

# **Eastern Officials Association**

## **Life Member Program**

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1. Association members who have maintained membership and contributed to the Association for an extended period of time may be honored by selection as Life Members as identified in the EOA Constitution.
2. The only automatic elimination criteria is that if a member has ever been placed on probation or suspended from the Association, that member shall not be awarded life membership.
3. Members of the Association may be considered for lifetime membership based on 30 years of cumulative service or on their contributions to the Association. Examples of contributions to the Association include but are not limited to:
  - Service in an elected position
  - Service on a Standing Committee
  - Service on a sport committee
  - Service as an evaluator
  - Continual recruitment of new members over an extended period of time
  - Presentation of innovative ideas to improve the Association which are adopted
  - Service in an appointed position
  - Service on a Special Committee
  - Service as a clinician
  - Service as an official mentor
4. Association members may be nominated for life membership by any member of the Association in good standing. Nominations shall be sent to the Secretary not later than July 1 of each year. Nominations shall be accompanied by a letter identifying the nominee's length of service to the Association, the nominee's contributions to the Association, and any other factors the nominator desires the BOD to consider.
5. The BOD will consider all individuals nominated for life membership at the July or August BOD meeting. To be selected as a life member, the nominee must receive a 75% affirmative vote of all voting members of the Board of Directors.
6. Selection as a life member relieves the member of the requirement to pay Association dues and special assessments for life. Life members who continue to actively officiate will still be responsible for individual sport dues and any other dues normally associated with or required by individual sports.
7. The Secretary shall maintain a roster of living lifetime members with current contact information.
8. Life members shall be furnished all periodic Association newsletters; shall be invited to all Association social and banquet functions free of charge; and shall be recognized at all such functions.
9. Life members may attend and participate in individual sport meetings and the EOA Annual Meeting but may not vote in any meeting or election unless the life member is still actively officiating a sport.
10. Individuals selected as life members shall be recognized at the annual Awards Banquet immediately following their selection and will be presented an appropriate plaque commemorating their selection.