



Progress the game, so everyone can share in its heritage and possibilities.

2022 AFL National Volunteers of the Year Award & Criteria

(9 categories. Applications close Sunday 31 July 2022 at 11.59pm EST)

Each National award recognises outstanding work by an individual positively impacting community football as it particularly relates to their category. States & Territories may have additional awards to the ones below:

Relevant requirements for all nominations to be eligible for nomination:

- A person may not nominate more than one individual for each category
- Nominees must meet relevant Working with Children screening requirements as relevant within their State / Territory
- Volunteers are allowed to have received an honorarium. N.B.: Paid coaches are eligible to be nominated for the 2 x coaching awards
- Previous winners of the National award are ineligible to be nominated for that particular award

1. Toyota AFL Community Volunteer of the Year

In addition to meet the key criteria to be eligible to be nominated, the following criteria will be used to assess nominations;

Must have given notable voluntary service with a Community Club, League or Region (or any combination thereof) within Community Football

Must be an ambassador for the game at Community Football level, who acts and works for the best interest of the game in general without ever bringing the game in to disrepute

Years of service will be looked upon favourably

2. NAB AFL Auskick Volunteer of the Year

In addition to meet the key criteria to be eligible to be nominated, the following criteria will be used to assess nominations;

Promotes NAB AFL Auskick values of fun, inclusion and enthusiasm.

Volunteers on a consistent basis and shows excellent initiative in helping deliver awesome experiences for participants.

Actively promotes other parents and carers to become involved in the NAB AFL Auskick community.

Effectively communicates with relevant stakeholders including participants, other volunteers, community figures, AFL staff.

3. AFL Disability Inclusion Ambassador of the Year

In addition to meet the key criteria to be eligible to be nominated, the following criteria will be used to assess nominations;

Shows leadership and innovation with the purpose of engaging more people with disability into the game

Mentoring of new volunteers, players and/or club members

Promoting a healthy club/league/program culture which provides an inclusive environment

Drives social change by being an advocate for people with disability



Progress the game, so everyone can share in its heritage and possibilities.

4. AFL Diversity National Ambassador of the Year

In addition to meet the key criteria to be eligible to be nominated, the following criteria will be used to assess nominations;

Support pathways for Multicultural and/or Indigenous participants to Play, Coach or Umpire in our game

Promote AFL to Multicultural and/or Indigenous Communities, including Cultural Festivals and AFL match day experiences

Provide the AFL with advice around best practice to work with Multicultural and/or Indigenous groups

Promote a healthy Club/League culture which provides a fair, safe and inclusive environment for all

5 & 6. AFL Community Coaches of the Year (N.B.: Both Junior & Senior categories - 2 Awards)

In addition to meet the key criteria to be eligible to be nominated, the following criteria will be used to assess nominations;

Must be an accredited member of CoachAFL in good standing

Must have a current coaching role in either a Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Club Coaching Coordinator/Director capacity

Must display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, officials, parents and spectators and be a role model for community

Must demonstrate sound understanding of modern coaching principles and is engaged in ongoing learning and development

7 & 8. AFL School Teacher of the Year (N.B.: Both Primary & Secondary - 2 Awards)

In addition to meet the key criteria to be eligible to be nominated, the following criteria will be used to assess nominations;

Actively promotes Australian Rules Football both on and off field within the school community

Uses creative initiatives to encourage diverse participation in Australian Rules Football - Playing, Umpiring, Club/Brand Engagement

Engages with AFL schools products, competitions and initiatives

Promotes AFL values of inclusion, leadership, teamwork and are endorsed by their principal on these values

Actively promotes Australian Rules Football both on and off field within the school community

9. AFL National Community Umpiring Service Award

In addition to meet the key criteria to be eligible to be nominated, the following criteria will be used to assess nominations;

Must have given notable Umpiring service with an Umpire Club, League or Region (or any combination thereof) within Community Football as an umpire or umpire coach

Must be an ambassador for Umpiring at the Community Football level, who acts and works in the best interest of the game in general without ever bringing the game in to disrepute

Must provide a positive impact on Umpiring at their local level which may include Umpire membership, financial viability, new programs implemented, increasing diversity and inclusion etc

Is a proactive and positive contributor to both the Umpiring and Football Community and is aligned with the AFL's values and Umpiring strategies