

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless

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VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE AWARDS

CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE
PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!!



ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE AWARDS

This is the inaugural year of the Annual Workforce Awards, established to reward and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the Touch volunteer workforce over the last 12 months.

Touch in England is thriving! This is not least due to the efforts of our army of volunteers, who are the backbone to our sport, expending their time and energy in driving our sport onwards.

Our volunteers are everywhere, coaching, refereeing, performing back-office functions, washing kit and everything in between, allowing our players to do what they love at a social, development or competitive level.

This award programme has been established to recognise the contribution of these unsung heroes.

We have five awards, and we are looking for you to nominate in the following categories:

Coach of the Year

Club of the Year

Volunteer of the Year

Referee of the Year

Special Recognition Award

The Workforce Awards will be presented on the final day of the Masters and Juniors Nationals on September 16th, 2018.



NOMINATION FORM

Thank you for taking the time to nominate your Touch unsung hero!

[CLICK HERE](#) to nominate before August 31st, 2018. Please complete all sections



VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE AWARDS CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged against the criteria below for achievements in 2017/18, with the exception of the Special Recognition Award which recognises lifelong achievements. Nominators are encouraged to provide as much information and evidence as possible to show how the nominee meets one or more of the criteria.

COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the achievements of an outstanding coach at club, regional, national or international level. Do you know an outstanding coach who:

Has achieved particular success through their efforts with their teams? Has had a positive impact on participants, a club, coaching programme or the local community? Delivers high quality, inclusive coaching programmes that engage with new and existing club members from all ages and backgrounds? Supports other coaches and young people and has been successful at getting more people playing Touch?

CLUB OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the achievements of an outstanding club and is open to England Touch Member Clubs (whether longstanding or a new kid on the block). We have clubs with social teams, elite teams, men`s, women`s or mixed focussed clubs, clubs with masters and junior sections and everything in between. Do you know an outstanding club that can show:

Achievements by the team(s)? Excellent organisation, value for money and an inclusive and welcoming environment? High quality, inclusive programmes that engage with new and existing club members from all ages and backgrounds? Impact on participants and/or community from the work the club does?

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This award is to recognise the outstanding contribution volunteers make to our sport, with a huge range of activities across the country. Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their ongoing voluntary work within Touch? Is there a volunteer within your region who really drives the Touch programmes forward in your area, or a volunteer at your club who has been instrumental in ensuring your club programmes are thriving? Is there someone you know who has:

Developed, organised or supported Touch? Organised and implemented programmes and activities to encourage growth and improve standards? Had significant impact in Touch on a local, regional or national level? Shown exceptional commitment and dedication to Touch activities



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REFEREE OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the much valued commitment referees make to the game, particularly in ensuring the successful running of competitions and events across the country. Do you know of an outstanding referee who has:

Committed to refereeing at a large number of events? Assisted in the training, development and support of referees? Inspired new referees and can be a role model and an ambassador for England Touch?

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

This award will be presented to an exceptional candidate to recognise their achievements. We know there are many people whose dedication deserves recognition. Do you know someone whose achievements in developing, supporting or leading the game deserve this special recognition because they:

Are an inspirational role model? Provide opportunities for more people to play, watch, support, volunteer or coach Touch? Have created a legacy in a club, community or within England Touch as a whole?



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1 Nominations will open at August 11th, 2018.
- 2 All entries must be received by August 31st, 2018.
- 3 Nominated referees, coaches and clubs must be valid members of England Touch
- 4 Nominees can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else.
- 5 All sections of the electronic nomination form must be completed.
- 6 The nominations will be judged by a panel made up of England Touch Board Representative(s), external representative(s) and the Head of Volunteers.
- 7 The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 8 The judging process will result in a shortlist for each award category:
 - a) Coach of the Year
 - b) Club of the Year
 - c) Volunteer of the Year
 - d) Referee of the Year
 - e) Special Recognition Award
- 9 If you are nominating somebody else, England Touch will ensure they are happy to be nominated should they be shortlisted.
- 10 The names of the shortlisted nominees will be published on www.EnglandTouch.org.uk within one week of the nomination closing date.
- 11 The category winners will be invited to the final days of the Masters and Juniors Nationals.
- 12 The information you have provided about your nominee will only be used in connection with the Workforce Awards 2018 and not for any other purposes.
- 13 The nominee may be contacted by an England Touch representative during the nomination process and prior to the awards events regarding the use of their story.
- 114 Information from the nomination form may be used for publicity purposes with the nominee's permission. A nominee's story will not be used for any other purpose, and their details will not be passed on without their permission. We will let the nominee approve any version of their story we publicise.
- 15 Entry via this nomination form implies acceptance of these terms and conditions.



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