

# WM New Zealand Volunteer of the Year Awards

## Category Descriptions & Judging Criteria

In all categories, the person nominated must be a 'volunteer' – defined as someone who does not derive a significant source of income from the role that they fulfil. They may receive honorarium or expenses in completing the role that they are nominated for.

All nominees must be affiliated to a Centre.

Although many volunteers could qualify in more than one category, the nomination may be for only one category each year.

It is acknowledged that many volunteers' efforts are the result of several years of commitment and involvement, so a nomination may recognise the total contribution to Netball, over the last few years. A volunteer does not need to have been involved in Netball for a lifetime. They may have made a huge contribution over the last 12 months and that makes them equally worthy of nomination.

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### **Volunteer Administrator of the Year**

An Administrator in Netball who has contributed significantly to the administration of Netball. This person will most likely demonstrate the following qualities:

- Is a member of your Committee or Board if working in a voluntary role
- Is unpaid or does not rely on the role as a main source of income
- Takes responsibility for leadership roles, e.g. chairperson, secretary, treasurer
- Always has the best interests of their Centre or Zone at heart
- Gives over and above what could reasonably be expected from a person in that position
- Is one of those people that every organisation needs and depends on to get things done
- Works well as a team member and supports and encourages voluntary effort
- Is respected and admired and always gets the best out of people as a result

### **Volunteer Official of the Year**

An Umpire, Team Manager and/or Bench Official who has contributed significantly to the game and the development of this role/s. This person will most likely demonstrate the following qualities:

- Works selflessly to maintain high standards in their chosen Official role
- Is unpaid or does not rely on the role/s as a main source of income
- Helps others to achieve similar high standards
- Has demonstrated a positive commitment to ongoing development in their role/s e.g. involvement in NNZ modules, attendance at development workshops, etc.
- Makes themselves available for a variety of fixtures and games at all levels
- Works well as a team member and supports and encourages voluntary effort
- Is respected and admired and always gets the best out of people as a result

## **Volunteer Coach of the Year**

A coach who has contributed significantly to Netball. This person will most likely demonstrate the following qualities:

- Is unpaid or does not rely on coaching for a main income
- May have or has coached at a range of levels
- Contributes to the development of players, umpires and/or other coaches
- Has demonstrated a positive commitment to ongoing development as a coach e.g. involvement in NNZ coaching modules, attendance at coach development workshops, etc.
- Demonstrates positive coaching behaviours that align to key coach approaches such as Physical Literacy, Balance is Better, Participant Centred Coaching and Coach Reflection.

## **Youth Volunteer of the Year**

A Youth Volunteer is under the age of 21, who contributes significantly to Netball in any of the above 3 categories. This person will most likely demonstrate the following qualities:

- Is unpaid
- Will most frequently be found working at Club/School level, although may be involved at Centre or Zone level
- Involved in either one or more of coaching, managing, umpiring, bench official or administration.
- Makes a significant contribution to the success of the School, Club, Centre or Zone
- May or may not be a committee member
- Presents a positive role model to other young people through their behaviour and involvement

## **Community Volunteer Champion of the Year**

A Volunteer Champion who has positively contributed to making their Netball Community better having a significant impact on the sport and the people. This person will most likely demonstrate the following qualities:

- Is unpaid and is a Community 'grass roots' volunteer
- Their contribution doesn't have to be big and no act is too small – it's all about their attitude and behaviour. For example, they:
  - are reliable
  - make netball fun
  - are selfless
  - are well respected and liked by others
  - inspire people to be their best self
  - take initiative & give things a go
- Has demonstrated generosity with their work – either with their time, energy, sharing something special or financially
- Has a feel-good spirit that brings people closer together through shared experiences