



Waratah Netball Club

Annual Awards

Ver 7.0 – 1st January 2026

1. Aim

1.1 The aim of this policy is to recognise those Club members who have performed above the norm during the year.

2. Club Player of the Year Award

2.1 The Club Player of the Year Award is for a player who has consistently demonstrated excellent commitment to the Club values and purpose. The nominated player must have demonstrated commitment to training and games; exceptional teamwork and support of teammates in all situations; and modelled the Club values of community, integrity and good sporting behaviour to the highest standard. The following conditions apply:

- 2.1.1 The Club Player is to be chosen from the fully registered players.
- 2.1.2 Players registered in an age group 15yrs or below are not eligible.
- 2.1.3 Nominations can be put forward by from any Committee member, or from any member playing in any grade above 15yrs.
- 2.1.4 All nominations are to be in writing to the nominated Returning Officer, and include justification.
- 2.1.5 Players are not eligible to receive the Award two years in a row.

3. Junior Player Award

3.1 Any registered player of the Club playing in an age group 15yrs or below is eligible for the Junior Player Award. The nominated player must have demonstrated excellent commitment to training and games; exceptional teamwork and support of teammates in all situations; and modelled the Club values of community, integrity and good sporting behaviour to the highest standard. The following additional conditions apply:

- 3.1.1 Nominations can be put forward from any member of the Club.
- 3.1.2 All nominations are to be in writing to the nominated Returning Officer, and include justification.
- 3.1.3 Players are not eligible to receive the Award two years in a row.

4. Club Commitment Award

4.1 Any registered member of the Club (i.e. player or non-player) is eligible for the Club Commitment Award. The nominated member must have consistently demonstrated commitment to the Club values and purpose that is beyond the norm. The Club Commitment winner must also have demonstrated outstanding community spirit and integrity that is beyond reproach. The following additional conditions apply:

- 4.1.1 Players registered in an age group 15yrs or below are not eligible
- 4.1.2 Nominations can be put forward from any member of the Club.

4.1.3 All nominations are to be in writing to the nominated Returning Officer, and include justification.

4.1.4 Members are not eligible to receive the Award two years in a row.

5. Selection of Individual Recipients

- 5.1 The Returning Officer is to form a Selection Committee of not less than three Club members who are not nominees. One of the recipients of the previous year's Awards should act as the Returning Officer.
- 5.2 If feasible, the members who won the Awards the previous year should be on the Selection Committee.
- 5.3 If feasible, members who have submitted nominations should not be on the Selection Committee.
- 5.4 The Selection Committee will select the Club Player, Club Commitment, and Junior Player members from the nominations.
- 5.5 If there are no nominations, or if the nominees do not meet the criteria for an annual Award, the Executive Committee may determine that the Award is not presented for that year.

6. Club Spirit Award

- 6.1 The Club Spirit Award was established in 2019 by the patronage of Currawong Aviation Training Services, to acknowledge the Senior, 23s, or 21s team whose efforts throughout the season most reflected the Club values of Community, good sporting behaviours, and Integrity. This award is the only team award in the Waratah Netball Club Annual Awards.
- 6.2 All senior teams, including 21s and 23s, are considered for this Award. A team's support of Club events and actions at training and games are noted (by the Award's selectors) throughout the season. The willingness of team players to take on roles within the Club, support junior teams at training or games, provide support for junior umpires and a readiness to assist the Club as needed are all considerations for this Award.
- 6.3 Teams can be nominated by any registered Club member but must be supported by statements/evidence reflecting the criteria in 6.2
- 6.4 The Award's selectors will consist of the sponsor or sponsor's representative and the coach of the previous year's winning team. The assessment of the teams' suitability for this award should be based on ongoing observations of effort/commitment throughout the entire season.
- 6.5 If the sponsor and/or previous winning coach is unable to fulfill this role, the Executive may nominate a suitably independent substitute.

7. Club Coach of the Year Award

- 7.1 Waratah Netball Club recognises the work of our coaches who demonstrate dedication to netball and exemplify our Club values. We acknowledge those who inspire, foster teamwork, and achieve success both on and off the court.
- 7.2 The Club may, therefore, award the Club Coach of the Year Award to that coach who shows a genuine passion for coaching and strives to make a significant difference in the lives of our netballers and the broader community.

- 7.3 The Club Coach of the Year will be awarded to the Club coach that:
 - Exemplifies the Club values
 - Demonstrates exceptional leadership and commitment
 - Encourages and supports player development both on and off the field
 - Maintains a positive attitude and creates a supportive environment.
 - Actively seeks feedback and continuous improvement
- 7.4 Nominations may be submitted by any registered Club member, however the nominations must be supported by statements reflecting the criteria in para 7.3.
- 7.5 The Award's selectors will comprise a panel of at least two non-coaching committee members appointed by the Coaching Convenor.
- 7.6 The panel will review the nominations and make the final decision.
- 7.7 The Coaching Convenor will liaise with the Treasurer for funding for suitable awards

8. **Umpiring Awards**

- 8.1 Waratah Netball Club recognises the work of both our experienced and developing umpires. Accordingly, the Club may award the following:
 - **Senior Umpiring Award.** May be awarded to a player/umpire aged 18yrs and above.
 - **Junior Umpiring Award.** May be awarded to a player/umpire aged 17yrs or younger.

9. **Umpiring Awards Selection Criteria**

- 9.1 The Club Umpiring Awards criteria will be awarded to the Club players/umpires that:
 - Demonstrate the Club values of community, integrity and good sporting behaviour
 - Have been an active umpire throughout the season
 - Display a high standard of presentation (i.e. dress, attitude)
 - Maintain a positive attitude towards umpiring
 - Demonstrate exceptional commitment to umpiring
 - Actively seek and respond positively to feedback and continuous improvement
 - Additionally for seniors, consistently display a high standard of umpiring
- 9.2 The Umpiring Convenor will seek nominations from Club members. Umpires may be nominated by any registered Club member, however the nominations must be supported by statements/evidence reflecting the criteria in para 9.1
- 9.3 The Umpiring Award's selectors will comprise of an Umpiring Sub-Committee (the Umpiring Convenor, the Assistant Umpire Convenor, and the Junior Umpiring Convenor). If a member on the panel is nominated, they will be recused and replaced by an independent panel member.
- 9.4 The Umpiring Sub-committee will review the nominations and make the final decision
- 9.5 The Umpiring Sub-committee will liaise with the Treasurer for funding for suitable awards.

10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 The winners of the Annual Awards will be announced at the Club End-of Year Presentation function.
- 11. **With Effect Date.** This policy is in effect 01 January 2026.