



2020 – 21 Nomination Pack

“Recognising those who have achieved not only excellence but have also provided outstanding service to the sport of Touch Football”

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Introduction

The NSW Touch Awards recognises those individuals, Affiliates, Regions, and teams who have achieved not only excellence, but have also provided outstanding service to the sport of touch football in NSW each year. The celebration focuses on all manner of persons within the touch football community. Those members of our sport from the local park through to State, National and International achievements.

2021 NSW Touch Awards

We invite you to attend the NSW Touch Awards to be held on the evening of Saturday, 7th August 2021 at Bankstown Sports Club (8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown NSW 2200) to celebrate and recognise the outstanding service and contribution to touch football of our nominees and winners.

Further information will be available via www.nswtouch.com.au

Why nominate?

As part of the process, it is crucial to recognise a volunteer's success and reward for the impact the individual has had within their association and local community. Nominations provide an insight of their hard work and dedication for the benefit of touch football in NSW that often goes unnoticed.

A nomination in any category can be completed by any member of the NSWTA/Region/Affiliate or park player.

How to submit your nomination

We realise it is difficult to summarise the service, contribution and achievements of our nominees who do what they do often without recognition. While there is no minimum or maximum word count, NSWTA encourages you to provide the judging panel with sufficient accurate and relevant information.



Nominations are to be made online via links below:

- [Rod Wise Medal](#)
- [Blues Award](#)
- [Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [Affiliate of the Year](#)
- [President of the Year](#)
- [Administrator of the Year](#)
- [Affiliate Referee Director of the Year](#)
- [Youth Volunteer of the Year](#)
- [Player of the Year](#)
- [Coach of the Year](#)
- [Team of the Year](#)

What do we get?

The prestige of the Award is the most valuable aspect of the NSW Touch Awards, recognising the outstanding contribution during the judging period. All nominees will receive a digital certificate acknowledging their status as a 'nominee'.

Winners will also be presented with a NSWTA plaque and promoted via our communication channels highlighting the specific award winner as well as the Association and/or Region. Affiliated Associations are encouraged to engage local media to further leverage opportunities for community partnerships and recognition.

Furthermore, NSWTA will elevate State winners for external recognition where appropriate. This may include Sport NSW or other industry awards. Please note, this is at the discretion of NSWTA and some nominations may require further information.



Recognition Categories

The following are the recognition categories:

Sport Awards:

- Rod Wise Medal (NSWTA Volunteer of the Year)
- Blues Award (Individual volunteer recognition award)
- President of the Year
- Distinguished Service Awards
- Affiliate of the Year (Affiliate recognition award from within the Affiliates of each Region. Each Regional winner automatically progresses to a State final shortlist from which the State Affiliate of the Year is named)
- Administrator of the Year (Individual recognition award from within the Affiliates of each Region. Each Regional winner automatically progresses to a State final shortlist from which the State Administrator of the Year is named)
- Affiliate Referee Director of the Year
- Youth Volunteer of the Year
- Region of the Year
- Selector of the Year

Performance Awards:

- Coach of the Year
- Junior Coach of the Year
- Senior Coach of the Year
- Junior Female Player of the Year (Under 18yrs)
- Junior Male Player of the Year Male (Under 18yrs)
- Open Female Player of the Year (Open Age)
- Open Male Player of the Year (Open Age)
- Senior Female Player of the Year (Over 30yrs)
- Senior Male Player of the Year (Over 30yrs)
- Team of the Year
- Junior Team of the Year
- Senior Team of the Year

NB. The Matthew Medal - The Referee of the Year is awarded at the NSWTA State Referees Dinner.



Nomination Timeline

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| Nomination period | 1 st July 2020 – 30 th June 2021 |
| Nominations open | Thursday 13 th May 2021 |
| Nominations close | Tuesday 22 nd June 2021 |
| Late nominations close | Thursday 8 July 2021 |
| Finalists & nominees announced | Tuesday 6 th July |
| Winners announced | Saturday 7 th August |

Judging Panels

Sport Awards: General Manager, Business Operations Manager, State Participation Manager, Membership Services Coordinator (MSC) and NSWTA Board Member.

Selector of the Year – NSWTA Selector Panel, General Manager and High-Performance Unit Chair.

Region of the Year – Is a point score based on performance and compliance throughout the judging period.

Performance Awards: General Manager, High Performance Unit

**The decision of the judging panel is final and no discussion shall be entered into.*



ROD WISE MEDAL

Volunteer of the Year

The Rod Wise Medal is named after one of NSW's great volunteers and as such is awarded to the NSW Volunteer of the year. It always carries the highest honour at the NSW Awards. Rod Wise has an extensive volunteer history with over 30 years for NSWTA. Rod is a Life Member of NSWTA, Southern Suns Region and Yass Touch Associations. Rod consistently and concurrently ran both Yass TA and Southern Suns who were a powerhouse in his era. When Rod retired from the sport, the NSWTA recognised the exceptional standards by which Rod volunteered and as such decided it was a fitting that this award carries his name. Rod is still actively involved in the annual Yass Knockout event held over the Australia Day weekend. In 2006, the first recipient of the Rod Wise Medal was Luke Mackenzie from Wagga Wagga TA

Key Criteria: This is the supreme NSW Touch Football award bestowed upon a member as part of these awards recognizing volunteers who go above and beyond and make a significant contribution to touch football in NSW.

Nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Unpaid Position (Honorariums & Hobby Payments Accepted)
- Active in a volunteer only role within the Affiliate or Region or NSWTA or TFA
- Can be involved in any capacity of the Affiliate or Region or NSWTA or TFA
- Be a current financial member of the NSWTA

N.B Nominees do not have to be involved at all levels

2. History

- Please describe the nominee's history and service to the sport.

3. Current Role(s) and Responsibility (1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021)

- Please describe the nominee's current participation in and service to the sport.

4. Developments/Initiatives

(E.g. Community Projects/Fundraising & Promotions)



- Describe any development or initiative that has/is improving the sport at any level that this nominee is involved in
- Describe how this nominee is a volunteer of exceptional standards

5. Character

- Be of the character that best reflects the values and mission of the NSW Touch Association

6. Additional information supporting this nomination

- Any further information provided in support of the nomination

| Last five year's recipients | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 2019/20 | Joe Dougall | Balmain Juniors |
| 2018/19 | Phil Rainger | Taree |
| 2017/18 | John Turnbull | Central Coast |
| 2016/17 | Graham Knights | Manly Warringah |
| 2015/16 | Melinda Cotter | Port Macquarie |



BLUES AWARD – SPORT RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Blues Awards recognises outstanding achievements and contributions made across NSW by our volunteers in the community. Without volunteers there would be no clubs, no teams, no coaches, no referees, no one to set up the fields, run the canteen or assist with team uniforms and so much more.

Nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Unpaid Position (Honorariums & Hobby Payments Accepted)
- Active in a volunteer only role within the Affiliate or Region or NSWTA or TFA
- Can be involved in any capacity of the Affiliate or Region or NSWTA or TFA
- Individuals can only receive one Blues Award

N.B Nominees do not have to be involved at all levels

2. Service

- Provide summary of the nominee's roles/service to the sport.
- Describe the service that has been of significant benefit to the sport / association and community

NB. Each Affiliate is eligible for a maximum of two recipients per year. Each Region may also nominate a maximum of two recipients per year.

View the current list of previous recipients online via [2019/20 NSW Award Winners](#)



DISTINGUISHED SERVICES AWARD

This award recognises an individual's exceptional service and/or contribution to Touch Football at club or regional or state level of over 25 years.

An affiliate/region can only nominate one person for this prestige award. A Distinguished Service Award can only be received once, and no more than 12 will be awarded annually.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Must have completed 25 years continuous service at either affiliate/region/state level
- Not a NSWTA or TFA Life Member or Hall of Fame Member

2. History

- Please describe the nominee's history and service to the sport



AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an Affiliated Touch Association for overall excellence in administration, operations and on-field success during **between 1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021**. This award pays particular attention to strategies, projects, programs and innovation which enhance and support participation growth in players, referees and coaching representing the 'best in class'.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Active in an area of administration within the Affiliate or Region for the judging period
- Be a current financial member of NSWTA

2. Administration

- Proficient use of competition management system (preferably MySideline)
- Active use of website and/or social media
- Business growth and diversification of revenue streams
- Facility Development projects
- Marketing/partnership opportunities
- All Team Management complete WWCC and submitted into database
- Committee meetings held and documented, available to the membership
- Engagement in NSWTA State Conference, cluster meetings and/or similar
- Effective communication and positive relationship with NSW Membership Services Coordinator
- Submits feedback into NSWTA reviews and/or post event surveys as applicable

3. Technical Development

- Run Referee Course
- Run Coaching Course
- Volunteer Development
- Junior Programs

4. Growth/Team Numbers

- Junior Competition
- Senior Competition
- Increased Representative Performance and support of competitions
- Referee compliance at NSWTA events
- Key events run during the period



5. Compliance

- NSWTA endorsed COVID Safety Plan
- Meet NSWTA Affiliation Regulations requirements: Committee contact details; competition details; most recent AGM minutes & constitution, submission and payments complete by Round 4 of competition
- Current constitution available for all members to access
- Completes the NSWTA Affiliation online form
- Audited financial accounts (if applicable)
- AGMs held in accordance with NSWTA compliance
 - Correct notice times adhered to
 - All reports provided
 - Appointment of Public Officer notified by due date
 - Incorporation returns lodged and advised by due date
- Incorporation status **(if applicable)**

6. Developments/Initiatives (E.g. Community Projects/Fundraising & Promotions)

- Describe any development or initiative that has/is improving the sport at an affiliate level
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusion and diversity in terms of, club administration and participation of all people i.e., Women, CALD communities, indigenous, disabled and the disadvantaged
- Demonstrated local school engagement
- Innovative volunteer leadership and management, including recruitment, retention, recognition, and reward

7. Additional information supporting this nomination



PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

This award recognises exceptional leadership, outstanding contribution, and achievements by a member in the role of President

Nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Unpaid Position (Honorariums & Hobby Payments Accepted)
- Active in a volunteer only role within the Affiliate
- Be a current financial member of the NSWTA
- Based in NSW

2. History

- Please describe the nominee's history and service to the sport.

3. Current Role(s) and Responsibility (1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021)

- Please describe the nominee's current participation in and service to the sport.
- Describe the demonstrated leadership and development of others within the sport

4. Developments/Initiatives (E.g., Community Projects/Fundraising & Promotions)

- Describe any development or initiative that has/is improving the sport at any level that this nominee is spearheading
- Describe how this nominee is a President of exceptional standards

5. Character

- Be of the character that best reflects the values and mission of the NSW Touch Association

6. Additional information supporting this nomination



ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an Administrator who has set the standard for volunteer community sport administration. Administrator nominees may include such roles as; Secretary, Treasurer, MPIO, Representative Coordinator, Social Media Coordinator, Vice President, Referee Director or Competition Coordinator.

**At the discretion of the NSWTA judging panel, nominees may be considered for the Volunteer of the Year award.*

All nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Active in an area of administration within the Affiliate or Region for the judging period
- Unpaid Position (Honorariums & Hobby Payments Accepted)
- Be a current financial member of the NSWTA

2. Administration

- Use of Competition Management Program (preferably MySideline)
- Use of Website
- Use of Social Media Marketing/Sponsorship opportunities
- Efficiencies or innovations that enhance the standard of administration
- Committee meeting correspondence outlined
- Submission of grant applications
- Committee meetings held and documents kept up to date

3. Growth/Team Numbers

- Junior Competition
- Senior Competition
- Assistance provided for NSWTA organised Gala Days

4. Compliance

- Meet NSWTA Affiliation Regulations requirements: Committee contact details; competition details; most recent AGM minutes & constitution, submission and payments complete by Round 4 of competition
- Current constitution available for all members to access



- AGM held once per calendar year
 - Incorporation status (if applicable)
- 5. Developments/Initiatives** (E.g. Community Projects/Fundraising & Promotions)
- Describe any development or initiative that has/is improving the sport at an affiliate level.
- 6. Additional information supporting this nomination**



AFFILIATE REFEREE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an Affiliate Referee Director's outstanding achievements and contributions during the judging period.

All nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Completed a full term (12 months) as Referee Director within the judging period.
- Obtained a referee badge
- Accredited to deliver referee courses

2. Current Role(s) and Responsibility (1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021)

- List the organisation skills of the nominee
- Describe the demonstrated leadership of the nominee

3. Growth

- Referee numbers within affiliate
- Referee participation at NSWTA major events

3. Technical Developments/Initiatives

- Arranged/delivered referee courses
- Mentoring of any junior/senior referees
- Describe any development or initiative that has/is improving the sport at any level.

4. Additional information supporting this nomination



YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises exceptional leadership, outstanding contribution and achievements by a youth member aged 25 years old or younger as at the close of the judging period.

Nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

5. Eligibility

- Unpaid Position (Honorariums & Hobby Payments Accepted)
- Active in a volunteer only role within the Affiliate
- Be a current financial member of the NSWTA
- Based in NSW
- Aged 25 or younger as at the close of the judging period

6. History

- Please describe the nominee's history and service to the sport.

7. Current Role(s) and Responsibility (1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021)

- Please describe the nominee's current participation in and service to the sport.
- Describe the demonstrated leadership and development of others within the sport

4. Developments/Initiatives

(E.g. Community Projects/Fundraising & Promotions)

- Describe any development or initiative that has/is improving the sport at any level that this nominee is spearheading
- Describe how this nominee is a volunteer of exceptional standards

5. Character

- Be of the character that best reflects the values and mission of the NSW Touch Association

6. Additional information supporting this nomination



REGION OF THE YEAR

Region of the Year recognises the overall best NSWTA Region during the judging period. Each Region will be adjudged on performance indicators listed below. No nomination process is required for this award.

1. Administration

- Full and Active Executive & Committee Structure
- Communication with Members and Affiliates
- Website & Social media interaction

2. Technical Development & Audit

- Referee Development
- Coaching Development
- Selector Development
- Volunteer Development
- Player Pathway Development

3. Representative Team Numbers & Performances

- Junior Regional Championships
- National Touch League
- National Youth Championships

4. Compliance

- Financial Practices and compliance
 - Supply yearly budget by due date
 - Event Budgets submitted by due date
 - Audited Financial Statements provided by due date
 - Audit Management letter provided by due date
 - Asset Register provided by due date
- AGMs held in accordance with NSWTA compliance
 - Correct notice times adhered to
 - All reports provided
 - Appointment of Public Officer notified by due date
 - Incorporation return lodged and advised by due date
- Support of NSWTA AGM, BOM and State Conference
 - Appropriate attendance



- Report deadlines met
- Grant Applications
 - Correctly prepared and submitted
- Regional Events
 - NSWTA endorsed COVID Safety Plan

5. Development/Initiatives (e.g. Community projects/fundraising & promotions)

- Describe any development or initiative that has/is improving the sport at an affiliate level



COACH OF THE YEAR, SENIOR COACH OF THE YEAR & JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR

These awards recognise a Coach, or a Senior Coach, or a Junior Coach for outstanding achievements and contributions in the nomination period. Please note a Junior Coach refers to a nominee who coaches players at the junior level.

All nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Coach of the Year must have coached at International or SOO or NTL or NSW Majors in Open's categories during the judging period
- Junior Coach of the Year must have coached at International (U/18) or NYC or Junior Regionals or Junior State Cup level during the judging period
- Senior Coach of the Year must have coached at International or NTL or NSW Majors in senior categories (including Women's 27's) during the judging period
- Be a current financial member of the NSWTA
- Hold a current Talent Coach (or higher) Accreditation

N.B Nominees do not have to be involved at all levels/events. NSW Majors are JSC, Jnr Regionals, Vawdon Cup, Country Championships & State Cup

2. Affiliate Participation & Support

- Participation and performance at stated events
- Participate and support Affiliate Events
- Support of Development Programs and assisting in the Development/Promotion of the sport at any or all levels.
- Shows leadership (including mentoring / education of other coaches) and promotes a healthy culture in a fair, safe, and inclusive environment

3. Regional Events Performance

- Participate and support Regional Championships

4. NSWTA Events Performance

- Performance at SOO
- Performance at NSWTA Majors



5. TFA Events Performance

- Performance at TFA NTL and/or NYC whichever is applicable

6. International Events Performance

- Performance at World Cup and/or Trans-Tasman and/or Test matches against FIT nations whichever is applicable

7. Additional information or innovations supporting this nomination

- Significance of their achievement in the sport and wider community



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This award recognises Players' outstanding achievements and contributions in the nomination period.

- Male Player of the Year
- Female Player of the Year
- Junior Male of the Year (20yrs and Under)
- Junior Female of the Year (20yrs and Under)
- Senior Male Player of the Year (30yrs and Over)
- Senior Female Player of the Year (27yrs and Over)

All nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria

1. Eligibility

- Junior Players of the Year must be 20 years or younger during the judging period
- Have participated at International (U/18) or NYC or NSW Majors level during the judging period
- Open Players of the Year must have participated at International or SOO or NTL or NSW Majors in Opens level during the judging period
- Senior Players of the Year must have participated at International or SOO or NTL or NSW Majors in Seniors levels (including Women's 27's) during the judging period
- Be a current financial member of the NSWTA

N.B Nominees should be involved in at least two levels/events. NSW Majors are JSC, Jnr Regionals, Vawdon Cup, Country Championships & State Cup

2. Affiliate Participation & Support

- Participate in and performance at stated events
- Participate in and support Affiliate Events

3. Regional Events Performance

- Participate in and support Regional Championships

4. NSWTA Events Performance

- Performance at SOO
- Performance at NSWTA Majors



5. TFA Events Performance

- Performance at TFA NTL and/or NYC whichever is applicable

6. International Events Performance

- Performance at World Cup and/or Trans-Tasman and/or Test matches against FIT nations whichever is applicable

7. Additional information or performances supporting this nomination

- Significance of their achievement in the sport and wider community



TEAM OF THE YEAR, JUNIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR & SENIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a team for outstanding performance in the nomination period.

All nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Teams of the Year must have participated at SOO or NTL or NSW Majors in the relevant division during the judging period
- Represent a current financial entity of the NSWTA
- Team must be based in NSW

N.B Nominees should be involved in at least two levels/events. NSW Majors are JSC, Jnr Regionals, Vawdon Cup, Country Championships & State Cup

2. Affiliate Participation & Support (where applicable)

- Participate in and performance at stated events
- Participate in and support Affiliate Events
- Display a positive culture which is fair, safe, and inclusive

3. Regional Events Performance (where applicable)

- Participate in and support Regional Championships

4. NSWTA Events Performance

- Performance at SOO
- Performance at NSWTA Majors

5. TFA Events Performance

- Performance at TFA NTL and/or NYC whichever is applicable

6. Additional information or performances supporting this nomination

- Significance of their achievement in the sport and wider community



SELECTOR OF THE YEAR

The Selector of the Year is awarded by the NSWTA Selectors Panel, HPU Chairperson and General Manager

All nominations will be considered on the following criteria.

Criteria:

1. Eligibility

- Selector of the Year must have Selected at International or SOO or NTL or NSW Majors in any categories during the judging period
- Be a current financial member of the NSWTA

N.B Nominees do not have to be involved at all levels/events. NSW Majors are JSC, Jnr Regionals, Vawdon Cup, Country Championships & State Cup

2. Affiliate Participation & Support

- Participation and performance at stated events
- Participate and support Affiliate Selections
- Support of Development Programs and assisting in the Development/Promotion of the sport at any or all levels.
- Displays a positive culture which is fair, safe and inclusive

3. Regional Events Performance

- Participate in selecting and support Regional Championships

4. NSWTA Events Performance

- Performance at SOO
- Performance at NSWTA Majors

5. TFA Events Performance

- Performance at TFA NTL and/or NYC whichever is applicable

6. International Events Performance

- Performance at World Cup and/or Trans-Tasman and/or Test matches against FIT nations whichever is applicable

7. Additional information or performance supporting this nomination

