



ANNUAL AWARDS

INFORMATION & NOMINATION DETAILS

2022-2023

Nomination closing date
18th October 2023

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District Award Details



Award	Awarding criteria	Who can nominate	Decision-maker
Volunteer of the Year	As per National Award criteria	Club committee	SW Board
Club of the Year	As per National Award criteria	Club committee	SW Board
Coach of the Year	As per National Award criteria	Club committee	SW Board
Initiative of the Year	Awarded to an initiative that focuses on player development (at any level) or promotion of squash. Nominations should be supported by evidence-based outcomes.	Any full member	SW Board
Best use of social media	Recognising the creative or innovative use of social media to promote squash and/or meaningful engagement with members and their local and wider communities.	Any full member	SW Board
Referee of the Year	Awarded for two or more of the following, but not limited to: Significant contribution to referee training, referee assessment, local referee improvement, referee recruitment or advancement, mentoring referees, promotion of refereeing. Commitment to enhancing referee reputation and status through behaviour modelling Commitment to sharing knowledge and experience Exceptional and appropriate interaction with players and other referees.	Any full member	SW Board
Darren Slape Memorial Bowl	As per nomination form	Any full member	SW Board
Jade Wilson Memorial Trophy	As per nomination form	Any full member	SW Board
Most competitive player	Person who has played the most competitive (iSquash) games in a season		
Most competitive club	Club with the most competitive (iSquash) games played per graded member (using data as per 30 September 2022)	iSquash statistic	SW Board
Most Improved	Junior Girl	Automatically calculated in iSquash	
	Junior Boy		
	Female		
	Male		
Player of the Year	Junior Girl	Outstanding performance at club, district and/or national level.	SW Board + 1 Junior selector
	Junior Boy		Any full member
	Male		SW Board + 1 Senior selector
	Female		SW Board + Master Convenor
	Masters – Male		
	Masters - Female		
Team of the Year	A club or district representative team that has performed or achieved outstandingly at club, district, or national level. The difficulty of competition faced.	Any full member	SW Board

Notes:

- The awards cover the period **1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022**. All performances and data to be considered for the above awards must fall within this period.
- The judging panels for each award will be facilitated by Squash Wellington.
- All district award nominations will be assessed by the relevant panel with the top 3 for each award being announced as finalists from which the winner will be announced.

2022-2023 DISTRICT AWARDS TIMELINE

ACTION	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
Awards information circulated to all district clubs and process announced on social media for categories eligible for nomination by any full member	Squash Wellington	6 October, 2023
Nominations must be received by Squash Wellington	Nominators – Clubs and Full Club Members	18 October, 2023
Finalists notified and announced on social media Clubs notified via email	Squash Wellington	25 October, 2023



2022-2023 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 9th 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 2022 to 30 September 2023.

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 Squash Wellington Website



2022-2023 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 decide 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 9th 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 2022 to 30 September 2023.

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 Squash Wellington Website



2022-2023 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 9th 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 2022 to 30 September 2023.

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

Nomination completed through Squash Wellington Website