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Community Awards

The Netball Victoria Community Awards are now open!

We want to recognise the outstanding work that has occurred in 2026. There has been some magnificent work that individuals, associations and leagues have done over 2026 and this is the opportunity to celebrate the achievements.

So, don't miss this opportunity to nominate your club, association or individual for a Netball Victoria Community Award. Nominations close at **5pm on Monday 31 August 2026**.

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1. NETBALL VICTORIA NETSETGO CENTRE OF THE YEAR

The Netball Victoria NetSetGo Centre of the Year Award recognises those clubs, associations, leagues, community groups that have made a significant contribution to the growth and development of junior netball in their community through the establishment of an accredited NetSetGo centre. It provides tangible recognition for the efforts of individuals in improving and developing netball at grass roots level.

1.1 CRITERIA

- The nominee must have been a registered centre with Netball Victoria during 2026.
- All NetSetGo coaches must be accredited and registered with Netball Victoria.
- A nominee may only receive this Award once within the past five (5) years.
- Nominee must fulfill all NetSetGo program requirements within their community.
- Nominee must have demonstrated the development of the centre to a sustainable level.
- The nominee must have demonstrated innovative concepts to continue the program within their community.
- At Netball Victoria's discretion, a winner for this award may not be announced if a minimum of three nominations are not received.

1.2 PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

- Clubs, associations, leagues or community groups must nominate and endorse the nominee.
- All details on the nomination form must be completed and further supporting documentation may be provided.
- Nominations must be submitted to Netball Victoria by the closing date as advertised each year.

1.3 SELECTION OF THE NETSETGO CENTRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

- A Netball Victoria panel will be responsible for selecting the Netball Victoria NetSetGo Centre of the Year Award winner.
- The panel reserves the right to waive the awarding of a winner for the Award, if in the opinion of the panel, there are no suitable nominations.
- The judge's decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.

1.4 ENTITLEMENTS

- Finalists will be announced online and will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The winner will be announced at an event in October/November each year.
- A Netball Victoria NetSetGo Centre of the Year Award trophy.
- The winner will be recognised at a Netball Victoria event in the following year for them and a guest.
- The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

2. NETBALL VICTORIA INCLUSIVE NETBALL COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

Netball has the power to inspire and unite communities, the power to create leaders and break down cultural barriers. The Netball Victoria Inclusive Netball Community of the Year Award recognises outstanding work in engaging and supporting non-traditional participants to achieve growth and development within the sport through diverse communities.

2.1 CRITERIA

- Any affiliated association, club, league or NetSetGo centre is eligible.
- Have engaged one or more of the following groups in innovative and sustainable community engagement strategies:
 - CALD, First Nations, All Abilities, LGBTQ+, Men and Boys.
- Support non-traditional participants when transitioning from a community-based program to their netball Club/Association/League.
- A nominee may only receive this award once within the past five (5) years.
- At Netball Victoria's discretion, a winner for this award may not be announced if a minimum of three nominations are not received.

2.2 PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

- Any Netball Victoria affiliated group may nominate and endorse the nominee.
- All details on the nomination form must be completed and further supporting documentation may be provided.
- Nominations must be submitted to Netball Victoria by the closing date as advertised each year.

2.3 SELECTION OF INCLUSIVE NETBALL COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARD

- A Netball Victoria panel will be responsible for selecting the Netball Victoria Inclusive Netball Community of the Year winner.
- The panel reserves the right to waive the awarding of a winner for the Award, if in the opinion of the panel, there are no suitable nominations.
- The judge's decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.

2.4 ENTITLEMENTS

- Finalists will be announced online and will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The winner will be announced at an event in October/November each year.
- A Netball Victoria Inclusive Netball Community of the Year Award trophy.
- The winner will be recognised at a Netball Victoria event in the following year for them and a guest.
- The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

3. NETBALL VICTORIA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Netball Victoria Volunteer of the Year Award recognises outstanding services to Netball in the areas of administration, officiating (scoring, timing, bench referee) and volunteering at Club, Association or League level. It provides tangible recognition for the efforts of individuals in improving and developing netball. By celebrating the efforts of volunteers, we create opportunities to raise awareness about the vital contribution they have made and continue to make to netball in Victoria.

3.1 CRITERIA

- A nominee may only receive this Award once within the past five (5) years.
- A nominee must have held a membership with Netball Victoria during 2026.
- Nominee must have made a noteworthy contribution to netball at Association, League or Club level within the award year, for example:
 - Making a difference to the local netball community
 - Generosity of time, resources and energy
 - Going 'above and beyond'
 - Making the needs of others a priority
 - Fulfilling their duties with enthusiasm and enjoyment.
- At Netball Victoria's discretion, a winner for this award may not be announced if a minimum of three nominations are not received.

3.2 PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

- Any Netball Victoria affiliated Associations, Leagues or Community groups may nominate and endorse the nominee.
- Each Netball Victoria affiliated Association can submit one nomination to Netball Victoria annually.
- All details on the nomination form must be completed and further supporting documentation may be provided.
- Nominations must be submitted to Netball Victoria by the closing date as advertised each year.

3.3 SELECTION OF NETBALL VICTORIA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- A Netball Victoria panel will be responsible for selecting Netball Victoria Volunteer of the Year Award winner.
- Nominees that have demonstrated service in administration, officiating (scoring, timing, bend referee) and volunteering are all essential for this category.
- The judge's decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.

3.4 ENTITLEMENTS

- Finalists will be announced online and will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The winner will be announced via an online event in November/December each year.
- A Netball Victoria Volunteer of the Year Award trophy.
- The winner will be recognised at a Netball Victoria event in the following year for them and a guest.
- The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

4. NETBALL VICTORIA CONTRIBUTION TO UMPIRES AWARD

Umpires play an exceptionally important role within Netball, having the ability to enhance the game in a multitude of ways both on and off the court. The Netball Victoria Contribution to Umpires Award recognises the outstanding contribution of a dedicated individual Umpire who has excelled in providing support, development and growth of umpires within their Club, Association, League.

4.1 CRITERIA

- Any affiliated association, league or club umpire is eligible for nomination.
- A nominee must have been a registered Netball Victoria member during 2026.
- Hold a current National C, B or A Grade national accreditation.
- Outstanding service to umpiring at Region, Association/League or Club level.
- Displayed initiative to improve the standard of their own duties in officiating by furthering their education through participation in Netball Victoria Umpire programs.
- A nominee may only receive this award once within the past five (5) years.
- At Netball Victoria's discretion, a winner for this award may not be announced if the minimum number of nominations is not received.

4.2 PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

- Any Netball Victoria affiliated group may nominate and endorse the nominee.
- All details on the nomination form must be completed and further supporting documentation may be provided.
- Nominations must be submitted to Netball Victoria by the closing date as advertised each year.

4.3 SELECTION OF THE NETBALL VICTORIA CONTRIBUTION TO UMPIRING AWARD

- A Netball Victoria panel will be responsible for selecting the Award winner.
- The judge's decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.

4.4 ENTITLEMENTS

- Finalists will be announced online and will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The winner will be announced via an online event in November/December each year.
- A Netball Victoria Contribution to Umpiring Award trophy.
- The winner will be recognised at a Netball Victoria event in the following year for them and a guest.
- The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

5. NETBALL VICTORIA CONTRIBUTION TO COACHING AWARD

Coaches play an exceptionally important role within Netball, having the ability to develop and nurture the individual athlete both on and off the court. The Netball Victoria Contribution to Coaching Award recognises the outstanding contribution of a dedicated individual Coach who has excelled in providing support, development and growth of both coaches and athletes within their Club, Association, and League.

5.1 CRITERIA

- Any affiliated association, league or club coach is eligible for nomination.
- A nominee must have been a registered Netball Victoria member during 2026.
- Holds a current National Coach accreditation.
- Outstanding service in coaching duties at Zone, Region, Association/League or Club level.
- Proven involvement in the development of athletes at an Association/League or Club level.
- Proven involvement in the mentoring of coaches at an Association/League or Club level.
- Displayed initiative to improve the standard of their own coaching performance by furthering their coach education through attendance at various professional development opportunities.
- A nominee may only receive this award once within the past five (5) years.
- At Netball Victoria's discretion, a winner for this award may not be announced if a minimum of three nominations are not received.

5.2 PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

- Any Netball Victoria affiliated group may nominate and endorse the nominee.
- All details on the nomination form must be completed and further supporting documentation may be provided.
- Nominations must be submitted to Netball Victoria by the closing date as advertised each year.

5.3 SELECTION OF THE NETBALL VICTORIA COACH EXCELLENCE AWARD

- A Netball Victoria panel will be responsible for selecting the Netball Victoria Coaching Excellence Award winner.
- The judge's decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.

5.4 ENTITLEMENTS

- Finalists will be announced online and will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The winner will be announced via an online event in November/December each year.
- A Netball Victoria Contribution to Coaching Award trophy.
- The winner will be recognised at a Netball Victoria event in the following year for them and a guest.
- The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

6. NETBALL VICTORIA ASSOCIATION/LEAGUE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognises associations or leagues that demonstrate excellence in governance, administration, development of volunteers and management practices that strengthen and sustain the association.

6.1 CRITERIA

- Applicants must be a current, financial Netball Victoria affiliated association.
- Have a current, registered Constitution.
- Have current bylaws
- Have sound governance and administration practices in place such as with Working with Children Check and Member Protection compliance.
- Provide development opportunities to players, coaches, umpires and officials through relevant programs and offerings
- Have taken definite steps to improve their culture of child safety including promoting awareness of the Child Safety in Netball Policy and Code of Conduct.
- Maximise Netball Victoria's offerings for development and consultation and generally support the values and programs of Netball Victoria.
- A nominee may only receive this award once within the past five (5) years.
- Developed innovative ways to increase the participation levels at their Association or League.
- At Netball Victoria's discretion, a winner for this award may not be announced if a minimum of three nominations are not received.
- Be an environmental leader with initiatives to help minimise the effect on the environment.
- Have a strong presence on social media through high engagement levels.

6.2 PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

- Each Netball Victoria affiliated Association can submit one nomination to Netball Victoria annually.
- All details on the nomination form must be completed and further supporting documentation may be provided.
- Nominations must be submitted to Netball Victoria by the closing date as advertised each
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- year.

6.3 SELECTION OF ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER AWARDS

- A Netball Victoria panel will be responsible for selecting the Association/League of the Year Award winners.
- The judge's decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.

6.4 ENTITLEMENTS

- Finalists will be announced online and will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The winner will be announced via an online event in November/December each year.
- A Netball Victoria Association of the Year Award trophy.
- The winner will be recognised at a Netball Victoria event in the following year for them and a guest.
- The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

7. NETBALL VICTORIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Netball Victoria Teacher of the Year Award acknowledges the valuable contribution teachers play in the participation of netball across Victoria.

7.1 CRITERIA

- A teacher may only receive this award once within the past five (5) years.
- Demonstrate a valuable contribution to Netball Victoria endorsed school programs such as: Sporting Schools, School Championships, school clinics, other netball programs and competition or NetSetGo.
- Promote participation of netball across the broader school community; in areas such as for boys, participation, students with disabilities and students from a First Nations or culturally and linguistically diverse background.
- Encourage the ongoing participation of netball for students through networks and relationships with a Netball Victoria affiliated Associations, Leagues or Clubs.
- At Netball Victoria's discretion, a winner for this award may not be announced if a minimum of three nominations are not received.

7.2 PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

- Any Victorian School, teacher, student or relevant community member may nominate and endorse a teacher. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Netball Victoria website.
- All details on the nomination form must be completed and further supporting documentation should be provided.
- Nominations must be submitted to Netball Victoria by the closing date as advertised each year.

7.3 SELECTION OF ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER AWARDS

- A Netball Victoria panel will be responsible for selecting the Teacher of the Year Award winner.
- The judge's decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.

7.4 ENTITLEMENTS

- Finalists will be announced online and will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The winner will be announced via an online event in November/December each year.
- A Netball Victoria School of the Year Award trophy.
- The winner will be recognised at a Netball Victoria event in the following year for them and a guest.
- The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

8. WORKSAFE SAFETY INITIATIVE AWARD

The WorkSafe Safety Initiative Awards reward country netball clubs and leagues for implementing safety initiatives and upgrades to make their club a safer place for participants.

8.1 CRITERIA

- A club or league may only receive this award once within the past five (5) years.
- Demonstrate or provide proof of a safety initiative or upgrade that has taken place in the club or league.
- Must be a Country Netball Club or League.
- Applicants must be a current, financial Netball Victoria affiliated Association.
- Have a current, registered Constitution.
- At Netball Victoria's discretion, a winner for this award may not be announced if a minimum of three nominations are not received.

8.2 PROCESS FOR NOMINATION

- Any Netball Victoria affiliated Country Club or League can submit one nomination to Netball Victoria annually.
- All details on the nomination form must be completed and further supporting documentation may be provided.
- Nominations must be submitted to Netball Victoria by the closing date as advertised each year.

8.3 SELECTION OF ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER AWARDS

- A Netball Victoria panel will be responsible for selecting two WorkSafe Initiative Award winners.
- The judge's decisions are final; no correspondence will be entered into.

8.4 ENTITLEMENTS

- Finalists will be announced online and will receive a Certificate of Recognition.
- The winners will be announced via an online event in November/December each year.
- A WorkSafe Safety Initiative Award trophy.
- The winners will be recognised at a Netball Victoria event in the following year for them and a guest.
- The winners will receive a \$2000 prize each.

9. NOMINATION PROCESS

Netball Victoria aims to identify, select and recognise worthy candidates within the Victorian netball community for their efforts. In order to do so, your valued information and nomination is required.

There are eight worthy award categories available and all nominations are to be made online via the [Netball Victoria website](#).

If you require any assistance with the nomination process, please contact the Netball Victoria on 03 9321 2222.