**Proposed change to Administration Regulation 8.2 – Merit Awards**

**Proposal:**

The Awards Committee Convenor has proposed that the current Administration Regulation 8.2.c. be amended, with effect from 2022:

Current: No more than three (3) awards shall be made each year

Proposed: No more than **five (5)** awards shall be made each year.

**Comment**:

The maximum number of 3 Merit Awards has generally met the annual demand of deserving nominations from clubs and centres, with a small number of nominations deferred to the following year. More recently the Awards Committee Convenor reports that a larger number of deserving nominations have been received and the rationale for limiting the maximum number to 3 has been queried. An increase to a maximum of 5 awards would provide the capacity to meet a higher level of deserving nominations, however the standard for receiving the Merit Award would not be changed.

This Proposal is now posted for the required 50-day consultation period before any recommendation for adoption goes to the Board. Comment, in support or otherwise, would be appreciated.