



Handbook for Awards to Orienteers in NSW

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Send nominations and feedback to awards@onsw.asn.au

The Big Picture

Awards by Nomination Need Time

Identification of potential nominees, writing an initial case for their nomination, and developing the written case to meet criteria succinctly and robustly are all done by volunteers at club and Association level. This takes time. The ONSW deadlines are set to ensure there is enough time for this work prior to the meeting of the ONSW Board at which the nominations are approved.

The initial nomination does not have to be polished; an attempt to meet the designated word limits is encouraged. There may be a need for gathering more information.

For non-ONSW awards (e.g. Sport NSW, Orienteering Australia) there are external deadlines.

For ONSW awards, there needs to be time for trophies and certificates to be prepared.

Who Is Eligible?

Any current member of ONSW.

In the case of the ONSW Volunteer award, paid employees of ONSW will only be eligible for volunteer awards where the contribution being nominated for is demonstrably separate from and in addition to their paid employment.

In the case of some other awards (OA, Sport NSW Community Awards), the above distinction may also apply.

Current Board members are eligible for nomination. If a current Board member is nominated, a committee separate to the Board considers the nominations and determines the awardee.

Who Can Submit a Nomination?

Any NSW orienteer or NSW orienteering club can nominate someone. Send to awards@onsw.asn.au.

All awards nominations are approved by the ONSW Board (or a committee separate to the Board when a sitting Board member is nominated). External awards at state or national level require support of ONSW, the State Association (SSO), regardless of whether submitted directly or submitted through Orienteering NSW.

What Should Be Submitted?

For ONSW awards, use the *nomination form*. For other awards, use the nomination form's format in meeting the selected award's criteria and requirements.

Most awards now have *word limits*, and they vary. In general, a brief response or citation (100-200 words) and possibly a longer submission (800 -1000 words). Sport NSW most recently required two criteria-addressing statements, each of no more than 200 words.

An initial nomination submission should aim to address the criteria with as much evidence as possible. Length is less of a concern for the initial submission if time is available for review.

Good quality *photos (1-2 MB)* to accompany a nomination are desirable for some awards and *essential* for others (e.g. Sport NSW awards). It will be extremely helpful if anyone putting forward a nomination also provides two photos of the nominee: one photo in appropriate action and one photo close-up.

Who Makes Awards Happen?

Clubs and individual orienteers provide names and reasons for an award. ONSW Board members, employed and volunteer officers are also well-placed to make suggestions.

An Awards Officer or Awards Committee manages the nomination process on behalf of the ONSW Board.

Volunteers associated with the *Awards* process may provide consultation, development and editorial work before a nomination document submitted to the ONSW Board for approval.

For ONSW awards, after Board approval, the *ONSW Office* ensures trophies, badges and certificates are produced, presented or distributed.

For OA awards and awards external to the orienteering community, the nomination is approved by the ONSW Board and submitted on behalf of the Board (by the *ONSW Secretary or delegate* on ONSW's behalf).

About Junior Diary Participation Awards

These are designed to involve young orienteers in their orienteering practice and competition. They best achieve their purpose when they are completed across the year.

Awards within the Orienteering Community

Overview

Orienteering NSW

- makes two President's awards: President's Award, President's Junior Award
- makes four annual awards through nominations: Club of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Encouragement Award and Volunteer of the Year.
- makes two awards by survey or point score: Course Setter of the Year, InterClub Challenge
- recognises junior orienteers achievements: the Junior Participation Diary Awards
- recognises members who have reached 50 years of orienteering
- has approved the establishment of an Orienteering NSW Hall of Fame

ONSW and the ACT

- award the Bennelong Trophy by point score.

Orienteering Australia

- makes four Silva Awards annually through a nomination process
- awards the Silva Medal by point score
- selects inductees for the Orienteering Australia Hall of Fame through a nomination process: Athletes Division and General Division.

Orienteering NSW

ONSW President's Award

By nomination

Background: First awarded: 1994

Criteria: A member or members who have made an outstanding contribution to the furtherance of orienteering in NSW. [Selected and awarded by the ONSW President]

Award: Perpetual trophy and certificate

Procedure: Nominations/suggestions are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au or directly to ONSW President. Nominated/selected by ONSW President.

ONSW President's Junior Award

By nomination

Background: First awarded: 2012

Criteria: A Junior member who has made significant contributions to the support/ development/ promotion of the sport and its participants. [Normally, a club and/or the Junior Squad leadership and/or the NSW Schools Team leadership suggest worthy Juniors to the President for consideration. Selected and awarded by the ONSW President]

Award: Perpetual trophy and certificate

Procedure: Nominations/suggestions are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au or directly to ONSW President. Nominated/selected by ONSW President.



ONSW Club of the Year

By nomination

Background: First awarded: 1994

Criteria: A club showing a high level of achievement in promotion, membership, event organisation and competition.

Award: Perpetual trophy and certificate

Procedure: Nominations are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au. Compiled nominations and recommendations go to the ONSW Board for final approval.



ONSW Rookie of the Year

By nomination

Background: First awarded: 1994

Criteria: A new (less than 2 seasons) orienteer showing a high level of achievement – competing on either Moderate or Hard courses – at State League level.

Award: Perpetual trophy and certificate

Procedure: Nominations are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au . Compiled nominations and recommendations go to the ONSW Board for final approval.



ONSW Encouragement Award (a.k.a. Cox's Cup)

By nomination

Background: First awarded 1994. Also known as the Cox's Cup as it was generously donated by Bryony and Tim Cox of Garingal Orienteers.

Criteria: An orienteer who makes efforts to encourage other orienteers by both personal efforts and example.

Award: Perpetual trophy and certificate

Procedure: Nominations are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au . Compiled nominations and recommendations go to the ONSW Board for final approval.

ONSW Volunteer of the Year

By nomination

Background: First awarded 2018.

Criteria: Meritorious voluntary service to the sport in NSW. [Paid employees of ONSW will only be eligible for volunteer awards where the contribution being nominated is demonstrably separate from and in addition to their paid employment.]

Award: Perpetual trophy and certificate

Procedure: Nominations are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au . Compiled nominations and recommendations go to the ONSW Board for final approval.



ONSW Course Setter of the Year [the Graeme Mitchell Trophy]

By survey results

Background: First awarded in 1997.

Award: Perpetual trophy and certificate

Procedure: For each NSW State League or national event set by an ONSW member, a separate online survey is made available to all competitors. Surveys remain open for a restricted time after each event, then closed and results collated. Awardee is selected by the Technical Director or delegate.



ONSW Orienteer of the Year

By cumulative point score

Background: Initiated shortly after establishment of orienteering in NSW. Competition rules have evolved over time.

Award: Cloth badges to 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Procedure: The NSW Orienteer of the Year competition is conducted for each competition class using the results from State League Events.



Scores are compiled by the ONSW Statistician. Where there are up to 10 events, the number of scoring events is the number of events minus 3. Where there are 11, 12, or 13 events the number of scoring events is 7. Where there are 14 or more events the number of scoring events is half the number of events (rounded down to the nearest whole number) plus 1.

ONSW Junior Participation Awards

By event diary records

Background: First awarded ???. Achievement awards designed to encourage junior participation. There are no winners or losers.

Criteria: Junior orienteers age 15 and under in the calendar year of diary submission are eligible. Orienteering activities are recorded in provided diary-spreadsheets to achieve a set number of points. Normally the recording period begins and ends on a date post the Australian Orienteering Championships /Australian Orienteering Schools Championships.



Award: Trophy plus certificate for Waratah Award (100 points); certificates for Banksia Award (75 points) and Wattle Award (50 points).

Procedure: Blank Junior Participation Diaries are distributed through ONSW social media and news. Completed diaries are returned to the Junior Participation Award Coordinator who checks them and arranges trophies and certificates. Clubs are encouraged to present the awards to their participating juniors in person at a club event.

50 Years of Orienteering

Background: First awarded in 2023.

Criteria: Evidence of reasonably consistent involvement in orienteering for at least 50 years (at any level as a competitor and/or official and/or organiser and/or mapper and/or course setter); b) current ONSW membership; and c) substantially resident in NSW over the period

Award: Certificate

Procedure: Identified through consultation with clubs and review of ONSW archives

Orienteering NSW Hall of Fame – Athlete Member

Background: Established 2023, yet to be awarded as of 2024.

Criteria: Excellence of achievement at state level and beyond in senior and master's competition, in foot and/or mountain bike orienteering. The degree of difficulty for the nominee to attain the highest level of achievement must be considered. Be at least the fifth year since their last NSW, Australia or International elite competition. Be an Australian citizen when nominated (at time of decease for posthumous nominations). Be a current member of Orienteering NSW (at time of decease for posthumous nominations). Have the support of their peers as a worthy recipient of Orienteering NSW Hall of Fame status.

Award: To be determined

Procedure: Nominations to the ONSW Secretary or delegate. A Selection Committee will be appointed by the Board to consider the nominations.

Presentation: An induction ceremony in conjunction with a suitable event in NSW.

Orienteering NSW Hall of Fame – General Member

Background: Established 2023, yet to be awarded.

Criteria: Demonstrated outstanding high-level achievement from personal effort or initiative over many years at the national level or state level to the development of orienteering in one or more of the fields of administration, event management, mapping, or coaching. Mere long-term service without demonstrating outstanding high-level achievement is not enough justification for selection. While the efforts of inductees are normally as volunteers, occasional remuneration is not a barrier. Be an Australian citizen when nominated (at time of decease for posthumous nominations). Be a current member of Orienteering NSW (at time of decease for posthumous nominations). Have the support of their peers as a worthy recipient of Orienteering NSW Hall of Fame status.

Award: To be determined

Procedure: Nominations to the ONSW Secretary or delegate. A Selection Committee will be appointed by the Board to consider the nominations.

Presentation: An induction ceremony in conjunction with a suitable event in NSW.

NSW Interclub Challenge

By point score

Background: Established 1982.

Award: Perpetual trophy

Procedure: For each State League event points are allocated for the first 5 NSW finishers in each class 5 for 1st, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, 2 for 4th, 1 for 5th). The trophy is awarded to the club with the highest point total at the end of the year.



Budkvale Awards

(Historical interest only)

Background: Budkavle is the Swedish for relay. A seven-person team relay originally with a midnight start and finishing in the early morning. Over 20 teams competed at the peak. There are both a general trophy and a women's trophy. Last awarded 1988.
Award: Perpetual trophies.



NSW Schools Championships

Background:

Awards: Perpetual trophies and medals (donated by Uringa Orienteers, Scrubrunners Orienteering Club and Southern Highlands Occasional Orienteers, respectively).



NSW Champion Primary School



NSW Champion region (replacement)



NSW Champion School



Individual medals

Procedure: As set out in Event Rules 4.4.4 NSW Schools Championships.

Orienteering NSW and Orienteering ACT

Bennelong Trophy

Determined by point score

Background: This cup was the idea of the late Frank Assenza for an interstate team competition between ACT and NSW. It was proposed to OACT by ONSW Secretary Dave Lotty in 1985, for the first competition to be held in 1986. Originally a single event alternating between the states, the host state always (or nearly almost always) won. It was then changed to the total points for both the NSW and ACT (Long) Champs. (Not awarded 2020 or 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions championship events.)

Criteria: The individual winner (only NSW and ACT orienteers) in each E or A class score 1 point and winners of AS or B classes score 0.5 point for their state.

Award: Perpetual trophy to the state/territory Association



Orienteering Australia

Individual service to orienteering: The sport of Orienteering would not happen in Australia without a high level of volunteering and exceptional commitment by volunteers and paid officers. Orienteering Australia recognises this contribution through four awards and the General Division of the OA Hall of Fame.

Competition in the sport of orienteering: Orienteering Australia recognises high achievement in competition through two awards following the Australian Orienteering Championships and one in Mountain Bike Orienteering, and the Athlete Division of the OA Hall of Fame.

OA Silva Award for Services to Orienteering

By nomination

Background: The perpetual award, which is a 16cm bronze statue depicting an orienteer, was made available in 1983 by the Silva company to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their foundation and was first presented in 1984. The statue is a replica of the life-size statue outside the Silva factory in Stockholm. The conditions for award of the trophy were set by the Silva company: 'In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the development of orienteering in your country'.

Award: A medallion as well as the perpetual trophy.

Criteria: Awardees would normally have rendered meritorious services to the sport of orienteering at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years. The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would only be made once to a person.

Procedure: The nomination should explain how the nominee satisfies the conditions for the award and should not exceed 800 words in length. In addition, a brief citation of up to 100 words should be provided for use at the presentation, should the nomination be successful.

Nominations are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au . Nominations go to the November meeting of the ONSW Board for consideration and final approval. Submission of nominations to Orienteering Australia by the ONSW Secretary or Awards delegate in mid-January.

OA Silva Award for Services to Coaching

By nomination

Background: "In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to services of coaching orienteering in Australia". The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would only be made once to a person.

Criteria: Awardees would normally have rendered meritorious coaching services to the sport of orienteering at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years.

Award: Perpetual trophy

Procedure: The nomination should explain how the nominee satisfies the conditions for the award and should not exceed 800 words in length. In addition, a brief citation of up to 100 words should be provided for use at the presentation, should the nomination be successful.

Nominations are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au . Nominations go to the November meeting of the ONSW Board for consideration and final approval. Submission of nominations to Orienteering Australia by the ONSW Secretary or Awards delegate in mid-January.

OA David Hogg Medal for Services to Event Management

By nomination

Background: "In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the staging of orienteering events in Australia". The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would only be made once to a person.

Criteria: Awardees would normally have rendered meritorious services to the staging of orienteering events at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years. The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would only be made once to a person.

Award: Perpetual trophy

Procedure: The nomination should explain how the nominee satisfies the conditions for the award and should not exceed 800 words in length. In addition, a brief citation of up to 100 words should be provided for use at the presentation, should the nomination be successful.

Nominations are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au . Nominations go to the November meeting of the ONSW Board for consideration and final approval. Submission of nominations to Orienteering Australia by the ONSW Secretary or Awards delegate in mid-January.

OA Silva Medal – Orienteer of the Year

By point score

Criteria: Presented to the Australian Resident competitor who accumulates the most points according to the criteria set out in Orienteering Australia's Operational Manual (section 2.17).

Award: Medal

Procedure: Calculated by Orienteering Australia.

OA Australian Schools Orienteering Championships

By point score

Background: The first event known as the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships took place in 1981, when it took place in conjunction with the Victorian Schools Orienteering Championships. This continued with was no significant interstate participation, apart from small groups from South Australia, until 1984. 1986 was the first year in which the event attracted a reasonable proportion of the nation's juniors.

In 1989, the event was reconstituted as the Australian Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships under the auspices of the Australian Schools Sports Council, and became a competition for state teams of four in each of four age classes: Junior (under 15) and Senior Boys and Girls, with an individual and relay competition and a team point score.

Award: Perpetual trophy



OA Australian Schools Orienteering Championships Service Award

Criteria: Recognises a person's continued commitment to the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships program, in particular representatives from State/Territory associations who have completed or are about to complete ten (10) years of attendance and/or participation in the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships.

Award: ?

Procedure: Nominations are requested from state/territory associations. The Post-Event Meeting or another approved Schools Committee meeting *may* recommend the ASOC Service Award.

OA Hall of Fame

Background: The Orienteering Australia Hall of Fame was established in 2016 to recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution to orienteering, either as athletes or more generally.

Criteria Athletes Division: Excellence of achievement at the highest international level in senior and master's competition, namely World Orienteering Championships, World Cup, World Games and World Masters Orienteering Championships, in foot and mountain bike orienteering. The degree of difficulty for the nominee to attain the highest level of achievement must be considered. Be at least the fifth year since their last senior World Championship event. Be an Australian citizen. Have the support of their peers as a worthy recipient of Hall of Fame status.

Criteria General Division Demonstrated outstanding high-level achievement from personal effort or initiative over many years at the international or national level to the development of orienteering in one or more of the fields of: - administration - event management - mapping - coaching. Be an Australian citizen. Have the support of their peers as a worthy recipient of Hall of Fame status. Mere long-term service without demonstrating outstanding high-level achievement is not enough justification for selection.

Award: Plaque

Procedure: Nominations must include a supporting citation describing the achievements and rationale for a nominee in meeting the selection criteria to be inducted into the Orienteering

Australia Hall of Fame. Nominations are sent to awards@onsw.asn.au. Nominations go to the November meeting of the ONSW Board for consideration and final approval.

Submission of nominations to Orienteering Australia by the ONSW Secretary or Awards delegate in mid-January.

Note that any person or organisation may make nominations for consideration directly to OA.

OA Shield

By point score

Background: The Orienteering Australia (formerly OFA, Orienteering Federation of Australia) Shield was introduced in 1979. In the early years NSW and Victoria were fairly even but as Victorian numbers declined and NSW numbers increased NSW has dominated the competition, only losing to the host states on a few occasions. First awarded 1979.

Criteria: The OA Shield is awarded to the champion state in the Long Distance event at the Australian Orienteering Championships each year. Points are allocated in all classes as follows:

	Elite and A classes	A short classes	B classes
1st	3 points	2 points	1 point
2nd	2 points	1 point	
3rd	1 point		

Xanthorrhoea Trophy

By point score

Background: The Xanthorrhoea Trophy is awarded to the champion state in the Relays at the Australian Championships each year. The trophy was donated by Queensland and first awarded in 1984. *Xanthorrhoea* is the scientific name for what are commonly known as Grass Trees. The trophy is made from a Xanthorrhoea trunk. It was originally based on the results in the Australian Relay Championships, which at that time were for club-based teams. In 1997 the Relays changed to state-based teams. Before 1997 NSW was hamstrung by having smaller clubs than ACT and Victoria. Since the switch to state-based teams NSW has dominated the competition.



Criteria: Points are allocated in each class except 'Mixed Age Classes'.

	Elite and A classes	A short classes	B classes
1st	3 points	2 points	1 point
2nd	2 points	1 point	
3rd	1 point		

Award: Perpetual trophy

Australian Club Champion

By point score

Background: The Australian Champion Club Trophy is awarded to the best performed club at the Long Distance Event at the annual Australian 3-Days carnival, usually held at Easter. The trophy was donated by the ACT and first awarded in 1984. Initially it was based on results in the Australian Relay Championships, which were at that time for club-based teams. In 1997 Relays were changed to state-based teams and the Australian Long Distance Championships became the basis for determining the trophy. In 2000 the competition was transferred to the Australian 3-Days.



Criteria: Points are allocated in all classes as follows:

	Elite and A classes	A short classes	B classes
1st	5 points	4 points	3 points
2nd	4 points	3 points	2 points
3rd	3 points	2 points	1 point
4th	2 points		
5th	1 point		

Award: Perpetual trophy

Pan Pacific Challenge

For historical interest only

Background: The Pan Pacific Trophy was contested every one or two years by composite regional and national teams of sub-juniors from any Pacific country attending a nominated major Australian carnival. The purpose was to encourage networking and team spirit amongst sub-junior orienteers and give them a focus of their own at major carnivals. The trophy was designed and made by some Australian sub-juniors in 2013. First awarded: 2013. Last awarded: 2017.



OA MTBO Plaque

Background: Awarded to the champion state at the Australian MTBO Championships each year. The Orienteering Australia MTBO Plaque was introduced and first awarded in 1998. Victorian orienteer Blake Gordon was responsible for its invention. From 1998 to 2008 there was only a Long Distance event. From 2009 onwards there have been Sprint, Middle and Long Championships counting towards the result. In 2019 the Mass Start race was added.

Criteria: Points are allocated in classes 14-16-20-21-40-50-60-70-80 as follows

1st	2nd	3rd
5 points	3 points	1 point



Award: Perpetual trophy

Awards Outside the Orienteering Community – Sport NSW

Sport NSW <https://www.sportnsw.com.au/> is the peak industry body for sport in the state. It is an independent not-for-profit organisation, representing NSW sporting organisations as ‘The Voice of Sport’ to raise and respond to issues that impact on all levels of sport and to foster the future development of sport in New South Wales.

Nominations for awards must be supported by a sport’s state sporting organisation (SSO).

Procedure: Usual practice is for ONSW to seek nominations from clubs and individuals as a starting point. Submit to awards@onsw.asn.au. There is usually an editorial development cycle to ensure the best case is made (within word limit constraints). Recommendations are made to the ONSW Board which approves the nominations to be put forward.

Award: Individual plaque

Sport NSW Community Sports Awards

The NSW Community Sports Awards recognise outstanding achievements and contributions to community sport in NSW – largely carried out by a volunteer workforce. Nominees for these awards must not receive significant remuneration.

The nomination criteria below are taken from the Call for Nominations in 2022. All nominations except for the Distinguished Long Service Award are for the 12-month period 1 May to 30 April.

The ONSW Awards Committee promotes and administers the nomination process. Nominations are approved by the ONSW Board for submission.

Community Official of the Year

By nomination

- Level of competition regularly officiated
- Major tournaments / championships officiated
- Shows leadership including mentoring / education of other officials
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Young Official of the Year

By nomination

Nominee must not be older than 21 at a specified date in the nomination year

- Level of competition regularly officiated
- Major tournaments / championships officiated
- Shows leadership amongst peers and is active in developing their sport
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Community Coach of the Year

By nomination

- Level of competition/s coached
- Success of coached individual / team
- Shows leadership (including mentoring / education of other coaches) and promotes a healthy culture in a fair, safe and inclusive environment
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Young Coach of the Year

By nomination

Nominee must not be older than 21 at a specified date in the nomination year

- Level of competition/s coached
- Success of coached individual / team
- Shows leadership amongst peers and promotes a healthy culture in a fair, safe and inclusive environment
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Community Sport Administrator of the Year

By nomination

- Level of administration
- Positive impact on club / organisation e.g. membership, financial viability, new program implemented, major events conducted etc.
- Examples of initiatives, teamwork, innovation and leadership (including mentoring of new administrators)
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Volunteer Director of the Year

By nomination

- Positive impact on the organisation and contribution to the sport Organisation's sustainability and growth
- Promotes a healthy culture providing a fair and inclusive environment, ethical behaviour, leadership and community engagement
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Community Team of the Year

By nomination

- Achievement of a team at state championships, regional, association or club level
- Significance of their achievements in their sport and wider community
- Displays a positive culture which is fair, safe and inclusive
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Community Club of the Year

By nomination

- Performance in competition by athletes / teams
- Key events run during the period
- Innovative volunteer leadership and management, including recruitment, retention, recognition and reward
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusion and diversity in terms of, club administration and participation of all people ie. Women, CALD communities, indigenous, disabled and the disadvantaged
- Business growth and diversification of revenue streams
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Community Event of the Year

By nomination

For community events up to state championship level only. Other professional, national and international events are recognised under the 'Event' category in the NSW Sports Awards program.

- Scope and scale of event (including logistical arrangements, economic return and calibre of athletes attending)
- Partnerships with local councils, state government as well as local business and the community
- Media exposure
- Promoted a healthy culture providing a fair, safe and inclusive environment
- *How were all activities and initiatives achieved successfully within COVID-19 specific circumstances*

Distinguished Long Service Award

By nomination

- Nominee must have a demonstrated record of service for a minimum of 25 years and has not previously received a Distinguished Long Service Award from Sport NSW (previously NSW Sports Federation)
- Distinguished service in a particular area that has been of significant benefit to the sport / organisation and community
- Demonstrated leadership and development of others within the sport

Note: It is possible to nominate two people if they have worked together throughout the period. This requires a technical work around.

Sport NSW Sports [High Performance] Awards

The NSW Sports Awards recognise outstanding achievements and contributions to sport at state, national and international levels.

The nomination criteria below are taken from the Call for Nominations in 2022, with the nomination period: 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.

Procedure: Nominations are submitted to awards@onsw.asn.au. Nominations are approved by the ONSW Board for submission.

Athlete of the Year

By nomination

Awarded to an athlete for outstanding achievement at State, National and / or International level in the nomination period.

Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state

- Level of competition/s participated in
- Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level)
- Significance of achievements and contribution to their sport

Athlete of the Year with a Disability

By nomination

Awarded to an athlete with a disability for outstanding achievement at State, National and / or International level in the nomination period.

- Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state
- Level of competition/s participated in
- Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level)
- Significance of achievements and contribution to their sport

Young Athlete of the Year

By nomination

Awarded to a young athlete for outstanding achievement at State, National and / or International level in the nomination period.

Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state and must be no older than 21 years of age at the end of the nomination period.

- Level of competition/s participated in
- Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level)
- Significance of achievements and contribution to their sport

Young Athlete of the Year with a Disability

By nomination

Awarded to a young athlete with a disability for outstanding achievement at State, National and / or International level in the nomination period.

Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state and must be no older than 21 years of age at the end of the nomination period.

- Level of competition/s participated in
- Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level)
- Significance of achievements and contribution to their sport

Masters Athlete of the Year

By nomination

Awarded to a master's athlete for outstanding achievement at State, National and / or International level in the nomination period.

Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state

Nominee must meet age level classification based on the specific sport's guidelines.

- Level of competition/s participated in
- Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level)
- Significance of achievements and contribution to their sport

Team of the Year

By nomination

Awarded to a team for outstanding performance at State, National and / or International level in the nomination period. (Please note that this is for State, National and / or International level achievements. The 'Community Team' category is now part of the NSW Community Sports Awards program.) Nominee must be based in NSW.

- Level of competition/s participated in
- Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level)
- Significance of achievements and impact on their sport and the wider community

Coach of the Year

By nomination

Awarded to a coach for outstanding performance with an athlete and / or team at State, National and / or International level in the nomination period. Please note that this is for State, National and / or International level achievements. *The 'Community Coach category is now part of the NSW Community Sports Awards program.

Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state.

- Level of competition/s coached
- Outstanding achievement/s of athlete/s and / or team/s
- Athlete engagement and promotion of a healthy culture in a fair, safe and positive high performance environment.

Official of the Year

By nomination

Awarded to an official / umpire / referee for achievement in officiating at State, National and / or International level in the nomination period.

Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state.

- Level of competition/s officiated
- Major tournaments / championships officiated
- Show leadership including mentoring / education of other officials

Administrator of the Year

By nomination

Awarded to an individual who has displayed outstanding leadership in the management and / or administration of their sport and / or organisation in the nomination period.

Nominee must be based in NSW.

- Level of administration
- Contribution to their sport / organisation and significance of their achievements
- Positive impact on the organisation e.g. membership, financial viability, new programs implemented, major events conducted, new initiatives / innovation, training and mentoring of staff
- Promotes a healthy culture providing a fair and inclusive environment
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NSW Hall of Champions Awards

Award for an athlete for sporting career achievements at state, national, international levels after retirement from high performance competition.

The names and achievements of the State's most outstanding sports persons are perpetuated in the NSW Hall of Champions, the State's premier sporting hall of fame and sport museum.

ONSW Awards Nomination Form



Nomination Form

Send completed Nomination Form to awards@onsw.asn.au

Nominee's name:	
Nominee's Club:	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (21 or older) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (20 or younger)
Your name (Nominator):	
Your Email:	Your Club/ONSW Role:

ONSW Award Tick/X in selected award - one only (submit separate nomination form if nominating same person for more than one award)

	President's Award	Awarded by the ONSW President to recognise a member or members who have made an outstanding contribution to the furtherance of orienteering in NSW.
	President's Junior Award	Awarded by the ONSW President to recognise a Junior member who has made significant contributions to the support/ development/ promotion of the sport and its participants. Normally, a club and/or the Junior Squad leadership and/or the NSW Schools Team leadership suggest worthy Juniors to the President for consideration.
	Rookie of the Year	Awarded to a new (less than 2 seasons) orienteer showing a high level of achievement - competing on either Moderate or Hard courses - at State League level.
	Club of the Year	Awarded to a club showing a high level of achievement in promotion, membership, event organisation and competition.
	Encouragement Award	Awarded to an orienteer who makes efforts to encourage other orienteers by both personal efforts and example.
	Volunteer of the Year	Awarded to an orienteer in recognition of meritorious voluntary service to the sport in NSW. [Paid employees of ONSW will only be eligible for volunteer awards where the contribution being nominated is demonstrably separate from and in addition to their paid employment.]

Your nomination should clearly address the selected award's criteria.

100 words summary of your nomination (required)

Expanded reasons for your nomination (optional up to 800 words)