



NSW AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CHARTER

1. Establishment of Committee

The NSW Australian Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee (“the Committee”) is established as a sub-committee of the AFL NSW/ACT Board. The Committee’s function is to select and enshrine individuals and entities including former players, coaches, umpires, administrators, volunteers, media representatives, clubs, teams, matches and other special categories to the NSW Australian Football Hall of Fame (“Hall of Fame”).

2. Membership of Committee

2.1 Membership of the Committee shall consist of:

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer of AFL NSW/ACT (or delegate);
- (b) an officer of AFL NSW/ACT nominated by it to act as non-voting Secretary of the Committee (“Secretary”);
- (c) an individual nominated by the NSW Australian Football History Society (“Historian”); and
- (d) a maximum of five (5) other members appointed by the AFL NSW/ACT Executive in its absolute discretion.

2.2 The Committee must include:

- (a) a minimum of four (4) members who represent regions of NSW outside of greater Sydney;
- (b) a minimum of four (4) members who are not employed by AFL NSW/ACT;
- (c) a minimum of two (2) members who are female.

2.3 The CEO of AFL NSW/ACT (or delegate) shall be Chair of the Committee (“Chair”).

2.4 Retirement of Committee Members

- (a) The Chair shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Committee and shall not be subject to retirement by rotation. The Secretary and the NSW Australian Football History Society nominee shall similarly not be subject to retirement by rotation.
- (b) Any person appointed to the Committee, other than the Chair, Secretary and the NSW Australian Football History Society nominee shall be

appointed for a minimum term of three (3) years, whereupon that person shall retire, subject to earlier removal pursuant to this Charter. Retirement shall take place upon appointment of a successor or on 31 December in the year in which the appointment expires, whichever occurs first.

- (c) Upon retirement at the completion of their initial three (3) year term, Committee members will be eligible for reappointment. If so reappointed they may serve a second three (3) year term, subject to earlier removal pursuant to this Charter.
- (d) Upon retirement at the completion of their second three (3) year term, Committee members will be eligible for reappointment. If so reappointed they may serve a third and final three (3) year term, whereupon they shall permanently retire, subject to earlier removal pursuant to this Charter;
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, the maximum period of time Committee members may serve is nine (9) years consisting of three (3) consecutive three (3) year terms.

2.5 Appointment of Members

- (a) The AFL NSW/ACT Executive shall have the sole power to fill any vacancies in the Committee, by appointing new members.
- (b) The AFL NSW/ACT Executive may require a member of the Committee to resign and that member shall resign where in the opinion of the AFL NSW/ACT Executive, the member is unwilling or incapable of effectively performing the duties required of a Committee member.

3. Purpose of the Committee

3.1 The Committee is established for the purpose of:

- (a) considering all eligible candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame on a biennially basis;
- (b) selecting for induction into the Hall of Fame those candidates whom the Committee considers appropriate having regard to the guidelines set out in this Charter;
- (c) selecting and nominating as “Legends” a select number of players to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame;
- (d) monitoring the selection criteria set out in this Charter for appointment of Hall of Fame inductees;
- (e) regulating the procedures of the Committee for the holding of meetings, voting, membership, appointment and the like;

- (f) recommending policies regarding the induction of members and format of recognition and other aspects of the Hall of Fame;
- (g) carrying out such other duties and functions as AFL NSW/ACT may determine from time to time.

3.2 The Committee shall at all times act in accordance with and subject to the terms of this Charter, save where expressly authorised by AFL NSW/ACT to the contrary.

4. Role of the Hall of Fame

4.1 The primary role of the Hall of Fame is to recognise and enshrine players, coaches, umpires, administrators, volunteers and media representatives who have made a most significant contribution to the game of Australian Football in NSW since its inception in 1880.

4.2 The Hall of Fame will also recognise and enshrine the following categories of Australian Football to celebrate the history of the game in NSW: Great Clubs, Legendary Teams, Memorable Games and Special Categories including, but not limited to: football grounds, country and regional football, Associations, events, characters of the game, football development programs.

5. Selection Criteria for Individual Induction into the Hall of Fame

5.1 The Committee may elect up to ten (10) inductees in any given year (other than the first year) provided that:

- (a) There must be at least one (1) inductee selected from the category of administrator, umpire or media every two (2) years.

5.2 The Committee shall consider a candidate's outstanding service and overall contribution to the game of Australian Football in determining a candidate's eligibility for induction into the Hall of Fame.

5.3 Without limiting clause 5.2, the Committee may consider a candidate's individual record, ability, integrity, sportsmanship and character.

5.4 The number of football games played, coached or umpired or the years of service provided shall only be a consideration and shall not be determinative in assessing a candidate's eligibility.

5.5 A player, coach, umpire, administrator or media representative involved at any level of Australian Football may be eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame.

5.6 Candidates shall be adjudged on the basis of their overall contribution to Australian Football in NSW, as opposed to one specific aspect.

5.7 The Committee shall consider candidates born or from outside of NSW.

- 5.8 Players, Coaches, umpires, administrators, volunteers and media representatives do not need to be retired to be eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame.
- 5.9 A member of the Committee may be a candidate but shall not vote for his or her induction into the Hall of Fame.
- 5.10 There shall be no special order of precedence given to Hall of Fame inductees.

6. Selection Criteria for Category Induction into the Hall of Fame

- 6.1 The Committee shall consider nominations from all football stakeholders for inclusion in the Hall of Fame's categories of Australian Football to celebrate the history of the game in NSW.
- 6.2 The Committee shall, at their absolute discretion, determine to enshrine a maximum of one (1) induction per category on a biennial basis after the first year.
- 6.3 The categories for consideration are: Great Clubs, Legendary Teams, Memorable Games and Special Categories including, but not limited to: football grounds, country and regional football, Associations, events, characters of the game, football development programs.
- 6.4 Due to the diversity of each of these categories the Committee shall determine the exact criteria for each induction, however each induction must reflect positively on the game in NSW and the NSW Australian Football Hall of Fame.

7. Selection Process

- 7.1 Selections of the Committee shall be presented to AFL NSW/ACT for endorsement.
- 7.2 AFL NSW/ACT shall endorse and enshrine the selections of the Committee unless in its discretion it requests that the Committee reconsider a selection.
- 7.3 If the Committee's selections remain unchanged after reconsideration, AFL NSW/ACT shall then endorse and enshrine the selections.
- 7.4 To assist in its selection of inductees the Committee:
 - (a) shall seek nominations from the AFL NSW/ ACT Executive, Leagues, Clubs, and Umpires' Associations; and
 - (b) may receive submissions from AFL NSW/ACT and from Australian Football supporters and other members of the public.
- 7.5 Nominations shall be made in a form to be prescribed by the Committee and shall be accompanied by such other information as may be prescribed from time to time by the Committee.

8. Legends

- 8.1 There shall be a special category of inductees of the Hall of Fame known as “Legends”.
- 8.2 The classification of Legend will be applied to honour those players and coaches who have had the most significant impact on the game of Australian Football and caused the game to change significantly for the better. Legends should be players and coaches who immediately come to mind when players and coaches at the very pinnacle are discussed.
- 8.3 Subject to 7.4, the process for selecting and enshrining Legends shall be the same as the process for selecting and enshrining inductees.
- 8.4 The title of “Legend” shall be bestowed on no more than one Hall of Fame inductee every two years (other than in the 1st year).
- 8.5 The Committee shall recommend to AFL NSW/ACT how to recognise “Legends” in the Hall of Fame.

9. Meetings

- 9.1 The quorum required for the Committee meetings shall be not less than two-thirds of the voting members present including the Chairman or such other members as may be determined by AFL NSW/ACT.
- 9.2 No formal period of notice of meetings need be given and meetings may be convened on any period of notice as determined by the Chairman.
- 9.3 All determinations of the Committee shall be evidenced by minutes signed by the Chairman and shall as soon as practicable be placed and kept on file.
- 9.4 All resolutions of the Committee requiring an affirmative vote must be passed by 75% of the Committee members present at the meeting and being entitled to vote.
- 9.5 The term “present” in section 9 refers to either being at the meetings in person or participating in discussion via communication technology such as telephone, video or similar.

10. Charter

- 10.1 The Committee may from time to time make recommendations to AFL NSW/ACT for amendments to the Charter.
- 10.2 No amendment to this Charter shall be made without the prior written approval of AFL NSW/ACT.