Inductees** – at a special dinner convened to honour the “class/ year” or at the BA AGM Dinner or a WNBL or NBL Awards Presentation occasion or another appropriately special event.
 - (iii) **BA Order of Merit Inductees** – at a suitable occasion at each inductee's home association/club when the inductee will be presented with a plaque indicating their membership of the Order.
 - (iv) **Lifetime Membership of WNBL** - announcement of WNBL Lifetime Memberships will be made at a chosen WNBL occasion or dinner or at a mutually convenient club or WNBL event.
 - (v) **International Player of the Year Medals**- at appropriate occasions such as WNBL, NBL, BA or ABHF functions.

2 Australian Junior Awards

The annual Australian Junior Awards will be compiled/recommended by staff at BA, processed through the Screening Committee, and submitted onward to the Honours and Awards Commission. The Commission will scrutinise proposed awards on an audit basis in ensuring the integrity of those awards. Consideration of these awards will terminate at the Commission level.

3 Awards by Bodies Other Than Basketball Australia

3.1 Nominations for the following awards may be made by BA:

- a) FIBA Hall of Fame – for outstanding achievement at the international level from personal effort or initiative.
- b) FIBA Radomir Shaper Prize - for distinguished contribution in the field of basketball rules.
- c) FIBA Silver Plate Award – for persons or organisations having distinguished themselves in basketball, or have rendered great service to sport nationally or internationally.
- d) FIBA Oceania Patricia Ramsay Award – for currently active volunteer basketball administrators who have made a significant contribution to the game in their country.
- e) Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame – for outstanding achievements in the game of basketball.
- f) Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (USA)
- g) AOC/IOC Sporting Excellence Trophy – awarded to a prominent figure within the Australian sporting

community who has contributed to the universal promotion of Olympism and sport.

- h) AOC/IOC Women and Sport Trophy (for the Oceania region) – for individuals or organisations for outstanding contribution to develop, encourage, and strengthen the participation of women and girls in physical and sports activities.
- i) Sport Australia Hall of Fame Members – for superior achievers at highest level of competition.
- j) Sport Australia Hall of Fame Associate Members – (normally drawn from non- participants) for high level of achievement from personal effort or initiative that contribute to performance of athletes or development of their sport, or make major contribution at the international or national level to their sport or sport generally.
- k) Sport Australia Silver Business Award – for Sport Information Technology, Sport Export, Sport Business Innovation, and Sports Tourism.
- l) Australian Honours (Australia Day/Queen’s Birthday) – for outstanding service and achievement by citizens of Australia.
- m) Other ad hoc awards which may arise from time to time.

3.2 Names for consideration may be initiated by both the Steering Committee and the Honours and Awards Commission but the Steering Committee, supported by the staff of BA, will still be responsible for advancing detailed nominations to the Commission for confirmation of nomination (or otherwise) to the BA Board for sign-off.

3.3 Nominations endorsed by the BA Board will be actioned by the Chief Executive.