



2024 Australian Sports Commission Sport Volunteer of the Year Award

Objectives

The overall objectives of the 2024 Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Sport Volunteer of the Year Award are to:

1. Recognise, acknowledge, and celebrate the contribution of sport volunteers to their sport and community.
2. Elevate visibility of the importance and impact of sport volunteers
3. Showcase the diversity of sport volunteering and sport volunteers
4. Educate Australians on the opportunities to volunteer in sport and encourage them to volunteer.

The objectives will be achieved through the design of the award criteria and application process, the marketing of the award to Australian communities, and sharing the stories of award nominees.

Purpose

This award recognises a volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to a sporting organisation, club, team, or program over the past year. Nominees should have willingly given their time for the good of their organisation, sport, and community, and without financial gain.

Eligibility

- The following organisations are eligible to nominate one sport volunteer for this award:
 - National Sporting Organisations and National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability listed on the [Australian Sports Directory](#)
 - State Sporting Associations and local sporting clubs affiliated with organisations on the [Australian Sports Directory](#)
 - [Community Sport Australia Sports Federations](#)
 - National Institute Network (NIN), Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), Paralympics Australia (PA) and Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA).
- Nominations will open on Thursday 26 September 2024 and close on Wednesday 23 October 2024.
- Nominations will be submitted via an online form distributed by the Australian Sports Commission. No late entries will be accepted.

Award Criteria

- The impact of the volunteer's work within their organisation/club/team
- The impact of the volunteer's work to the broader community
- Demonstrated commitment to the values of fairness, integrity, inclusion, and respect

Nomination Question

- Tell us about your sport volunteer and their outstanding contribution to your organisation over the past year (12 months). In forming your nomination consider:
 - Why does this volunteer stand out?
 - How has this volunteer impacted your sport and community?
 - How do other members of your organisation talk about this volunteer?
 - What are their silent achievements and impact that nobody else knows about?
 - What are their roles, service, milestones, and achievement in your sport?
 - Why should this volunteer be the 2024 ASC Sport Volunteer of the Year?



Selection of Finalists and Winner

- Members of the ASC's Sport Volunteer Coalition will be invited to join a judging panel for the award.
- The judging panel will consist of 5 – 10 members. The judging panel will elect a Chair prior to the assessment process.
- All judges must declare any actual, perceived, or potential conflicts of interest prior to the assessment process commencing. If a conflict of interest is declared, the judge must remove themselves from the conflict.
- The ASC will review all submitted nominations against the award criteria and determine one nomination per sport to be presented to the judging panel. National Sporting Organisations and National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability listed on the [ASC National Sports Directory](#) will be consulted as to the nominations for their sport.
- The judging panel will assess one application per sport as presented by the ASC against the published award criteria and select up to four finalists by majority vote. Where there is a split vote, the Chair will make a casting vote on the finalists.
- The judging panel will select an award winner from the list of finalists by majority vote. Where there is a split vote, the Chair will make a casting vote on the winner.

Presentation of Award

- The award will be presented at the AIS Sport Performance Awards Night on 4 December 2024 by the Chair of the Australian Sports Commission or a nominated representative.

Key Dates

Nomination Period

- Award Nominations Open – Thursday 26th September
- Award Nominations Close – Wednesday 23rd October
- ASC Nomination Review and Verification – Tuesday 1st October – Thursday 24th October

Judging

- Judging Period Commences – Thursday 24th October
- Judging Panel Review and Selection Friday 25th October – Thursday 31st October
- Judging Period Ends – Friday 1st November
- Winner/Finalist Confirmed – Friday 1st November

Presentation

- Announce Finalists – Monday 18th November
- Presentation @ 2024 ASPAs – Wednesday 4th December
- ASC CEO Acknowledgment of Nominees distributed – Thursday 5th December

Promotion

- Promotion of Winner – from Wednesday 4th December
- Sharing of nominee stories – January 2025 onwards

