

**2021-2022**

**Squash NZ National Awards**

**Date: Saturday 10th December**

**Venue/Format**

**TBC**

**National Awards Information**

**and Nomination Details**

Nominations close Wednesday 26th October 2022, as per the information attached.

**List of Awards**

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| **Name of Award** | | **Details** |
| **Personality of the Year** | | Chosen by the Squash New Zealand Board. The award recognises contribution to squash in New Zealand either as a player, administrator, or supporter of squash. |
| **Chairman’s Award** | | Chosen by the Squash New Zealand Board Chairperson. The award recognises outstanding contribution to squash. |
| **Club of the Year\*** | | Nominations are made through each of the 11 District Associations and a winner selected. Winners from each of the 11 District associations are then put forward as contenders for the National Award, as decided by judging panel. |
| **Volunteer of the Year** | | Nominations are made through each of the 11 District Associations and a winner selected. Winners from each of the 11 regional District Associations are then put forward as contenders for the National Award, as decided by judging panel. |
| **Derek Cook Memorial Trophy for Refereeing** | | Selected by the National Referee Management Panel or other panel if deemed necessary. The award is presented for the most significant contribution towards refereeing during the year. |
| **Rob Roche Award (Meritorious Service to Masters)** | | Awarded by the National Masters Director. The award recognises a valuable contribution to the delivery of master’s squash in New Zealand as a player, coach, referee, or administrator. |
| **NATIONAL COACHING AWARDS** | **Foundation Coach** | Nominations are individually made and forwarded to their District to be endorsed. ALL endorsed nominations should be put forward to Squash NZ with the winner determined by the Coaching Advisory Panel. The award is presented to a coach working with beginner players (ungraded or F or J Grade) having their first squash experience |
| **Development Coach** | Nominations are individually made and forwarded to their District to be endorsed. ALL endorsed nominations should be put forward to Squash NZ with the winner determined by the Coaching Advisory Panel. The award is presents to a coach working with players with a reasonable skill level (graded E-B2) who play squash regularly. |
| **Performance Coach of the Year** | Nominations are individually made and forwarded to their District to be endorsed. ALL endorsed nominations should be put forward to Squash NZ with the winner determined by the Coaching Advisory Panel. The award is presented to a coach who is working with players who either represent their District are involved in National squads, or coaches working with a District Performance squad. |
| **Most Improved Senior Player (Male)**  **Most Improved Senior Player (Female)**  **Most Improved Junior Player (Male)**  **Most Improved Junior Player (Female)** | | Chosen by the Senior and Junior National Selection Committees. These awards are presented to the most improved players in their respective membership categories. |

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| **Determined through nominations** |

**Notes:**

* The awards cover the period **1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022**. All performances to be considered for the above awards must fall within this period.
* The judging panels for each award will be facilitated by the Squash New Zealand office.
* All national award nominations will be assessed with the top 3 for each award being put forward as finalists from which the winner will be announced.



**2021-2022 National Awards Timeline**

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| **Action** | **By Who** | **By When** |
| Awards information circulated to all regional District Associations and clubs. | Squash New Zealand | Friday 9th September |
| Nominations open | All as appropriate | Friday 23rd September |
| Nominations close and must be sent to Squash NZ | District | Wednesday 26th October |
| Finalists notified | Squash New Zealand | TBC (dependant on District Award dates) |
| Squash New Zealand National Awards Ceremony | All | Saturday 10th December |

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|  |  | **DISTRICT LOGO** |

**2021-2022 CLUB OF THE YEAR**

**Information**

Clubs play an important role in society. They draw people together; they help to knit communities and they provide a place where people can enjoy themselves both on and off the squash courts.

**REGIONAL CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Club of the Year Award is made annually by the District Associations and recognises achievement from affiliated squash clubs. Members are asked to nominate their clubs and to provide a description of their achievements in the delivery of community squash. A judging panel chosen by the district representatives decides the winner. The judging panel’s decision is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

**NATIONAL CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Winners from each of the 11 regional District Associations are put forward as contenders for the coveted National Award. Winners will be selected by a judging panel and announced at the awards ceremony on the 10th December. The judging panel’s decision is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

Clubs will be judged on good practice and success in all areas of club development which contributes to Squash New Zealand’s Strategic Plan: Squash on the Move and vision of “Growing at Grassroots and Going for Gold”, under the following five areas:

**1. Participation Growth**

- Engagement with the community (e.g. other clubs, schools, partners) through newsletters / open days

- Coach development processes in place

- Programmes offered for different participant groups

- A range of female and male (junior / senior) membership options available

- Retention and growth of overall membership

- Website and social media used to create engaging online presence

**2. Player/Club Success**

- Regional / National results and improvements of players / teams

- Evidence of hosting successful events and ways in which events have been improved

- Participation rates at other local, District and National events

**3. Welcoming Facilities**

- Facility upgrades and maintenance completed

- Volunteer management strategies in place (to find, develop and keep)

- New member management processes in place

- Club promotion and signage.

**4. Financial Health**

- Club / business plan used

- Sound leadership (role descriptions, robust governance practices)

- Commercial sponsorship relationships

- Improved financial position

**5. Unified Delivery**

- Alignment and collaboration with regional / national bodies

- Use of iSquash for operations / reporting

**NOMINATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**ACHIEVEMENT PERIOD**

Achievements by clubs will only be considered if they have occurred during the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Clubs under consideration for the regional and national awards must:

* Be affiliated to Squash New Zealand and one of the 11 regional Squash District Associations
* Be happy for Squash New Zealand and your Squash District to contact them using the information provided as part of the nomination
* Have a spokesperson from the club be available for interviews, photos and other media or promotional events in relation to the award

**NOMINATIONS**

Nomination completed through formstack

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**2021-2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**Information**

Volunteers fill many roles and are the lifeblood of many squash clubs throughout the country. They make our sport happen in the community and are vital to the development of the game.

**REGIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Volunteer of the Year Award is made annually by the District Associations and recognises significant contributions from individuals. Individuals are asked to nominate each other and to provide a description of their achievements in enabling the delivery of community squash. A judging panel chosen by the District representatives decides the winner. The judging panel’s decision is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Winners from each of the 11 District Associations are put forward as contenders for the coveted National Award. Winners will be selected by a judging panel and announced at the awards ceremony on the 10th December. The judging panel’s decision is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

Volunteers will be judged on the following:

**1. Engagement**

- Ability to inspire goodwill and develop others

**2. Commitment**

- Evidence of contributing time and dedicated service

**3. Impact**

- Signs of influence on the community to achieve results

**NOMINATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**ACHIEVEMENT PERIOD**

Achievements by volunteers will only be considered if they have occurred during the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Volunteers under consideration for the regional and national awards must:

* Live in New Zealand
* Not be employed (or an immediate family member of an employee) of Squash New Zealand
* Have contributed to the sport of squash in a voluntary capacity for an affiliated squash club and / or District
* Have not received any remuneration (apart from expenses reimbursement) for their contribution
* Be available for interviews, photos and other media or promotional events in relation to the award

**NOMINATIONS**

Nomination completed through formstack



**2021-2022 NATIONAL COACHING AWARDS**

**Information**

Coaching and coaches form a critical part of the squash landscape in New Zealand. Coaches from across the country at all levels donate their time and knowledge to allow athletes to not only improve their game but to also to enjoy the game to its potential.

**AWARD CATEGORIES**

There are three award categories, which are aligned with the National Coach Development Framework:

**Foundation Coach of the Year**: Coaches working with beginner players (ungraded or F or J Grade) having their first squash experience

**Development Coach of the Year**: Coaches working with players with a reasonable skill level (graded E-B2) who play squash regularly.

**Performance Coach of the Year**: Coaches working with players who either represent their District are involved in National squads, or coaches working with a District Performance squad.

Individuals are asked to nominate each other and forwarded to the District to be endorsed. ALL endorsements will be put forward as contenders for the National Award. Winners will be selected by a judging panel and announced at the awards ceremony on the 10th December. The judging panel’s decision is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

Coaches will be judged on the following:

**1. Coach Development**

- Number of modules attended, mentoring programmes and/or other learning opportunities taken

**2. Coach Activity**

- Percentage of hours coached and types of programmes / services offered

**3. Athlete Outcomes**

- Evidence of improving players / team’s performance to achieve results

**4. Coach’s Impact**

- Influence that the coach has had on participation / membership

**NOMINATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**ACHIEVEMENT PERIOD**

Achievements by coaches will only be considered if they have occurred during the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Coaches under consideration for the National Awards must:

* Live in New Zealand
* Not be employed (or an immediate family member of an employee) of Squash New Zealand
* Have contributed to the sport of squash in a coaching capacity for an affiliated squash club and / or District
* Be available for interviews, photos and other media or promotional events in relation to the award

**NOMINATIONS**

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