



**HOCKEY TASMANIA INC.  
BY-LAWS**

- 1. STATE TEAM ELIGIBILITY**
- 2. LIFE MEMBERSHIP**
- 3. AWARD OF MERIT**

**(1) STATE TEAM ELIGIBILITY:**

- a) Eligibility of a player to be selected for a State team shall be subject to that player being at all relevant times, a financial member of a member association and eligible for selection to play in that association. Any player who has received a suspension from being eligible to play for a member association, shall be ineligible, during the term of that suspension, for State selection.
- b) A player who has played for another State or member association within Tasmania, or who has a debt which has remained due to Hockey Tasmania for more than 70 days, is not eligible for selection to play in any State team, intrastate team or any team which plays in a competition conducted by or under the auspices of Hockey Tasmania or a member association, until:
  - a) that debt has been paid or,
  - b) the other State or region has, through its executive officer or secretary, confirmed in writing that the player is not subject to a suspension from playing, and that the player is not in arrears of payment of any subscription, fine or other sum due to that association or region.
- c) In the event of a dispute as to eligibility for selection, the matter shall be referred to the Board whose decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Any party whose interests may be affected by the decision in question shall be entitled to be heard by the Board, but shall not be entitled to legal representation.

**(2) LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

- a) The Award of Life Membership to Hockey Tasmania Inc. is to be made to acknowledge long and meritorious achievement and/or contributions at the highest levels of the sport of hockey in Tasmania or more broadly.
- b) It is to be awarded to a person who fulfils one or more of the following criteria:
  - a) Is, or has been, a member of the Board or Council of Hockey Tasmania or of the Council of the Tasmanian Hockey Association or Tasmanian Women's Hockey Association;
  - b) Has coached Tasmanian teams;
  - c) Has been a manager of Tasmanian teams;
  - d) Has, as a player, official or administrator, represented Tasmania with distinction;
  - e) Has, as a player, official or administrator, represented Australia with distinction;
  - f) Has otherwise represented Hockey Tasmania Inc., at a National Level, by way of membership of a national board, committee etc.
- c) Nomination for Life Membership may be made by an individual member or by a member Club of Hockey Tasmania Inc to Hockey Tasmania for its consideration. A nomination shall be accompanied by a synopsis showing the candidate's achievements and involvement upon which it is considered Life Membership is warranted. HT shall review the nomination and by consensus, determine whether the nomination fulfils the criteria laid down in 2 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and/or (f) above. Any recommendation for the bestowing of Life Membership will be passed to the Board for endorsement.
- d) Ratification of Life Membership shall be by vote of the Association membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- e) Life Membership does not carry with it, any right to vote or otherwise take part in the management of the affairs of Hockey Tasmania Inc.
- f) Upon the granting of a Life Membership the Board shall circulate to all members the fact of the award, together with a summary of the contribution by the person on which it has been conferred.

**(3) AWARD of MERIT**

- a) The Board may make an Award of Merit to such persons who from time to time are considered to have rendered meritorious personal service to Hockey Tasmania Inc. or, for some other reason, are considered deserving of special recognition.
- b) Nominations for an Award of Merit may be made by an individual member or member Club to Hockey Tasmania for its consideration. Nominations shall be accompanied by a synopsis showing the candidate's achievements and involvement upon which it is considered an Award of Merit is warranted. HT shall review the nomination and, if by consensus it is agreed that the nominee is deserving of an Award of Merit, be passed to the Board for endorsement.
- c) An award of an Award of Merit does not carry with it, any right to vote or otherwise take part in the management of the affairs of Hockey Tasmania Inc.
- d) Upon the granting of an Award of Merit the Board shall circulate to all members the fact of the award, together with a summary of the contribution by the person on which it has been conferred.