

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Calisthenics Federation (ACF) proudly celebrates individuals whose extraordinary efforts have significantly enriched the quality and spirit of our sport. To honour these remarkable contributions, the ACF bestows Life Memberships to deserving recipients during the Annual General Meeting.

These prestigious awards not only recognise outstanding dedication and tireless work but also shine a light on individuals who serve as role models within the calisthenics community. They pay tribute to coaches, officials, and volunteers who have devoted a substantial part of their lives to the growth and advancement of calisthenics.

The evaluation process extends beyond the accomplishments of a single year, considering the lasting impact and sustained contributions of each nominee. By highlighting these exceptional individuals, the ACF aims to inspire others, fostering a culture of excellence, commitment, and continuous improvement across the calisthenics community.

Who Can Nominate?

We welcome nominations from:

- State Members;
- State Coaching bodies;
- State Branches of Adjudicators Society of Calisthenics (ASCA);
- Examiners Advisory Board (EAB);
- ACF Board of Directors.

The Nomination Process

To nominate an individual for an ACF Life Membership, please carefully read the Procedures and Criteria for Awarding ACF Life Membership below prior to completing the Life Membership Nomination Form.

The following documentation must be submitted:

- A completed nomination form which includes;
 - A supporting statement using the template provided, outlining the nominee's history and experience against the criteria and;
 - An additional supporting statement from a State Representative to second the nomination.
(This additional statement does not need to be prepared on the official template)

These comprehensive submissions are crucial in ensuring that the contributions and dedication of the nominees are thoroughly evaluated and recognized. Your detailed and thoughtful nominations help uphold the standards of excellence and recognition that an ACF Life Membership represents.

Procedures and Criteria for Awarding ACF Life Membership

1. The Life Membership Committee consists of all ACF Directors (at the time of application).
2. Any nomination for life membership should be made no earlier than 44 days prior to the ACF Annual General Meeting, and no later than 14 days prior.
3. While a nomination can come from any State (Representative), it must be seconded by another representative (from the same state).

4. It will then become the responsibility of the state to present evidence to the ACF Board (via nomination form) regarding the nominee that will allow an informed decision by the ACF Directors, based on the criteria set out below (point 8), as to the worthiness of the nominee as a life member of the Federation/sport.

The reason for placing the responsibility on the 'states' or nominator is to stop the situation arising where little information is provided about a nominee, therefore making it difficult for the ACF Board to decide on the nomination.

5. Once a nomination has been received by the ACF Company Secretary (or delegate), they shall have the responsibility of calling a special meeting of all ACF Board members to decide on the nomination.

This can be done in conjunction with the nominator to allow time to gather additional relevant information. A second special Board meeting may be held if necessary.

6. While states should be encouraged to provide information to such meetings, only the ACF Board should be present at the meeting, unless the ACF Board feels there are special circumstances requiring another person to attend. In such an event, this person should not be present when voting is undertaken.

7. At the meeting to decide on the nomination/s the ACF Board shall, in regard to the following criteria, determine if the nomination is worthy. The emphasis in this determination should be heavily on critical appraisal of the level of service to the sport required to be a Life Member.

If there is any doubt of such a level being achieved, or lack of information about the nominee that makes such a conclusion impossible, then ACF Directors should consider voting in the negative.

8. Critical criteria for consideration are as follows –

There are five areas of service in the Federation:

- a. Participant
- b. Coaching/Assisting
- c. Judging/Writing/Competition Management
- d. Administration/Team or Club Managing
- e. General Contribution (including fund-raising, supporting and any other services that a state may see as relevant to have assisted the advancement of Calisthenics in Australia.)

The nominee must have an outstanding contribution in at least two of these areas and at least some contribution in one of the other areas (or contribution deemed appropriate at the discretion of the state).

In determining the level of significance, the ACF Board should consider this in the light of a very high quality service. While a reasonable length of time (to be determined and at the discretion of the ACF Board) of service is important, the overall riding criterion is the quality of service.

9. Once the nominator/state representative has submitted their nominations and all potential questions have been asked, the ACF Board shall conduct a vote or secret ballot on the worthiness of the nomination.

10. Should there be more than one nomination from one state, then each should be considered in turn with a preliminary ballot to be taken (again secret) to determine which nomination is to take precedence.

This preliminary ballot is NOT a vote of worthiness of the nomination against the criteria, but merely a way of determining which nomination should be the one to be voted upon.

11. It is considered appropriate for either the ACF Chair or Company Secretary (or ACF Director Delegate) to collect the votes. In the case of the need for a preliminary ballot the ACF Chair/Company Secretary (or ACF Director Delegate) should count the votes and announce which nominations were successful.

12. In the unusual circumstance where there is a tied preliminary vote or the ACF Board considers more than one nomination is worthy, the ACF Board may determine that two life memberships are awarded (for that State). However, this must be only in extremely special circumstances, and no more than two can be awarded in any year (per State).
13. Alternatively should the ACF Board find it has two possible life members, it may consider setting a recommendation for the following year that one of the nominations be forwarded to the following year. Such a recommendation should then be considered by the following ACF Board separately and prior to any other nominations for that year. The responsibility should be on the outgoing Company Secretary to ensure any such recommendation is received by the incoming Company Secretary for action.
14. The ACF Chair/Company Secretary (or ACF Director Delegate) should take the final votes and count them. Life members may only be voted on by a minimum of six ACF Board Members or their proxies with a minimum of 85% agreeing with the nomination. Given the importance of the decision, ACF Directors are not allowed to abstain from voting.
15. All ACF Directors should be aware that it is not necessary for a Life Membership to be granted each year.

ACF Constitution References

1.1 (w) "Life Member" means an individual upon whom life membership of the Company has been conferred under clause 8.15;

8.15. Life Members

(a) Member States may nominate persons to be considered for life membership of the Company. The Board may consider at the relevant AGM that one or more persons duly nominated and who has rendered distinguished service to Calisthenics in Australia, where such service is deemed to have assisted the advancement of Calisthenics in Australia, have life membership conferred on them.

(b) A resolution of the AGM to confer life membership on the recommendation of the Board must be a Special Resolution.

(c) Upon life membership being conferred, the person's details shall be entered upon the register. A person shall become a Life Member from the time their life membership is formally announced not from the time of entry of their details on the register.

Presenting the Awards

Where possible, all awards are presented at the ACF National Championships, or another ACF event. This prestigious event provides a fitting stage to honour the exceptional contributions of award recipients in front of the national calisthenics community. The awards ceremony is a highlight of the championships, celebrating the dedication, hard work, and excellence of individuals who have significantly enhanced our sport.

This years awards will be presented at AusCaliCarnivale in Adelaide for those in attendance, or via a prerecorded presentation to be shown at AusCaliCarnivale.

Completed Nominations

We strongly encourage you to take the time to nominate an outstanding contributor. These awards represent the pinnacle of achievement within our sport. They are highly valued by the recipients, bring immense pride to the individual and their state, and set a benchmark for excellence for others in the calisthenics community.

Your nominations are crucial in recognizing and celebrating the extraordinary efforts of those who inspire and elevate the sport of calisthenics. By nominating deserving individuals, you help uphold the spirit of excellence and dedication that these awards symbolize.

Please send your completed nominations to: ACFawards@calisthenicsaustralia.com.au

Nominations Close **Monday 24 March 2025**

Award Winners Announced **Thursday 10 April 2025 at the ACF Annual General Meeting**

Award Winners Presented **AusCaliCarnivale, Adelaide, 6-12 July 2025**