

UWA Sports Awards Guidelines

UWA has a strong history of recognising excellence within its sporting community. This tradition remains strong by the annual UWA Sports Awards. A Subcommittee is formed from the Sports Council Executive Committee; this is known as the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee shall consider nominations from clubs for the awards of *Club Letter*, *Club Service*, *Champion Club*, *Coach of the Year*, *Volunteer of the Year*, *Sports Star of the Year* and *University Blues* (see separate University Blues Guideline document)

Guidelines

These guidelines have been prepared to assist you in completing the nomination form quickly and easily, with all the necessary details included.

Eligibility

- Applications are open for any person, club, organisation or sporting body to nominate themselves, other clubs or other individuals for the awards.
- Detailed information on nominee's sport performance/ achievements and service to the club which occurred October 2023-September 2024 is required.
- *Sports Star of the Year*- current enrolled UWA student is the only requirement
- *Club Letter*- non-UWA student and UWA Affiliate Club member are eligible
- *Club Service*- current enrolled UWA Student and UWA Affiliate Club member are eligible
- *Coach of the Year*- current affiliate club coach or Inter-University Management Team are eligible
- *Volunteer of the Year*- current enrolled student and/or Club member of a UWA Sport Affiliated Club (including non-university members). The nominated person does not need to be a UWA student.
- *Champion Club*- only a UWA affiliate Sporting Club are eligible

Sports Star of the Year

- This award is open to currently enrolled UWA Students whom the Awards Committee considers to be the most outstanding sports person attending UWA for that calendar year and who exhibited moral force of character, leadership and an interest in his/her fellow sportspersons

Club Service

- The Club Service Award is made eligible to a current UWA student who, in the opinion of Awards Committee, have satisfied the following criteria;
 - (a) Has been a UWA Affiliate Sport Club administrator and a member of the club as an executive for at least 3 years.
 - (b) Participated in UWA Sport Club competitions while studying at UWA for at least 3 years.
 - (c) Where a player does not complete the season owing to injury, his/her nomination for an award shall be considered equally with that of a person who has completed the season, provided that he/she has had opportunity to show his/her ability.

Club Letter

- This award is only open to individuals who are not currently enrolled as UWA Students, but may be eligible for an award given their outstanding service to a UWA Affiliate Sport Club by achieving at least **one** of the following criteria;
 - (a) Excellence in sporting standards (standards equal to a Full Blue) in international, national or local competition.
 - (b) Demonstration of significant contribution to his/her UWA Affiliate Sport Club
 - (c) Involvement in the promotion, development and betterment of University Sport beyond the call of a normal position in a sports club; either as a player or administrator.

Volunteer of the Year

- Volunteer of the Year is to be awarded on the discretion of the Awards Committee based on the following criteria for the previous 12 months. The award is not necessarily awarded to the person with the most volunteering hours. The person has made an exceptional contribution to their UWA Sport affiliated club and/or the university sport environment.
 - a) The person has contributed to a positive culture in their sporting environment.

- b) The person has demonstrated initiative in their volunteering pursuits.
- c) The person demonstrates UWA Sport Values, moral force of character, leadership, and support of fellow sportspeople (if applicable).

For example, the following types of contributions could be considered. The list is not exhaustive.

- a) Unpaid coaching and umpiring
- b) Strong involvement with their club's committee
- c) Formal and informal mentoring
- d) Organising, coordinating and/or facilitating events and initiatives within the club.

To be nominated for this award, the nominee must fulfill at least 1 of the following criteria.

- a) A current enrolled UWA Student
- b) Club member of a UWA Sport Affiliated Club (including non-university members). The nominated person does not need to be a UWA student.

Additional points to note:

- a) Paid roles cannot be credited as a volunteering contribution.
- b) There is 1 winner for this award each year.
- c) The volunteering contributions should be towards the nominee's club, their sport, and/or UWA Sport.
- d) The nominee is not required to be a member of their Club Committee.
- e) For UWA Sport Clubs, 1 nomination per club is permitted. If the nominee is a student at UWA but not a member of a UWA Sport Affiliated club, they may self-nominate or be nominated by someone else on their behalf.
- f) An awardee cannot receive the award multiple times in a five-year period. For example, if someone receives the award in 2024, they are not eligible to receive the award again until 2029. Nomination in one year does not exclude someone from being nominated in the following year.

Coach of the Year

- Only those who are recognised and registered coaches of a UWA Affiliate Sport Club or Inter-University Management Team are eligible for nomination. Coach of the Year is to be awarded based on the following criteria for the previous 12 months (*)(**):

<i>Participation</i>	<i>Performance</i>	<i>Inclusion</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engages UWA students* - Communication/facilitator/ teacher* - Planning/organisation* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional development* - Individual athlete/ team development* - Sport specific knowledge* - Technical/ tactical knowledge and transfer - Coach individual / team to success in sporting calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrity/values* - Alignment to UWA Sport Strategy* - Empowers leaders in the club - Encouraging a sense of belonging - Willingness to learn and develop

(*) Essential Criteria

(**)-Clubs are asked to address each sub-heading's items in their application form which can also be completed with a form attainable from Club team

Champion Club

- The Champion Club Trophy shall be awarded to the nominating UWA Affiliate Sport Club, which demonstrates excellence in the areas of (*)(**):

<i>Participation</i>	<i>Performance</i>	<i>Inclusion</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UWA Student engagement* - Staff/Alumni engagement* - Increase in membership* - Involvement with UWA UniSport Nationals teams* - Sports Council engagement* - UWA Sport participation programs (Inter-faculty, inter-college, kids holiday program, social sports) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual athlete/ team or club success in domestic competitions* - Individual athlete/ team success in UniSport Nationals/Events (UBL, Western Series, Nationals) - Coach representation at higher level for their sport - Club Officials representation at a higher level for their sport - Individual athlete/ Team or club success in international competitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Range of programs and choice of opportunities of engagement (volunteer, non-specific roles) - Diversity of people involved with UWA Sport programs and events - Adherence to UWA policies and guidelines - Club governance - Risk management and safety procedures - Enabling participation from underrepresented communities

		- Embedding Indigenous knowledge and culture
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Submitting nomination form

- Nominations will be accepted online through [UWA Sport website](#)
- Nomination submissions must be received by Wednesday 2nd October 2024. Late nominations may or may not be considered.
- All nominations will be assessed by Awards Committee during October 2024 and all nominees will be notified of their respective result.
- Successful award winners will be announced at the UWA Sports Awards event on 24th October 2024.

Assessment

- Assessment of award nominations is undertaken by the Sports Council Executive Committee forming a sub-committee known as the 'Awards Committee'
- In the event that there are no suitable nominations received in any category, the committee reserves the right to withdraw that category for the relevant year.
- No award shall be awarded in retrospectively

CLOSE DATE WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2024

For further information, please email performance@sport.uwa.edu.au