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Awards Night Selection Criteria

Eligibility Period

The eligibility period for the 2024 Awards is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, spanning a total of 12 months. This is similar to the span of the 2024/24 Player Ranking system.

Judging panel/s will be formed to determine the winners of the Awards, comprising of BA Board Directors, relevant BA senior staff, relevant BA committee members, and possibly others.

Under-18 Male Bowler of the Year

The recipient of this award will be a male under-18 bowler. The bowler will have successfully managed their studies and/or working lives to fit with their bowling aspirations. The Player Ranking points of the nominee will also be taken into account.

Nominees for the award must be under 18 years of age as of June 30, 2024 (the end of the nomination period) or have turned 18 during the eligibility period. However, any events in which the player competed in after they turned 18 should not be considered when determining this award.

Criteria

The winners of this award will be awarded based on the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:

- Performance at the Australian Under-18 Championships;
 - Performance at state championships (junior or senior);
 - Player Rankings points;
 - Performances at national events, including the Australian Open, Australian Indoor Championships, Australian Sides Championships, Australian Champion of Champion, Australian Championships, and Bowls Premier League;
 - Performances at international level, including the World Bowls Championships, World Bowls Indoor Championships, World Bowls Champion of Champs or Trans-Tasman.
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Under-18 Female Bowler of the Year

The recipient of this award will be a female under-18 bowler. The bowler will have successfully managed their studies and/or working lives to fit with their bowling aspirations. The Player Ranking points of the nominee will also be taken into account.

Nominees for the award must be under 18 years of age as of June 30, 2024 (the end of the nomination period) or have turned 18 during the eligibility period. However, any events in which the player competed in after they turned 18 should not be considered when determining this award.

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Male Bowler with a Disability of the Year

The recipient of this award will be a bowler affiliated with one or more of the Bowls Australia's four partner disability organisations. The bowler will have achieved success at state, national or international level events. The Player Ranking points of the nominee will also be taken into account.

All nominees for this award must be affiliated and classified to play by one or more of the following associations:

- Australian Blind Bowlers Association (ABBA);
- Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia;
- Disability Sports Australia;
- Sport Inclusion Australia

Criteria

This award will be awarded based on the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:

- Performance at Bowls Australia national events, in particular the Australian Open (both in Open and Bowlers with a Disability disciplines);
 - Performance at international events;
 - Performance at state championships (junior or senior);
 - Performance at their respective state, national and international disability championships/events;
 - Player Rankings points.
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Female Bowler with a Disability of the Year

The recipient of this award will be a bowler affiliated with one or more of the Bowls Australia's four partner disability organisations. The bowler will have achieved success at state, national or international level events. The Player Ranking points of the nominee will also be taken into account.

All nominees for this award must be affiliated and classified to play by one or more of the following associations:

- Australian Blind Bowlers Association (ABBA);
- Deaf Lawn Bowls Australia;
- Disability Sports Australia;
- Sport Inclusion Australia

Criteria

This award will be awarded based on the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:

- Performance at Bowls Australia national events, in particular the Australian Open (both in Open and Bowlers with a Disability disciplines);
- Performance at international events;
- Performance at state championships (junior or senior);
- Performance at their respective state, national and international disability

- championships/events;
Player Rankings points.
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Coach of the Year

The recipient of this award will be a coach that has shown outstanding coaching ability over the award eligibility period. The coach will have a well-organised training program, shown positive results at state and/or national events and is able to demonstrate a bowler's overall improvement.

This award will be open to all current affiliated National Coaching Accreditation Structure coaches who are accredited at or above Club Coach Level.

Criteria

The winners of this award will be awarded based on the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:

- Minimum level qualification of Club Coach;
 - Been a qualified coach for a minimum of twelve months;
 - Has always been well organised at training and provided an enjoyable training program;
 - Has shown excellent results at state and/or national and/or international events;
 - Can demonstrate a bowler's overall improvement.
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Official of the Year

The recipient of this award will be an official that has shown outstanding officiating ability over the award period. They will have a sound knowledge of all rules and a passion for the role. This recipient must have officiated at a State event and/or a Bowls Australia national and/or international event during the award period.

This award will be open to all current affiliated National Officiating Advisory Scheme officials who have umpired at a State and/or Bowls Australia and/or international event during the eligibility period.

Criteria

The winner of this award will be awarded based on the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:

- Minimum Level One Umpire or National Umpire qualification;
 - Must have officiated at a State event and/or a Bowls Australia national and/or international event during the eligibility period;
 - Shown passion and commitment to officiating;
 - Have a sound knowledge of all laws;
 - Has shown ability to pass knowledge onto other officials in the way of training sessions or similar.
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Volunteer of the Year

The recipient of this award will have had a positive attitude to the voluntary work they complete and have been able to work interdependently to achieve a goal.

Please nominate a volunteer that has devoted their time and effort into assisting at either a state, national or international level event or in the implementation of strategic priorities outlined in the Bowls in Australia Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025.

Criteria

The winner of this award will be chosen based on meeting one or more of the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:

- Volunteered at state, national or international events;
 - Involvement at a state, national or international level;
 - Number of bowls events volunteered at (both club, state, national and international) during the eligibility period;
 - Level of involvement in the implementation of strategic priorities outlined in the Bowls in Australia Strategic Plan 2022– 2025.
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Club of the Year

This award recognises a club that has made a significant contribution to the running of a State, Bowls Australia national or international event; and/or the implementation of a STA initiative or program and/or a Bowls Australia initiative or program; and/or demonstrated self-initiated innovation/s towards growing participation; and/or demonstrated self-initiated innovation/s towards establishing a more welcoming and inclusive environment; or otherwise contributed to the growth of the sport in a significant and identifiable manner.

Other metrics include, but are not limited to, demonstration of sound governance and business practices, community impact and club health check status will be taken into account when determining this award. On-green performance and membership numbers may be taken into account, however will be of secondary importance when determining the winner.

Criteria

The winner of this award will be chosen based on meeting one or more of the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:

- The successful implementation of a STA or national program or initiative (National examples include but are not limited to Jack Attack, BPL Cup, Bowls Premier League, Rookie Roller, Sporting Schools, Bowls Connect); and/or
 - Self-initiated innovation/s towards growing participation; and/or
 - Self-initiated innovation/s towards establishing a more welcoming and inclusive environment; and/or
 - Demonstration of sound governance and business practices; and/or
 - Helped to grow the sport in a tangible and identifiable way; and/or
 - Success in hosting a State, Bowls Australia national event and/or international event;
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Community Service Award

This Community Service Award was introduced in 2020 to recognise a club that has displayed considerable contribution within their community. The successful recipient club will need to be able to demonstrate an initiative, project or program that was implemented in order to benefit their broader community. For example, the club may have provided shelter and food supplies to the local community members during the floods, worked with a disadvantaged or minority group on an introduction to bowls program or implemented an environmental sustainability program contributes to the local community.

Criteria

The winner/s of this award will be chosen based on the meeting one or more of the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:

- The successful implementation of a local program that directly benefits the local community.
- Helped to grow the sport in a tangible and identifiable way.
- Are able to demonstrate support from local community groups in relation to the program.

A letter of support outlining the club's involvement with a local group or organisation would be encouraged.

