



**VOLLEYBALL**  
**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

# **2026 Volley Awards**

## **Selection Criteria**

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## Introduction

The Volleyball WA (VWA) Annual Awards enable the Western Australian volleyball community to recognise volleyball performance and contributions to volleyball on an annual basis. Volleyball WA defines the following:

1. The timing of the awards within the Membership year
2. The method of nomination
3. Category criteria, along with the methodology as to how the criteria were derived
4. The 'defined period' for recognition for the relevant award.
5. Establishment of a suitable, independent, qualified Committee to evaluate nominations and make recommendations to Volleyball WA on award winners.

The VWA Annual Awards are split into the following categories:

1. Achievement Awards
  - a. Beach Volleyball
  - b. Indoor Volleyball
  - c. Indoor Beach Volleyball
  - d. State Representation
  - e. International Representation
2. Recognition
  - a. Coaches
  - b. Referees
  - c. Administrators
  - d. Leaders and Ambassadors
  - e. Clubs and Associations
3. Distinguished Service Awards
  - a. Service to Coaching
  - b. Service to Sport
  - c. Order of Merit
  - d. Hall of Champions
  - e. Life Membership

## Nomination Process

### 1. Achievement Awards

The nomination process for these awards is open throughout the year and is calculated as detailed on the following pages.

### 2. Individual Recognition Awards

Affiliates and members can submit nominations for these Recognition Awards using the links below:

[Junior Coach of the Year](#)

[Club/Community Coach of the Year](#)

[Coach of the Year](#)

[Junior Referee of the Year](#)

[Referee of the Year Indoor and Beach](#)

[Referee Recognition Award](#)

[Trevor Williams Volunteer Administrator of the Year](#)

[Young Leader of the Year](#)

The nominee will also be provided with an opportunity to provide additional supporting information.

**Individual Recognition Awards will not be accepted if they are received after the closing date or do not use the correct form.** Award nominees must not be the subject of an integrity matter at the time of nomination to be eligible for an award. Award nominees must always uphold all agreed behaviours and values of Volleyball WA. The closing date for nominations is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026, at 5:00pm.

### 3. Club / Association Recognition Awards

The nomination process for these awards is closed and is calculated as detailed on the following pages.

### 4. Distinguished Service Awards

Affiliates and members can submit nominations for Distinguished Service Awards using the prescribed form on page 23. These nominations are supported at the VWA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and presented at the VWA Annual Awards. A nomination can be submitted to the VWA Chief Executive Officer at *any point* prior to the VWA AGM.

## Achievement Awards

### Beach Volleyball

Beach athlete awards are awarded in various categories to recognize performance in beach volleyball within the defined period.

#### Individual Player of the Year (Male and Female)

Awarded to the individual with the best seed index with a minimum of five tournaments played in 2025/2026 season.

*Note: Not rewarded if both players from team of the year win and have the same seed.*

#### Team of the Year (Male and Female)

Awarded to the team with the best seed index with a minimum of five tournaments played in the 2025/2026 season.

#### Regional Player of the Year (Male and Female)

Awarded to the individual residing in a regional area who records the best seed index across a minimum of three tournaments played in the 2025/2026 season.

#### Beach Youth Player of the Year (Male and Female)

Awarded based on the following criteria:

- Under 18 years of age
- Australian Resident
- Registered Volleyball WA Member
- Results of competition performance from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Results at a Volleyball Australia Sanctioned Event (AYBVC, ABVSC, AJBVT, ABVT, Beach Pro Tour)
- Individual rankings
- International competition representation

- National Performance Program involvement (Performance Squad, AVA, Developing Volleyroo).

#### Beach Junior Player of the Year (Male and Female)

- Under 23 years of age
- Australian Resident
- Registered Volleyball WA Member
- Results of competition performance from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Results at a Volleyball Australia Sanctioned Event (AJBVT, ABVT, Beach Pro Tour)
- Individual rankings
- International competition representation
- National Performance Program involvement (Performance Squad, AVA, Developing Volleyroo).

#### Indoor Volleyball

Indoor Athlete Awards are awarded to individual athletes to recognize performance in indoor volleyball within the defined period.

#### WAVL State League - MVP Best and Fairest Awards

State League and State League Reserves) awards a Male and Female MVP in each division.

- MVPs are determined using a 3-2-1 voting system, with three (3) votes awarded to the most outstanding player
- Voting is conducted by the First Referee, in consultation with the Head Coaches of both teams following each match
- Players are only eligible to receive the MVP award in the division in which they are eligible to compete in finals
- Any player who receives a suspension during the WAVL season will be deemed ineligible for the award.

At the end of the State League Season, an all-All-Star Team will be named with the players who received the most votes for their respective position. The positions are as follows:

- Outside Hitter x 2
- Middle Blocker x 2
- Setter x 1
- Libero x 1
- Opposite x 1

### Indoor Youth Player of the Year (Male and Female)

Awarded based on the following criteria:

- Under 18 years of age
- Australian Resident
- Registered Volleyball WA Member
- Results of competition performance throughout the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- Results at a Volleyball Australia Sanctioned Event (AYVC, AJVC, AVSC)
- AVSL and/or international competition representation
- National Performance Program involvement (Performance Squad, AVA, Developing Volleyroo).

### Indoor Junior Player of the Year (Male and Female)

- Under 23 years of age
- Australian Resident
- Registered Volleyball WA Member
- Results of competition performance throughout the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- Results at a Volleyball Australia Sanctioned Event (AJVC)
- AVSL and/or international competition representation
- National Performance Program involvement (Performance Squad, AVA, Developing Volleyroo).

### State Representation

State Representative Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of Perth Steel players and State Team athletes who have achieved medal-winning performances at annual Volleyball Australia national events.

### Perth Steel AVSL MVP Awards – Male and Female

- The Perth Steel AVSL Male and Female Awards are determined through a 3-2-1 voting system, with three (3) votes awarded to the most outstanding player
- Following each match, voting will be submitted by the Perth Steel AVSL Team Coaches to be collated at the end of the AVSL season and prior to the Annual Awards Night.

### AYBVC, AYVC, AJVC & AVSL – Medal Winners

Medal winners will be acknowledged as per the outcome of competition finals.

### International Representation

Recognition of all individuals (athletes, coaches, referees, and team personnel) who are members of Volleyball WA and who have represented Australia at a Senior FIVB International Competition.

### International Awards

International Awards for both Indoor and Beach are awarded to the registered Volleyball WA athletes who return the most outstanding performance at an international level.

### International Player of the Year – Beach

Outstanding achievement by an athlete at international level based on the following criteria:

- Australian Resident
- Registered Volleyball WA Member
- International competition results from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (e.g.: Olympic Games, World Championships, 1-5-star events, overseas universities, individual rankings).
- The individual is a role model for aspiring future athletes by contributing to off-court initiatives or advocacy.

### International Player of the Year – Indoor

Outstanding achievement by an athlete at international level based on the following criteria:

- Australian Resident
- Registered Volleyball WA Member
- International competition results from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (e.g.: Olympic Games, World Championships, professional leagues, overseas universities).

- The individual is a role model for aspiring future athletes by contributing to off-court initiatives or advocacy.

## Recognition Awards

### Coach Awards

The Coach Recognition Awards acknowledge and celebrate coaches in Western Australia who demonstrate excellence, leadership, and commitment to the development of volleyball and its participants, through high-quality coaching practice, positive influence on athletes and communities, and a commitment to continuous personal and professional growth.

These awards aim to:

- Recognise coaching excellence across pathway, club, and community environments
- Encourage the development and retention of skilled, values-driven coaches
- Highlight the role of coaches in athlete development, participation growth, and safe, inclusive sport
- Reinforce alignment with Volleyball WA's values, accreditation framework, and long-term strategic objectives

The Coach Recognition Awards celebrate both emerging coaching talent and established contributors, recognising impact appropriate to each stage of the coaching journey.

### Junior Coach of the Year

#### Nomination Form

The Junior Coach of the Year recognises a talented, emerging accredited coach who has demonstrated the ability to coach at a high level across a range of abilities and ages, with a clear vision that reflects a journey towards excellence in all areas of coaching.

Eligibility:

- Have a valid Volleyball Australia Coach Accreditation
- Reside primarily in Western Australia
- Be under 19 years of age as of 31 December of the given year.

Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate two or more of the following):

- Has been a first-time coach with a Volleyball WA State Team Program from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Has coached at multiple levels and / or multiple codes within the defined period outlined above
- Actively pursues and demonstrated personal and professional development.

### Club / Community Coach of the Year

#### [Nomination Form](#)

The Club/Community Coach of the Year recognises and celebrates a coach who has made an outstanding contribution to the development, quality, and sustainability of volleyball at the club and community level in Western Australia, through excellence in coaching practice, leadership, and ongoing professional growth.

Eligibility:

- Have a valid Volleyball Australia Coach Accreditation
- Reside primarily in Western Australia
- Be registered with and actively coaching at a VWA Affiliated Club / Association.

Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate three or more of the following):

- Coaches at multiple levels and across multiple codes
- Has raised the level of coaching within the Club / Association from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- Has contributed to the development of coaches and players in Communities / Clubs / Associations within the defined period outlined above
- Actively pursues and demonstrated personal and professional development.

### Coach of the Year

#### [Nomination Form](#)

The Coach of the Year recognises and honours a high-performance coach in Western Australia who has demonstrated excellence in coaching leadership, contribution to state and national pathways, and a sustained commitment to advancing coaching standards and volleyball performance through education, mentorship, and professional development.

#### Eligibility:

- Have a valid Level 2 State or Level 3 Volleyball Australia Coach Accreditation
- Reside primarily in Western Australia.

#### Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate three or more of the following):

- Has coached at AYBVC, AYVC and / or AVSL from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026
- Has coached at a national and / or international level within the defined period outlined above.
- Be registered with, and actively coaching at a VWA Affiliated Club / Association
- Actively contributes to the coach education and development of volleyball in WA as a presenter, mentor and / or VWA Coach Committee Member
- Actively pursues and demonstrated personal and professional development.

#### Referee Awards

The Referee Awards recognise and celebrate referees in Western Australia who demonstrate excellence, commitment, integrity, and leadership in officiating, and who contribute positively to the development, quality, and sustainability of volleyball across community, pathway, and high-performance environments.

Collectively, these awards aim to:

- Promote high standards of officiating and fair play
- Recognise contribution across junior, community, state, national, and international contexts
- Encourage referee development, retention, and progression
- Reinforce the values of professionalism, integrity, and leadership within the VWA officiating system.

#### Junior Referee of the Year

##### [Nomination Form](#)

The Junior Referee of the Year recognises an emerging young referee who has demonstrated strong commitment, development, and potential in volleyball officiating, through early engagement in pathway events, exposure across multiple levels or codes, and a proactive approach to personal and professional growth.

### Intent of the Award

- Encourage retention and progression of young referees
- Recognise referees at the start of their officiating journey
- Reinforce positive behaviours, learning mindset, and pathway engagement
- Support the transition from junior to senior refereeing environments

This award focuses on potential and development, rather than longevity or elite appointment.

### Eligibility:

- Have a valid Volleyball Australia Referee Accreditation
- Reside primarily in Western Australia
- Be under 19 years of age as of 31 December of the given year.

### Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate two or more of the following):

- Has been a first-time referee at AJVC, AYVC or AYBVC from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- Has refereed at multiple levels and / or codes within the defined period outlined above.
- Actively pursues and demonstrated personal and professional development.

### Referee of the Year Indoor

#### [Nomination Form](#)

The Referee of the Year - Indoor recognises an outstanding indoor referee in Western Australia who has demonstrated excellence in officiating performance, leadership, and contribution to the referee and volleyball system at club, state, national, and/or international levels.

### Intent of the Award

- Acknowledge referees performing at high-level indoor competitions
- Recognise breadth of contribution across multiple levels and codes
- Value leadership through mentoring, education, and committee involvement
- Reinforce commitment to continuous professional development and best practice

This award is intended to honour referees who combine technical excellence with system leadership in the indoor discipline.

### Eligibility:

- Have a valid Volleyball Australia Referee Accreditation

- Reside primarily in Western Australia.

Indoor Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate three or more of the following):

- Has refereed at a Volleyball Australia sanctioned event (, AYVC, AJVC, AVSL, or AVSC) from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- Has refereed at a national and / or international level within the defined period outlined above
- Be registered with, and actively refereeing within a VWA Affiliated Club / Association
- Referees at multiple levels and across multiple codes
- Actively contributes to the referee education and development of volleyball in WA as a presenter, mentor and / or VWA Referee Committee Member
- Actively pursues and demonstrated personal and professional development.

### Referee of the Year – Beach

#### [Nomination Form](#)

The Referee of the Year – Beach recognises an outstanding beach referee in Western Australia who has demonstrated excellence in officiating performance, leadership, and contribution to the referee and volleyball system across sanctioned beach competitions at club, state, national, and/or international levels.

#### Intent of the Award

- Recognise referees contributing to the growth and professionalism of beach volleyball
- Acknowledge performance across sanctioned beach events and pathways
- Value versatility across levels, codes, and officiating environments
- Encourage leadership through education, mentoring, and referee development

This award reflects the distinct skill set, environment, and contribution required in beach volleyball officiating.

#### Eligibility:

- Have a valid Volleyball Australia Referee Accreditation
- Reside primarily in Western Australia.

Beach Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate three or more of the following):

- Has refereed at a Volleyball Australia sanctioned event (AVSC or AYBVC, AJBVT, ABVSC, ABVT) from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026
- Has refereed at a national and / or international level within the defined period as outlined above
- Be registered with, and actively refereeing within a VWA Affiliated Club / Association
- Referees at multiple levels and across multiple codes
- Actively contributes to the referee education and development of volleyball in WA as a presenter, mentor and / or VWA Referee Committee Member
- Actively pursues and demonstrated personal and professional development.

### Referee Recognition Award

#### Nomination Form

The Referee Recognition Award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to volleyball refereeing in the Western Australian community, including regional areas, through commitment, leadership, integrity, and service, regardless of pathway level or eligibility for other referee awards.

Intent of the Award

- Provide recognition for referees whose impact is community-focused
- Acknowledge service, reliability, and leadership, not just appointment level
- Ensure volunteers in regional and grassroots contexts are visible and valued
- Reinforce the importance of integrity, respect, and role-modelling

This award ensures that significant contributions to the officiating community are recognised even where pathway or age-based awards may not apply.

Eligibility:

- Have a valid Volleyball Australia Referee Accreditation
- Reside primarily in Western Australia.

Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate the following):

- Proven Involvement: Candidates must have a documented record of participation in VWA and/or VA Competitions, showcasing their commitment in the field.

- Contribution to Development: Nominees should actively contribute to the enhancement and development of referees, demonstrating a commitment to the growth and improvement of officiating standards.
- Integrity and Leadership: Individuals must consistently demonstrate integrity and leadership during refereeing activities, setting a positive example and upholding the values of fair play and respect.

### Administration Awards

The Administration Awards recognise individuals whose leadership, commitment, and service in volunteer administration and management roles have made a significant contribution to the strength, integrity, and effectiveness of volleyball in Western Australia.

These awards aim to:

- Acknowledge the essential role of volunteer administrators in the sport
- Celebrate service that strengthens governance, operations, and community outcomes
- Reinforce alignment with Volleyball WA values and behaviours
- Promote sustainable, well-managed clubs and associations across WA.

### Trevor Williams Volunteer Administrator of the Year

#### Nomination Form

The Volunteer Administrator of the Year Award recognises a volunteer administrator who has made an outstanding contribution to volleyball in Western Australia through dedicated service, effective administration and management, and consistent demonstration of Volleyball WA values within their club, association, and the broader volleyball community.

Intent of the Award

- Honour volunteers whose work underpins the success and sustainability of the sport
- Recognise impact and commitment, not just tenure or position held
- Celebrate individuals who demonstrate professionalism, cooperation, and leadership
- Reinforce the importance of strong governance and management at club and association level

This award acknowledges that high-quality administration is critical to participation growth, volunteer retention, and the overall health of volleyball in WA. It seeks to recognise the contributions made by an individual to volleyball through their outstanding service to the sport in the fields of administration and management.

Eligibility:

- Be a committee volunteer for a VWA Affiliated Club / Association
- Reside primarily in Western Australia.

Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate two or more of the following):

- A proven record of achievement and / or performance to volleyball in WA
- Significant involvement in and commitment to volleyball in WA from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026.
- Has displayed the Volleyball WA values and behaviours in cooperation with VWA and throughout the WA volleyball community.

## Leadership Awards

### Young Leader of the Year

#### Nomination Form

Young Leader of the Year recognises a young individual who has demonstrated leadership, initiative, and commitment across multiple areas of volleyball in Western Australia, and who actively contributes to the sport through involvement, service, and ongoing personal and professional development.

#### Intent of the Award

- Identify and celebrate emerging leaders aged 18–24
- Recognise leadership across coaching, refereeing, administration, events, marketing, or sport development
- Encourage meaningful involvement in VWA and club governance structures
- Reinforce the importance of learning, growth, and responsibility in leadership roles

This award focuses on potential, breadth of contribution, and leadership behaviours, rather than seniority or formal authority.

#### Eligibility:

- Reside primarily in Western Australia
- Be aged between 18 and 24 years of age as of the 31 December of the given year.

Criteria (Nominations must demonstrate two or more of the following):

- Evidenced leadership in the fields of coaching, refereeing, administration, event management, marketing, or sports development. (Minimum of 3 evidenced)
- Involvement in a Volleyball WA / VWA Affiliated Club / Association Committee(s)
- This significant involvement and commitment are required to take place during the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026.
- Actively pursues and demonstrated personal and professional development.

## Clubs / Association Awards

### Overview

The Clubs / Associations Awards recognise affiliated Clubs and Associations that demonstrate excellence in performance, development, and contribution to the growth and sustainability of volleyball in Western Australia.

To reflect the diversity of club models and strategic intent, awards are structured into two distinct categories:

1. Performance-Based Awards – recognising competitive outcomes and pathway performance.
2. Club Excellence Awards – recognising alignment with Volleyball WA’s strategic priorities and long-term sport development impact.

Affiliated Clubs / Associations that deliver multiple volleyball codes (Indoor, Beach, Indoor Beach) may be eligible for more than one award, subject to notifying VWA of the codes delivered.

Awards data will be collated by the VWA Administration & Support Team, with verification from relevant VWA staff portfolios.

## Performance-Based Club Awards

These awards recognise on-court performance and pathway outcomes, with an emphasis on competitive success, officiating and coaching contribution, and compliance with competition standards.

### Robyn Fittock Champion Club - Indoor

#### Purpose

To recognise the affiliated club that has demonstrated the strongest overall competitive performance in indoor volleyball, supported by effective coaching, officiating, and operational standards.

#### Eligibility

- Must be a VWA-affiliated club competing in WAVL and WAVJL in the current season.

Assessment Focus (Performance-Based) Assessment will be based on a points-based model, drawing primarily from:

- Competitive results and placings in WAVL and WAVJL
- Athlete progression through indoor pathways (AYVC, AJVC, AVSL, AVL – previous season)
- Accredited coaches and referees actively contributing to indoor competitions
- Compliance with competition duties, forfeits, and sanction frameworks
- Engagement with VWA indoor competition structures and requirements

This award prioritises competitive excellence, professionalism, and pathway contribution in indoor volleyball.

### Champions Club - Beach

#### Purpose

To recognise the affiliated club that has demonstrated the strongest overall competitive and pathway performance in beach volleyball, contributing to athlete, coach, and referee development within the VWA beach system.

#### Eligibility

- Must be a VWA-affiliated club that:
  - Includes beach volleyball in its club operations, and
  - Delivers structured beach training, programs, and/or competitions across the beach season.

Assessment Focus (Performance-Based) Assessment will be based on a points-based model, drawing primarily from:

- Participation and representation in VWA-sanctioned beach competitions and pathways
- Athlete progression through beach development squads, AYBVC state teams, and tours
- Active involvement of accredited coaches and referees in beach pathways
- Hosting and delivery of sanctioned beach events
- Engagement with VWA beach governance and committee structures

This award recognises performance outcomes and pathway alignment rather than broad organisational activity.

### Club Excellence Awards

The Club Excellence Awards recognise affiliated Clubs and Associations that demonstrate outstanding all-round excellence in the delivery, development, and sustainability of volleyball in Western Australia.

These awards acknowledge clubs that go beyond competitive outcomes to show leadership and impact across participation growth, talent and capability development, community connection, strong governance, and alignment with Volleyball WA's values and strategic priorities.

The Club Excellence Awards aim to:

- Recognise clubs that contribute meaningfully to the long-term growth and health of volleyball in WA
- Celebrate whole-of-club achievement, including people, programs, culture, and partnerships
- Encourage sustainable, inclusive, and well-governed club environments
- Reinforce Volleyball WA's commitment to safe, inclusive, and community-focused sport delivery

These awards are distinct from performance-based club awards and are intended to recognise organisational leadership, impact, and excellence across multiple areas of club operations.

### John MacKay Regional Association Award

#### Purpose

To recognise a regional Club or Association that has demonstrated outstanding leadership, growth, and community impact, contributing to the strength and accessibility of volleyball across regional Western Australia.

#### Eligibility

- Must be a VWA-affiliated regional Club or Association.

#### Assessment Framework

##### Assessment will consider:

- Participation growth and program delivery in regional contexts
- Development and retention of local coaches and referees
- Engagement with VWA events, championships, and education opportunities
- Leadership representation within VWA governance structures
- Demonstrated community partnerships and place-based delivery

This award recognises the unique contribution of regional organisations to the statewide volleyball ecosystem.

### Indoor Beach Federation Centre Award

#### Purpose

To recognise excellence in the delivery and operation of indoor beach volleyball facilities, as determined by the Indoor Beach Federation.

#### Selection

- Selected directly by the Indoor Beach Federation using its own criteria and processes.

### Overall Volleyball WA Club of the Year

#### Purpose

To recognise the affiliated club that has made the most significant holistic contribution to the growth, quality, and sustainability of volleyball in Western Australia, aligned with Volleyball WA's strategic priorities.

## Eligibility

- Open to VWA-affiliated Platinum and Platinum Regional Clubs / Associations only.

## Assessment Framework (Holistic & Strategic)

Assessment will consider evidence across the following four strategic pillars:

### 1. Grow the Game

- Membership growth and retention across age groups
- Delivery of Kids, Junior, Social and modified volleyball programs
- Inclusion-focused initiatives (e.g. disability, CaLD, First Nations, LGBTQIA+, women and girls, seniors)
- School and community participation programs.

### 2. Develop Talent & Capability

- Growth and retention of accredited coaches and referees
- Contribution to education delivery (presenters, courses, mentoring)
- Athlete and official pathway engagement.

### 3. Empower Local Volleyball Communities

- Strong governance and volunteer leadership structures
- Active participation in VWA committees and forums
- Hosting VWA-sanctioned events
- Partnerships with local councils and community organisations.

### 4. Amplify Our Impact

- Alignment with safeguarding, integrity, and Good Sports principles
- Positive engagement with VWA events, conferences, and advocacy initiatives
- Demonstrated leadership in values-based and purpose-driven sport delivery.

This award recognises sustained, organisation-wide impact, not just competition success.

## 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](mailto:ceo@volleyballwa.com.au).