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1 Definitions

Appointed Panel means a group appointed in accordance with the Netball NSW Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunal Policy.

Individual Member means an individual member of an Affiliate Member that becomes a Non-Voting Member of the Company in accordance with the Netball NSW Constitution and the relevant Company Policy.

Judging Panel means the panel appointed or selected in accordance with the relevant Company Policy to determine the recipient of any given award. May also be referred to as the 'Selection Panel'.

Netball NSW State Awards means the "State Dinner" or other similar event held annually by Netball NSW.

Recognition Reference Panel is the panel appointed in accordance with the Netball NSW Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunal Policy, responsible for providing confirmation of accurate and valid information in relation to nominees in accordance with this Policy.

2 Objectives of the Volunteer Recognition and Awards Policy

- 2.1 This policy recognises the significant contributions made by individuals as members and volunteers of Netball NSW.
- 2.2 In naming certain awards after eminent individuals, recognition is given to those who have made an invaluable contribution to Netball NSW and/or its Affiliates.
- 2.3 The purpose of this policy is to establish the framework under which significant awards within Netball NSW are awarded including the nominations process and any relevant criteria.
- 2.4 Netball NSW holds all these awards in high esteem and the Board of Directors may exercise a power of veto to cancel or postpone any nominations at its absolute discretion, at any time.
- 2.5 The Volunteer Recognition and Awards recognised within Netball NSW are:
 - Netball NSW Life Membership
 - Netball NSW Hall of Fame
 - Netball NSW Heritage List
 - Netball NSW Legend
 - Netball NSW Waratah Service Award
 - The Anne Clark BEM Service Awards
 - Long Service Volunteer Recognition Certificates and Awards
 - The Marilyn Melhuish OAM Medal – Suncorp Super Netball Player of the Year
 - The Nance Kenny OAM Medal – Premier League Opens Player of the Year
 - The Wendy Archer AM Medal – Premier League U23s Player of the Year

- The Margaret Corbett OAM Coaches Award - Coach of the Year
- The Neita Matthews OAM Umpires Award
- The Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Officials Award
- The Marj Groves AM Academy Awards
- The Judy Dunbar Media Awards
- The Dot McHugh OAM Administrator Award
- Community Volunteer of the Year Award
- Community Excellence Award
- The Presidents Medal

3 Netball NSW Recognition

3.1 Netball NSW will provide appropriate recognition for the following:

- President/Chairperson of Netball NSW until such time as this position, by this name or any other, is no longer appointed or elected to the Board.
- Anne Clark BEM Service Awards.
- Waratah Service Awards.
- Legend Appointees.
- Life Members.
- Hall of Fame Appointees.
- Players selected to represent Australia, who are registered members of Netball NSW at the time of representation, in either a Commonwealth Games or World Championship series or such other test series designated as an Australian-team series of the seven-side game or a Fast 5 series.
- Players selected in either the 21 years & Under or 19 years & Under designated as an Australian selected team, who are registered members of Netball NSW at the time of representation, and who compete in a series against an international opponent.

3.2 Where a member who is recognised as outlined above, subsequently receives an Australian Honour, such honour will be noted after the members name as awarded.

4 Netball NSW Life Membership

4.1 Purpose

Life Membership is the highest Award available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to Netball NSW. It is the ultimate accolade and is therefore only awarded in exceptional circumstances.

The Board of Directors may at any time fix the total number of persons who may be Life Members and the maximum number of candidates who may be nominated to be considered for Life Membership in any year.

4.2 Award Criteria

- An Individual Member may be nominated to become a Life Member in recognition of not less than 10 years outstanding service to the Company.
- Outstanding service can be in any role as an Administrator, Athlete, Coach, Official or Volunteer with such service in any role being taken concurrently.
- The emphasis will be on extraordinary and outstanding voluntary service to Netball NSW.
- The Netball NSW Board may take into account, in their discretion, if a nominee during their length of voluntary service, has held any paid positions within Netball NSW this may include but is not limited to full time, part time or casual employment or an honorarium position.
- The individual contribution of the nominee must have been above and beyond what could be reasonably expected to be undertaken within the netball community.
- The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to the growth or development and/or standing of the sport in the community.
- The nominee's service must have made a significant impact on netball in NSW.
- The nominee must have demonstrated behaviours and values in their ethical and exemplary service and have a positive reputation and standing within the netball community.
- The nominee's service must be diligent and extraordinary.

4.3 Process

- A candidate for election as a Life Member must be nominated in writing by two Members who are at least 18 years of age, being either Individual Members, Life Members or Directors.
- Nominations must be received by the Company Secretary or their delegate by 30 September each year in writing using the Netball NSW Life Membership Nomination Form.
- Nomination forms for Life Membership will be placed on the Netball NSW website and available to all members of Netball NSW on application.
- Nominations must include the full credentials of the proposed nominee relating specifically to their commitment, dedication and contribution to the promotion and betterment of Netball NSW.

- The Board of Directors to request The Recognition Reference Panel to provide confirmation of accurate information in relation to nominees to ensure that they meet the criteria as defined by this policy and to provide recommendation on the nomination.
- The Board of Directors will review all nominations received as well as the recommendation of The Recognition Reference Panel to ensure they meet the criteria defined in this policy as well as the Netball NSW Constitution, and if appropriate, put forward such nomination for voting
- Once approval for voting to proceed has been given by the Board of Directors, election as a Life Member will be conducted in accordance with the Election and Voting Policy. If an affirmative vote with a 2/3 majority of those votes received is returned, the award of Life Membership will be announced and presented at the Annual General Meeting.

4.5 Recognition

- In recognition of the awarding of Life Membership, the Life Member will be presented with the Netball NSW Life Membership badge and will also be acknowledged appropriately within Netball Central.
- Netball NSW may hold a function in conjunction with an annual Netball NSW event to recognise Life Members of the Association.
- Life Members are exempt from the payment of any registration fees to Netball NSW. All Life Members will be registered directly with the Company.

4.6 Benefits

Life Members will be entitled to the following match ticket benefits:

- Two reserve seat tickets to every Suncorp Super Netball home game, as played in NSW.
- Be issued annually with a gold pass for entry to Netball Central for all Netball NSW Competitions.

Life Members are to be advised that tickets as provided above are not transferrable.

Life Members will receive invitations to attend the following functions:

- Netball NSW State Titles Opening Ceremony.
- Netball NSW State Awards (including a Guest where possible).
- A Premier League function and/or Premier League Grand Final, when held (including a Guest where possible).
- Life Members will have the right to attend, to debate and to vote at Members Meetings.

5 Netball NSW Hall of Fame

5.1 Purpose

The Netball NSW Hall of Fame recognises outstanding individuals (players, coaches, umpires and administrators) who have shown dedication, commitment and made a significant contribution to netball in the state of NSW over a considerable period of time.

5.2 Award Criteria

- All nominees must have been retired for at least five years from active involvement in the category for which they are nominated.
 - Nominees would be considered icons of netball particularly within NSW
 - Only nominees of the highest personal standard of sportsmanship will be considered
- i) Player Classification
- All nominees must have been involved at National, State 17/19/21/Open competitions, ANL/ANC competitions, or CBT/TTNL/SSN level.
- ii) General Classification
- The primary requirement for selection as a General Member is high level achievement from personal effort or initiative, in a field of endeavour that contributes to the performances of athletes or to the development and status of Australian sport
 - Nominees should have made a major contribution at the international, national and/or State level to netball across one or more of the following categories;
 - Netball administration
 - Netball coaching / training
 - Netball umpiring
 - Sports science / technology
 - Sports media / history
 - Achievers at the highest levels of office or appointment available or contributors to netball at the highest level.

Mere long-term service or involvement with netball or netball bodies by a Nominee without having satisfied the requirements above or demonstrated outstanding achievement arising from personal initiative or innovation is not sufficient justification for selection.

Only in exceptional circumstances will there be more than two people annually inducted as General Members. It will be the responsibility of the Judging Panel to determine “exceptional circumstances”.

5.3 Judging Panel

The Judging Panel will comprise the following five (5) personnel:

- The President of Netball NSW.

- One Board appointed Director.
- One Life Member appointed by the Board.
- One eminent person appointed by the Board.
- One representative from the Selection Panel of the NSW Hall of Champions.

The President of Netball NSW will be appointed as Chairperson of the Judging Panel. In the absence of the President, the Deputy Chairperson will fill the role of Chairperson.

5.4 Process

- Nominations for the Hall of Fame may be made by any registered financial Individual Member of Netball NSW.
- Nominations must be submitted in writing on the Netball NSW Hall of Fame Nomination Form by the date specified by Netball NSW in any given year.
- Nominations must include the full credentials of the proposed nominee relating specifically to their commitment, dedication and contribution to the promotion and betterment of netball in NSW. Any nomination which has been previously submitted but not selected may be reconsidered by the panel.
- The Judging Panel will be the arbiter in respect to the selection or otherwise of any Nominee.
- Decisions to induct nominees must be approved by a majority of the Judging Panel.
- The Recognition Reference Panel, on request from the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate, will be responsible for researching any background or other information required by the Judging Panel and for verifying the authenticity of the information on the proposed nominee.

5.5 Recognition

- Presentations will be made to the successful inductee/s in conjunction with an appropriate event as determined the Board of Directors.

Netball NSW will provide the successful inductee/s with a framed copy of the citation and the photograph.

- The appropriate Netball NSW Staff Member will be responsible for preparing the citation for approval of the President of Netball NSW.
- The inductee/s will be acknowledged appropriately within Netball Central.

Netball NSW may hold a function in conjunction with an annual NSW event to recognise all Hall of Fame inductees of the Association.

5.6 Benefits

- Hall of Fame Inductees will receive invitations to attend the following functions:
 - Netball NSW State Titles Opening Ceremony
 - Netball NSW State Awards (including a Guest where possible).

- A Premier League function and/or Premier League Grand Final, when held (including a Guest where possible).

6 Netball NSW Heritage List

6.1 Purpose

The Netball NSW Heritage List recognises items or objects, events or groups of people that are of historical significance to the organisation.

6.2 Award Criteria

- All nominations need to demonstrate the impact it has had on Netball NSW and the historical significance of the event, item or object or group of people.
- Nominations would be considered icons of netball particularly within NSW.

6.3 Judging Panel

- Decisions to induct the nominee into this Heritage List category will be made by the Netball NSW Board of Directors.
- The Recognition Reference Panel on request from the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will be responsible for researching any background or other information required by the Board and for verifying the authenticity of the information on the proposed nomination.

6.4 Process

- Nominations for the Heritage List may be made by any registered financial Individual Member of Netball NSW.
- Nomination forms for the Heritage List will be placed on the Netball NSW website and available to all members of Netball NSW on application.
- Nominations must be submitted in writing on the Netball NSW Heritage List Nomination Form by the closing date as specified by Netball NSW in any given year.
- Nominations must include the full credentials of the proposed nominee relating specifically to the historical significance to Netball NSW
- Any nomination which has been previously submitted but not selected may be reconsidered.

6.5 Recognition

- Inductions to the Heritage List will be recognised online through the Netball NSW website and within the event program at the annual Netball NSW State Awards.
- The relevant recipient of the award will be acknowledged appropriately within Netball Central, as determined by Netball NSW.

7 Netball NSW Legend

7.1 Purpose

The Netball NSW Legend acknowledges outstanding individual achievements both at the State level and through representing NSW at National level.

7.2 Award Criteria

- All nominees must have been a member of the Netball NSW Hall of Fame for a period of no less than five years.
- Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding brilliance on or off the court at State level and through representing NSW at National level.
- Nominees must have continued to give back to the sport after retirement and this must be related, but not limited to, areas of coaching, education, media, mentoring.
- Service at a National level will be taken into consideration.

7.3 Judging Panel

The Netball NSW Board of Directors is the approving authority for all nominations.

7.4 Process

- Nominations will be made by the Netball NSW Board.
- Nominations must include the full credentials of the proposed nominee and specifically address the eligibility criteria.
- Any nomination which has been previously submitted but not selected may be reconsidered by the panel.
- Nominations must be submitted by the closing date for nominations as specified by Netball NSW in any given year.
- The Recognition Reference Panel on request of the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will be responsible for researching any background or other information required by the Judging Panel and for verifying the authenticity of the information on the proposed nominee.

7.6 Recognition

- Presentations will be made to the successful recipient/s in conjunction with an appropriate event as determined by the Board of Directors.
- Netball NSW will provide the successful recipient/s with a framed copy of the award.
- The appropriate Netball NSW Staff Member will be responsible for preparing the citation for approval of the President of Netball NSW.
- The recipient will be acknowledged appropriately within Netball Central.
- Netball NSW may hold a function in conjunction with an annual NSW event to recognise all Legends of the Association.

7.7 Benefits

- Legends will receive invitations to attend the following functions:
 - Netball NSW State Titles Opening Ceremony.
 - Netball NSW State Awards (including a Guest where possible).
 - A Premier League function and/or Premier League Grand Final, when held (including a Guest where possible)

8 Netball NSW Waratah Service Award

8.1 Purpose

The awarding of the Netball NSW Waratah Service Award is in recognition of an individuals' distinguished service to Netball NSW in the capacity of an organisational or operational volunteer.

8.2 Award Criteria

Any registered member of an affiliated Association will be eligible to receive the Award provided that the nominated member has given at least ten (10) years distinguished service to Netball NSW outside of any Association commitment or position, in either a volunteer and/or elected operational or organisational role.

8.3 Judging Panel

- On an annual basis, the Board of Directors will appoint two of its directors and invite a third member from the Anne Clark Service Award panel as appointed annually, who will meet to review all applications according to the eligibility criteria and determine the successful recipients.
- The Recognition Reference Panel on request of the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will be responsible to research any background or other information required by the Judging Panel and for verifying the authenticity of the information on the proposed nominee.
- The decision of the Judging Panel is final and cannot be appealed.

8.4 Process

- Members eligible for the award are to be nominated by any two (2) ordinary members of Netball NSW.
- All nominations will be submitted in writing on the Netball NSW Waratah Service Award Form) by the closing date as specified by Netball NSW in any given year

8.5 Recognition

- A Waratah emblem badge to be struck and known as the "Waratah Service Award". This award to be announced and presented at the Annual General Meeting and recognised at the Netball NSW State Awards held each year.
- No more than one award is to be awarded in any one year.
- The recipient will be acknowledge appropriately within Netball Central.

8.6 Benefits

- Waratah Service Award recipients will be entitled to the following:

- Invitation to attend the annual Netball NSW State Awards (including a guest where possible).
- Invitation to attend a Premier League function and/or Premier League Grand Final, when held (including a guest where possible).

9 Anne Clark BEM Service Award

9.1 Purpose

Perhaps better known as “Little Annie”, Anne Clark could easily be described as the ‘Mother of Netball’ for her magnificent contribution to netball over a very long period of time. Anne Clark BEM was an inaugural inductee into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame.

This award is provided to individuals in recognition of their significant contribution to the development of netball at an Association level.

This award is the highest accolade that Netball NSW can pay to its volunteers at the Association level.

9.2 Award Criteria

Any registered member of an affiliated Association will be eligible to receive the Award provided that the nominated member has given as least ten (10) years outstanding service to netball and will be given as recognition of an individual at an Association level.

No more than five awards to be awarded in any one year.

9.3 Judging Panel

- The Recognition Reference Panel on request of the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will be responsible for researching any background or other information required by the Judging Panel and for verifying the authenticity of the information on the proposed nominee.
- On an annual basis, the Board of Directors will appoint five (5) esteemed members of Netball NSW who, based on their experience, knowledge and understanding of the Anne Clark BEM philosophy to Netball NSW, will meet to review all applications according to the eligibility criteria and determine the successful recipients. No more than one member from any one affiliated Association will be represented on this Judging Panel, this includes Life Members and Netball NSW Directors.
- All conflicts of Interest, will be declared as outlined in the Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunals Policy.
- The decision of the Judging Panel is final and cannot be appealed.

9.4 Process

- Members eligible for the award are to be nominated by any two senior members of Netball NSW. Nominations will be submitted in writing on the Anne Clark BEM Service Award Nomination Form (located on the Netball NSW website) by the closing date as specified by Netball NSW in any given year.

- When the nominations close the Netball NSW Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will validate all nominations to ensure they met the criteria outlined and it is determined that the nominee is fit and proper person in the view of Netball NSW. If it is determined that a nominee is deemed not to be a fit and proper person, this must be endorsed by the President of Netball NSW.
- The Netball NSW CEO or their delegate may provide contextual information and make recommendations to the Judging Panel in relation to any nomination/s received.

9.5 Recognition

- A badge has been struck and is known as the “Anne Clark BEM Service Award”. This award to be announced and presented at the annual Netball NSW State Awards held each year.
- The recipient will be acknowledged appropriately within Netball Central.

10 Long Service Volunteer Recognition Certificates and Awards

10.1 Purpose

Netball NSW volunteers are vital to the successful organisation, management and enjoyment of our sport in NSW. Recognition of Netball NSW volunteers is provided as a demonstration of our appreciation of their work, an expression of the value in which they are held and as an incentive to maintain our high level of active participation.

10.2 Process

- Certificates of Recognition will be provided for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40+ years and each subsequent 5 years of completed service to the sport of Netball in NSW. Service may be broken.
- Certificates in each category 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 35 and 40+ years and each subsequent 5 years of completed service will be awarded on application from the Associations / Clubs to Netball NSW annually as volunteers attain the appropriate level.
- The awarding of these certificates will be done so as to coincide with the National Volunteers Week as designated annually.
- Netball NSW will provide Associations / Clubs with an application form (also located on the Netball NSW website <https://nsw.netball.com.au/policies>) at the November Council meeting annually, to be returned by 1 March each year.

11 The Marilyn Melhuish OAM Medal – Suncorp Super Netball Players of the Year (formally known as the ANZ Championship Player of the Year)

11.1 Purpose

Marilyn Melhuish OAM is a past President of Netball Australia and Netball NSW, a Life Member of Netball NSW, a Service Award holder of Netball Australia, an inductee in the Netball NSW Hall of Fame and served Netball NSW as a Manager of State Teams for many years. This award is provided to two Suncorp Super Netball players who have displayed consistent outstanding performances throughout the season from the two Netball NSW owned teams in the league- NSW Swifts and GIANTS Netball.

11.2 Award Criteria

- All eligible players must be a member of the NSW Swifts or GIANTS Netball.
- All eligible players must be competing within the Suncorp Super Netball for the given year.

11.3 Process

- The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate is to arrange for a 3, 2, and 1 vote to be allocated at each of the home and away games for the Suncorp Super Netball season proper for both the NSW Swifts and GIANTS Netball.
- The Chief Executive Officer or their delegate is responsible for the collection and tallying of points at the completion of each round.
- The points will be tallied at the completion of the season and the players from both the NSW Swifts and GIANTS Netball with the highest number of points will be determined 'Suncorp Super Netball Players of the Year'.
- In the case of a draw within either the NSW Swifts or GIANTS Netball, each player involved will be considered equal and both will be determined as 'Suncorp Super Netball Players of the Year' for their respective club.
- The decision is final and cannot be appealed.

11.4 Recognition

- This medal will be announced and presented to the successful recipients at the annual Netball NSW State Awards held each year.
- The recipients will receive an appropriate token from Netball NSW and their name will be engraved on the Marilyn Melhuish OAM Suncorp Super Netball Player of the Year plaque which will be displayed appropriately within Netball Central.

12 The Nance Kenny OAM Medal – Premier League Opens Player of the Year

12.1 Purpose

Nance Kenny OAM served Netball NSW in the capacity of Treasurer over a long period of time, held a Life Membership of Netball NSW and is an inductee in the Netball NSW Hall of Fame. This award is provided to a player in the Netball NSW Premier League (Open Division) who has displayed consistent outstanding performances throughout the season.

12.2 Award Criteria

- All eligible players must be a current registered member of an affiliated Association.
- All eligible players must be competing in the Premier League (Open Division) competition for the given year.

12.3 Process

- Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will oversee this process.
- An allocation of 3, 2 and 1 points will be awarded to players on each Premier League (Open Division) match played during the minor rounds of the competition. Each Team will submit their 3, 2, 1 points at the end of the match.
- The selection process for this medal will be advised to Premier League teams prior to the commencement of the competition, on a yearly basis.
- The points will be tallied at the completion of the minor rounds by the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate and the player with the highest number of points will be determined 'Premier League Opens Player of the Year'.
- In the case of a draw, each player involved will be considered equal and both will be determined as 'Premier League Opens Player of the Year'.
- The decision is final and cannot be appealed.

12.4 Recognition

- This medal will be announced and presented to the successful recipient at the Netball NSW State Award held each year.
- The recipient will receive a gift from Netball NSW and an engraved Nance Kenny OAM Medal. Their name will also be engraved on the Nance Kenny OAM Premier League Player of the Year plaque which will be displayed appropriately within Netball Central.
- Prior to 2016, this award was known as the 'Waratah Cup Player of the Year' Award.

13 The Wendy Archer AM Medal – Premier League U23’s Player of the Year

13.1 Purpose

Wendy Archer AM served Netball NSW in the capacity of President over a long period of time and is a Life Member of Netball NSW. Wendy was a guiding force of the concept to implement of the Premier League Competition within NSW. This award is provided to a player in the Netball NSW Premier League (Under 23 Division) who has displayed consistent outstanding performances throughout the season.

13.2 Award Criteria

- All eligible players must be a current registered member of an affiliated Association.
- All eligible players must be competing in the Premier League (Under 23 Division) competition for the given year.

13.3 Process

- Chief Executive Officer or their delegate will oversee this process.
- An allocation of 3, 2 and 1 points will be awarded to players of both teams on each Premier League (Under 23 Division) match played during the minor rounds of the competition.
- The selection process for this medal will be advised prior to the commencement of the competition, on a yearly basis.
- The points will be tallied at the completion of the minor rounds by the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate and the player with the highest number of points will be determined ‘Premier League Under 23 Player of the Year’.
- In the case of a draw, each player involved will be considered equal and both will be determined as ‘Premier League Under 23 Player of the Year’.
- The decision is final and cannot be appealed.

13.4 Recognition

- This medal will be announced and presented to the successful recipient at the Netball NSW State Awards held each year.
- The recipient will receive a gift from Netball NSW and an engraved Wendy Archer AM Medal. Their name will also be engraved on the Wendy Archer AM Premier League Under 23 Player of the Year plaque which will be displayed appropriately within Netball Central.

14 The Margaret Corbett OAM Coaches Award – Coach of the Year

14.1 Purpose

Margaret Corbett OAM is an icon in the coaching arena of netball. Margaret has served Netball NSW for many years in the area of coaching. Margaret holds Life Membership of Netball NSW and is an inductee in the Netball NSW Hall of Fame. In 2019 Margaret was elevated to Netball NSW Legend status. This award is provided in recognition of a coach who displays excellence in coaching within competitions conducted by Netball NSW.

14.2 Award Criteria

- The selection criteria for this award is based on the overall contribution and success of a coach in Netball NSW Competitions.
- Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to:
 - Results in the competition (place on table, result in finals);
 - Improvement on placing in last year's competition;
 - Development of players that have been selected in TID squads (academy, metro, state development squads etc.) or state teams;
 - Commitment to the overall development of players, rather than being focused solely on winning;
 - Commitment to coaching numerous teams (school, club, association);
 - Development of coaches through mentoring and support;
 - Demonstrated sportsmanship towards all concerned (including umpires).
- Nominees must be a current coach of a team in any region competing in Netball NSW competitions.
- Nominees must be current registered members of Netball NSW and hold a current Netball Australia coach accreditation.
- Nominees must have been involved in their affiliated Association's program for a minimum of five (5) years.

14.3 Judging Panel

- A Judging Panel will be formed consisting of a Netball NSW Board Director, a coach from either NSW Swifts or GIANTS Netball, Margaret Corbett OAM (or her nominee), and the Netball NSW General Manager Pathways and Performance.
- All conflicts of Interest, will be declared as outlined in the Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunals Policy

14.4 Process

- Nominees of the award may be nominated by a coach, an umpire, a player and affiliated Netball Association, club or the individual applicant themselves
- All nominations must be submitted in writing on the Netball NSW Margaret Corbett OAM Coaches Award Nomination Form (located on the Netball NSW website)

- Nominations must be submitted to Netball NSW by the closing date as specified by Netball NSW in any given year.
- The selection panel will review all possible applicants according to the eligibility criteria and determine the successful recipient.
- The decision of the selection panel is final and cannot be appealed.

14.4 Recognition

- This award will be announced and presented to the successful recipient, by Margaret Corbett OAM or her nominee, at the annual Netball NSW State Awards.
- The recipient will receive an appropriate token and will be acknowledged appropriately as determined by Netball NSW.

15 The Neita Matthew OAM Umpire Award

15.1 Purpose

Neita Matthews OAM served Netball NSW in many capacities over a long period of time but predominantly within the umpiring sphere. Neita holds Life Membership of Netball NSW and is an inductee in the Netball NSW Hall of Fame. In 2022, Neita was elevated to Legend status.

This award is provided in recognition of an umpire who demonstrates a desire to strive for excellence on court, shows consistency in performance throughout competitions conducted by Netball NSW and continues to improve their knowledge of the game.

15.2 Award Criteria

- All eligible umpires must display potential, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn all aspects of the game of netball, both on and off the court.
- All eligible umpires must hold a current National Umpires Badge and appropriate accreditation/s.
- All eligible umpires must be regularly allocated to Netball NSW competitions and events throughout the season.

15.3 Judging Panel

- The award will be decided by the Netball NSW Umpire Coach and Premier League / Metro League Umpire Allocators, in line with the eligibility criteria.
- All conflicts of Interest, will be declared as outlined in the Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunals Policy.
- The decision is final and cannot be appealed.

15.4 Recognition

- This award will be announced and presented to the successful recipient, by a representative of Neita Matthews, at the annual Netball NSW State Awards.
- The recipient will receive an appropriate token and will be acknowledged appropriately as determined by Netball NSW.

16 The Lynn Quinn OAM Bench Official Award

16.1 Purpose

Lynn Quinn OAM served for many years as the Secretary of Netball NSW and as a board member of the organisation. Lynn holds Life Membership of Netball NSW and she has represented NSW as a bench official at State, National and International level competitions. In 2022, Lynn became a Hall of Fame recipient.

This award is provided to an individual in recognition of their demonstrated consistency in bench officiating. It is to also serve as encouragement for bench officials to strive for excellence in bench officiating and continue the quest for further knowledge in all aspects of the game.

16.2 Award Criteria

- This award is based on an individual persons' display of potential, enthusiasm and willingness to learn all aspects of the game of netball both on and off the court.
- Selection criteria includes:
 - Regular allocation to Netball NSW competitions and events throughout the season.
 - Being a registered member of Netball NSW.
 - Holding a current Rules of Netball.
 - Holding, as a minimum, Intermediate Bench Officials Accreditation.
 - Attendance at and completion of the Bench Officials workshop.

16.3 Process

- The NSW Bench Officials Panel will review all possible applicants according to the eligibility criteria and determine the successful recipient.
- All conflicts of interest, will be declared as outlined in the Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunals Policy.
- The decision is final and cannot be appealed.

16.4 Recognition

- This award will be announced and presented to the successful recipient, by Lynn Quinn OAM or her nominee, at the annual Netball NSW State Awards.
- The recipient will receive an appropriate token and will be acknowledged appropriately as determined by Netball NSW.

17 The Dot McHugh OAM Administrator of the Year Award

17.1 Purpose

Dorothy McHugh OAM (Dot) was introduced to netball administration at Association level and went on to hold a number of executive positions for the state including NSW Vice President in 1953, Secretary from 1954-1960, Insurance Officer 1961-62, Treasurer in 1963 and Umpires Convenor in 1965 and 1968. In recognition of her service, she was awarded with Life Membership of Netball NSW in 1970. In 2010, Dot became a Hall of Fame recipient.

The Dot McHugh OAM award recognises an individual who has displayed outstanding leadership in the management and / or administration of netball within their Association and/or club.

17.2 Award Criteria

The following criteria will be considered for judging:

- Level of administration.
- Contribution to their sport / organisation and significance of their achievements.
- Positive impact on the organisation eg. Membership, financial viability, new programs implemented, major events conducted, new initiatives / innovation.
- Training, development and mentoring of volunteers within their organization.
- Promotion of a healthy culture providing a fair and inclusive environment.
- Nominees must be registered members of Netball NSW.

17.3 Judging Panel

- A Judging Panel to be appointed by the Board of Netball NSW to consist of three Life Members and chaired by a Member of the Board.
- All conflicts of interest will be declared as outlined in the Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunals Policy.
- The Judging Panel will review all possible applicants according to the eligibility criteria and determine a successful applicant.
- The decision of the Judging Panel is final and cannot be appealed.

17.4 Process

- Nominations may be made by any member of Netball NSW including and not limited to a coach, umpire, player, administrator, affiliated Netball Association, club or individual applicant themselves.
- All nominations must be submitted in writing and accompanied by the Netball NSW Dot McHugh OAM Administrators Award Nomination form (located on the Netball NSW website) by the closing date as specified by Netball NSW in any given year.
- The Netball NSW CEO or their delegate may provide contextual information and make recommendations to the Judging Panel in relation to any nomination/s received.

17.5 Recognition

- This award will be announced and presented to the successful recipient at the annual Netball NSW State Awards.
- The recipient will receive an appropriate token and will be acknowledged appropriately as determined by Netball NSW.

18 Community Volunteer of the Year Award

18.1 Purpose

The Community Volunteer of the Year recognises volunteers who have displayed one or more of Netball NSW's values and behaviours in the relevant calendar year and through this have created an exceptional experience for another member or members.

These values and behaviours are;

- Welcoming – creates an inclusive community for everyone
- One Team – respects and values everyone
- Best Always – aspires to excellence
- Integrity – plays fair and takes ownership for actions
- Fun – loves what they do.

18.2 Award Criteria

- Nominees must be a registered member of Netball NSW acting in a volunteer capacity.
- Nominees must be nominated for Valour Netty Legend of the Month by an Affiliated Club or Association, or another registered member of Netball NSW.
- To be eligible for Community Volunteer of the Year, a nominee must be selected as the recipient of the Valour Netty Legend of the Month in any calendar month in which the competition is being run within the relevant calendar year.
- Recipients of the 'Valour Netty Legend of the Month' will automatically be shortlisted for this award by the General Manager – Communities.

18.3 Process

- An overall winner of the Community Volunteer of the Year Award will be chosen from among this list of Valour Netty Legends of the Month by the Judging Panel.
- The Judging Panel will consist of a Netball NSW Director, the Netball NSW CEO or their Delegate, and one Independent Member to be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- The Judging Panel will consider all shortlisted recipients of the Valour Netty Legend of the Month award and determine one overall winner who has demonstrated excellence in living the values and behaviours of Netball NSW.
- The decision of the Judging Panel will be final.

18.4 Recognition

- The recipient will receive an appropriate token and will be acknowledged appropriately as determined by Netball NSW.

19 Community Excellence Award

19.1 Purpose

The Community Excellence Award has been established to recognise and reward affiliated NetSetGO Centres, clubs, and associations who demonstrate excellence in their operations and provide an environment which supports growth, innovation, inclusion, and sustainability within their netball environment. The recipient of the Community Excellence Award should demonstrate the Netball NSW values and should have implemented changes which have resulted in innovation, growth, or inclusion in the last 12 months.

19.2 Award Criteria

The Community Excellence award recognises an affiliated NetSetGO centre, club or association at community level who demonstrate organisational excellence in one or more of the following areas in the past 12 months;

- Demonstrates innovation and growth;
- Offers a range of competition formats and deliveries to attract participants;
- Fosters an inclusive environment that ensures all netball participants are welcomed and able to fully enjoy their netball experience;
- Shows outstanding leadership and strategic vision;
- Demonstrates best practice governance and administration; and/or
- Developed and executed strategies to support the growth and sustainability of netball in their respective area.

19.3 Process

- Nominations may be made by any member of Netball NSW including and not limited to a coach, umpire, player, administrator, affiliated NetSetGO Centre, Netball Association, or club.
- All nominations must be submitted in writing and accompanied by the Netball NSW Community Excellence Award Nomination form (located on the Netball NSW website) by the closing date as specified by Netball NSW in any given year.
- The Netball NSW CEO or their delegate may provide contextual information and make recommendations to the Judging Panel in relation to any nomination/s received.

19.4 Judging Panel

- The Judging Panel will consist of a Netball NSW Director, the Netball NSW CEO or their Delegate, and one Independent Member to be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- The Judging Panel will be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- The decision of the Judging Panel will be final.

19.5 Recognition

- The recipient will receive an appropriate token and will be acknowledged appropriately as determined by Netball NSW.

19 The Marj Groves AM Academy Awards

19.1 Purpose

Marj Groves AM served for many years as the Secretary of Netball NSW and held Life Membership of the organisation. In 2011, Marj became a Hall of Fame recipient.

This award is provided in recognition of an outstanding talented athlete from each of the QBE Swifts Academy and the GIANTS Netball Academy.

19.2 Award Criteria

- The athlete will demonstrate outstanding talent within the program and display strong leadership qualities on and off the court.
- Each athlete must be a member of the QBE Swifts Academy or the GIANTS Netball Academy.

19.3 Judging Panel

- This is awarded on the advice of the Head Coach of the respective program, QBE Swifts Academy or the GIANTS Netball Academy and in line with the eligibility criteria.
- All conflicts of interest, will be declared as outlined in the Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunals Policy.
- The decision is final and cannot be appealed.

19.4 Recognition

- This award will be announced and presented to the successful recipient at the respective GIANTS Netball and NSW Swifts Gala Dinners and recognised at the annual Netball NSW State Awards.
- Each recipient will receive a gift from Netball NSW.

20 The Judy Dunbar Media Award

20.1 Purpose

Judy Dunbar served Netball NSW for many years in varying capacities. These awards are provided in recognition of an individual or media outlet that has demonstrated an outstanding media contribution to the sport of netball in the relevant category, within a given year. The Judy Dunbar Media Awards will be presented annually at the annual Netball NSW State Awards.

20.2 Award Criteria

- Articles must have been published between 1 September of the preceding season and 31 August of the current year.
- Netball NSW offers two Judy Dunbar Media Awards annually for;
 - Category 1 - Best Overall Media Coverage
 - Category 2 - Community Media Excellence
- Eligible nominations will be accepted whereby the content refers to individuals or teams representing or participating in the following competitions and/or activities:
 - Netball NSW competitions, programs or events
 - Netball NSW affiliated Association netball competitions
 - NSW Swifts
 - GIANTS Netball
 - Suncorp Super Netball
 - Australian National Championships
 - National Championship
- Any number of articles written by a single journalist or media outlet may be nominated.

20.2.1 Individual Award Criteria

Category 1 – Best Overall Media Coverage (as a netball season as a whole or specific netball competition/event)

- The coverage will be published by print, radio, online/social, television or by affiliated netball Associations in a physical publication or online format.
- The content can include photographs, video, audio, print and written content.
- The coverage will have a positive impact on the viewers/audience in order to enhance their experience or knowledge of the sport through the feature.
- The coverage will clearly feature the sport of netball.

Category 2 – Community Media Excellence

- This award will acknowledge the contribution of local media to the grassroots/local support for netball.

- Excellence can be through an individual piece or a collection of articles/content across the criteria time frame.
- The coverage will be published by a print, radio, online/social, or television organisation, or an affiliated netball Association in a physical publication or online format.
- The content can include photograph, video, audio, print or written content.
- The piece/s will have a positive impact on the viewers/audience in order to enhance their experience or knowledge of the sport.
- The coverage will clearly feature the sport of netball.

20.3 Judging Panel

- A panel of three judges comprising a Netball NSW Board Director, the Chief Executive Officer or nominee and relevant member of the media, will be appointed by Netball NSW to judge all media award nominations according to the eligibility criteria.
- All conflicts of interest will be declared as outlined in the Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Panels and Tribunals Policy.
- The judging panel will review all applications according to the eligibility criteria and determine the successful recipient.
- The decision of the judging panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

20.4 Process

- Nominations may be made by an editor, another journalist, a coach, an umpire, a player, an affiliated Netball Association or Club, Netball NSW or the individual applicant themselves.
- All nominations must be submitted in writing and accompanied by the Netball NSW Judy Dunbar Media Award Nomination Form (located on the Netball NSW website) by the closing date as specified by Netball NSW in any given year
- An electronic (official publication version) copy of the nominated article/photograph/feature (as published) must accompany all nominations.

20.5 Recognition

- This award will be announced and presented to the successful recipient(s) at the annual Netball NSW State Awards.
- The recipient for each category will receive a gift from Netball NSW.

21 The President Medal

21.1 Process

The Netball NSW President/Chairperson or their delegate and two appropriately selected people will determine the most valuable player on the court at the Premier League (Open and Under 23 Division) Grand Final.

21.2 Recognition

This award will be announced and an appropriate token will be presented to the successful recipient at the respective Premier League (Open and Under 23 Division) Grand Final presentation.