



2023 Australian Sports Commission Sport Volunteer of the Year Award

Objectives

The overall objectives of the 2023 Australian Sports Commission 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.

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 [ASC National Sports Directory](#)
 - State Sporting Associations and local sporting clubs affiliated with organisations on the [ASC National 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 Monday 2 October 2023 and close on Wednesday 18 October 2023.
- 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 volunteers work within their organisation/club/team
- The impact of the volunteers 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 years. 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 2023 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 29 November 2023.

