

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Members are invited to submit nominations for Volleyball WA's Distinguished Service Awards, including

- Life Membership
- John Sewell Service Award
- Order of Merit
- Hall of Champions.

Please Nominate for these Service Awards using the following link: [Distinguished Service Nomination Form](#)

Life Membership

Life Membership may be bestowed upon any person whose services to the organisation of VWA have been sufficiently meritorious. This award is superior to that awarded for an Order of Merit Award of the Association.

Life Membership may be granted to any individual who fulfills the following criteria:

- The nominee must be a registered member of Volleyball WA.
- The nominee has made a significant, sustained, and lasting contribution directly to the development of the organisation of Volleyball WA.
- The nominee has provided a minimum of 10 years' service to the organisation of VWA. This service / contribution to VWA has been a voluntary service /contribution.
- Meritorious service and distinctive leadership are two important criteria for consideration for this award.

Or

- As deemed by the VWA Board, Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to a retired Volleyball WA professional who has served with distinction for more than 10 years.

John Sewell Service Award

This Award seeks to recognise the contribution made by an individual to volleyball in WA through long and outstanding service. The Selection Panel will give preference to the nominee who has contributed strongly across more than one field of endeavour as in the outstanding contribution of John Sewell to whom the award is dedicated.

Eligibility

- At time of service the nominee must have been a member, volunteer, or supporter of Volleyball WA.
- Demonstrated a minimum of 20 years of service to volleyball in WA.

Criteria

A proven record of achievement and / or performance in any of the following:

- Competing, Officiating, Administration and Coaching
- A long-term involvement in and commitment to volleyball at a variety of levels
- A demonstration of the legacy of the nominee's contribution.

Order of Merit

A VWA Order of Merit may be awarded to people who are associated with VWA who make a significant contribution to the aims and objectives of the Association. The Award aims to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of members who have contributed to the efficiency and effectiveness of VWA.

Nominations may qualify for nomination by completing at least five (5) years of service to the sport of volleyball, or ten (10) years as a VWA Staff Member. Examples include:

- 5 years as an active Club / Association committee member
- 5 years as a member of a VWA Committee
- 5 years as an official
- 5 years involvement in the conduct of national championships organised by VWA (AVSL, AJVC, AYBVC and / or AYVC)
- 10 years of employment (Full time / part time) with Volleyball WA
- Any combination of the above

Hall of Champions

The VWA Hall of Champions recognises those athletes, coaches and referees who have represented the State of WA in the sport of volleyball at an outstanding level.

Eligibility:

- Have retired from representative competition for a period of five years.

Criteria:

- Have achieved outstanding sport achievement at the highest level (International Standard)
- Represented WA at the pinnacle of their sport and recognised as a product of the WA sporting system or have established their reputation while a resident of WA.
- Served Volleyball WA as a sporting ambassador of the highest order.

Definitions

Significant, sustained, and lasting contribution defined as the importance and quality of the work service consistently initiated, performed, or undertaken specifically for Volleyball WA.

To be considered, an individual must demonstrate excellence in multiple areas, including but not limited to;

- Leadership and Governance
- Driving growth, cultures and community engagement in WA Volleyball.
- Upholding and modelling Volleyball WA values.
- Innovation and development, introducing new ideas or improving practices.
- Mentoring and capacity building for future generations.
- Creating a legacy or long-term positive impact on the sport in WA.
- Demonstration that their service has been significant and meritorious

Nominations should include specific examples of;

- The individuals influence and contributions.
- Lasting outcomes or systems they established.
- The scope of their legacy across the Volleyball community.

When considering if the service is directly to VWA, a person must consider if the service to the organisation is managed by VWA. Examples could include contributions to the organisation through being on the VWA Board, Coaching / Refereeing for the State representative teams, being a member of one of the organisation's own Committees or Working Groups etc.

A nomination can be submitted to the VWA Chief Executive Officer when nominations are called for prior to the VWA Annual General Meeting.

For further information about the nomination criteria and processes outlined in this document please contact ceo@volleyballwa.com.au.

Tips For Writing a Successful Nomination

Consider the Selection Panel's Perspective

Assume the selection panel is independent and unfamiliar with the nominee. Provide a clear and informative introduction.

Be Direct and Specific

Clearly and concisely outline how the nominee meets the award criteria. Avoid vague statements and focus on precise achievements.

Use Supporting Evidence

Strengthen your nomination with specific facts, statistics, and metrics. Concrete evidence enhances credibility and persuasiveness.

Choose the Right Award

Ensure you are nominating the individual for the appropriate award. If in doubt, seek clarification to avoid misalignment.

Avoid Jargon

Refrain from using specialized slang, abbreviations, or acronyms that might not be understood by the panel. Keep language clear and accessible.