

COMMUNITY CRICKET AWARDS

CRICKET NSW

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

An outstanding individual who has demonstrated significant contribution and leadership in supporting their Club, Association, program or team to create great experiences for their community.

- Please describe their achievements and how they have gone above and beyond and made a significant impact this year.
- Please outline the qualities and skills of this person that makes them deserving of the Volunteer of the Year award.
- Please tell us about anything else that makes them deserving of this award

COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUB

A community cricket club that actively creates welcoming environments and seeks to create sustainable participation and growth through good governance, volunteer support and inclusive on-field programs.

- Does the club meet the first 3 steps of the Australian Cricket Child Safeguarding Framework (Mandatory)
- Has the club endorsed and signed the CNSW Fair Play Declaration?
- How does the club actively promote opportunities for the full cricket pathway (e.g. Cricket Blast, Junior Cricket, Senior Cricket)?
- How is the club leading the way in creating inclusive and safe environments for people to connect, inspire and achieve together?
- Has the club done anything to reinvigorate its volunteer workforce, make volunteering more engaging or reduce volunteer burden?
- Please include any additional information on initiatives the club has implemented that would support the Club's application for Club of the Year

COMMUNITY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

A cricket Association that actively works to create a sustainable competition that provides opportunities for everyone to have the chance to be involved in cricket.

- How does the Association best engage and support their clubs?
- How does the Association embrace technology (e.g. live scoring, social media, live streaming) and what impact has this had?
- How does the Association actively work to embrace opportunities for the full cricket pathway (e.g. Cricket Blast, junior cricket, senior cricket)?
- Include any additional information or initiatives the Association has implemented that would support the application.

YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

A young person, under the age of 25 who positively impacts those around them through their off-field leadership in volunteering

- Please give examples of how they have been a good role model for other young people in the club and local community.
- Please outline their qualities and skills that makes them deserving of the Young Volunteer of the Year award.
- Please give any other examples of any initiatives the nominee has led which has impacted their local cricket community.



COMMUNITY CRICKET COACH

A coach who exemplifies coaching The Australian Way. Someone who has gone out of their way to make sure that participants are supported to develop both their skills and a lifelong love of cricket

- Please give examples of how the coach exhibits the spirit of cricket?
- How does the coach create a fun, inclusive environment that helps participants develop their skills?
- Please give examples of how they inspire and support players to develop their skills and enjoy the game.



CRICKET BLAST COORDINATOR

This award recognises a Coordinator who emphasizes the essential aspects of the Cricket Blast Coordinator's role, focusing on creating an enjoyable, inclusive and skill-oriented environment while fostering community involvement and contributing to the future of cricket.

- Please provide examples of how this nominee creates a fun, safe and engaging environment for both kids and parents/guardians.
- Please provide examples of how this nominee caters for participants of different ages and abilities,
- Please provide examples of how this nominee demonstrates encouragement and facilitation of parent/guardian participation
- Describe how the nominee creates a welcoming experience for the whole family, aiding the local community cricket club integration and fostering a positive environment.
- Please provide any other examples of how this nominee has had a positive impact on their local cricket community through the Cricket Blast program.



COMMUNITY MATCH OFFICIAL

A match official (such as a scorer, team manager, umpire) who leads by example in championing safe, fair and enjoyable cricket for all

- What role/s has the nominee held during the nomination period?
- Describe how the nominee ensures that cricket is safe, enjoyable and accessible to all.
- Describe how the individual contributes to supporting others to ensure others around them have the appropriate skills to support the delivery of cricket.
- Please give any other examples of any initiatives the nominee has led which has impacted their local cricket community (which may include recruiting other officials, financial viability, new programs implemented, increasing diversity and inclusion).



WOMEN & GIRLS INITIATIVE

This award looks to celebrate the outstanding delivery of female-based experiences by finding clever and innovative ways to engage and grow their program.

- What measures has the club taken to advance cricket for women or girls in the community?
- What retention strategies does the club have in place to retain the female participation?
- How does the club plan on increasing the number of female registrations next year?



INCLUSION & DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

This award acknowledges the outstanding delivery of diverse and inclusive experiences by finding clever and innovative ways to engage and grow their club.

- Describe the initiative and how the nominee has embraced welcoming a range of communities into cricket (e.g. Multicultural, Indigenous, Disability, LGBTQIA+).
- Describe how the initiative goes about ensuring each person feels welcome and included in the Club/Association/Program/Initiative.
- Describe the demonstrated impact the initiative has had on the club and community.



JUNIOR INITIATIVE

Acknowledging the outstanding delivery of junior cricket experiences by finding clever and innovative ways to engage and grow their junior offering with a focus on education, fun and social connection

- Please describe the initiative.
- Please describe how the initiative demonstrated innovation or was a change in direction from something previously done by the organisation.
- Describe the impact of the initiative, including junior participation, broader club engagement, retention or transition of players.
- If applicable, outline how the initiative utilised alternate or social formats of the game.



COMMUNITY CRICKET PARTNERSHIP

This awards recognises the outstanding leadership and support in building community-based partnerships that provide positive outcomes to the cricket community (e.g. Local Government, not-for-profit groups, multiple clubs)

- Please describe the partnership and how it has created links between the cricket club/association and community groups (e.g. Local Government, other sporting clubs, community not-for-profit groups etc.)
- Please describe how this has raised the profile of cricket in the community?
- Please describe how this has impacted the Club/Association.
- Please include any additional information or initiatives the nominee has implemented that would support the partnership application.

CELEBRATING CRICKET IN SCHOOLS

A school, ambassador or initiative that celebrates the connection between school, student and the broader cricket community

- Please provide examples of how they actively promote participation in cricket within school and the broader community.
- How does the nominee actively work to connect kids to their local cricket clubs?
- Please provides example of how the nominee uses cricket to inspire and support students to learn, develop their skills and enjoy the game.

INDOOR FACILITY

An indoor facility that embraces the connection with the community and cricket to provide the best program experience to its participants

- Describe how the facility provides a great cricket experience to its members.
- Describe how the facility embraces engaging with the broader community (Local Cricket Clubs, Schools).
- What measures has the facility taken to advance all areas of cricket and be inclusive to all?

TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA INITIATIVE

An individual, club or association who uses technology to create a connection to its members, by reducing volunteer time, connecting members through social media or enhancing participant experience.

- Describe the initiative and how it came about.
- Describe how the initiative is used to connect community/club members.
- Describe how the initiative incorporated digital solutions to save administration time and drive better participant experiences.
- Describe any other positive impacts of implementing the initiative.



2026/27 ROUND

Applications Open 9 November 2026
Applications Close 6 December 2026
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