ENGLAND TOUCH RUGBY AWARDS 2027

Celebrating Excellence Across the Touch Rugby Community

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All Award Nominees need to have been registered with England Touch Rugby to be eligible for the Awards.

Form to complete for each award is available HERE

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

Our Values - Inclusive > Transparent > Ambitious > United > Respectful

Volunteer of the Year

Recognises an individual who has made an exceptional and selfless contribution to their club or the wider Touch Rugby community through voluntary service. This person consistently goes above and beyond their role—whether in administration, event delivery, fundraising, or community engagement—dedicating significant time and effort to help others succeed and creating a lasting positive impact on the sport.

Coach of the Year

Awarded to a coach who has consistently created a positive, safe, and inclusive environment, enabling players to reach their full potential while fostering a love for the game of Touch Rugby. This individual demonstrates exemplary leadership, effective communication, and a commitment to their own development, alongside measurable improvements in their team's performance, sportsmanship, and overall well-being.

Referee of the Year

Honours a match official who has displayed exceptional dedication, consistency, and a high standard of officiating throughout the season. This referee serves as a positive role model, demonstrating clear communication, an expert understanding of the rules, and a commitment to maintaining the core values of respect and fair play on the field while actively supporting the development of fellow officials on and off the field.

Young Leader of the Year

Celebrates a young person who has shown outstanding initiative, maturity, and leadership within the sport. Whether through coaching, officiating, or club administration, this individual has proven to be a proactive role model, inspiring their peers and making a tangible difference in their local touch rugby community.

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ORGANISATION & COMMUNITY CATEGORIES

Enabled By - The Right Culture > Strong and Effective Leadership and Governance

Affiliate Club of the Year

Recognises a club that has demonstrated excellence both on and off the field, showcasing strong governance, structured training, and consistent growth. The successful club will provide evidence of a welcoming and inclusive environment, proactive community engagement, successful retention of players, and a clear commitment to developing the sport at the grassroots level.

Affiliate School of the Year

Awarded to a school that has significantly championed the growth and development of Touch Rugby within its student body. This school integrates the sport into its physical education or extracurricular programming, provides pathways for students to participate in local leagues or tournaments, and promotes the values of inclusion, respect, and healthy competition.

Affiliate University of the Year

Honours a higher education institution or university club that has excelled in delivering Touch Rugby opportunities to its students. Key criteria include sustained engagement in local and national competition, widening participation across diverse student demographics, effective student-led committee governance, and fostering strong links with local community clubs.

Affiliate League/Event Operator of the Year

Recognises a league or tournament organiser who has delivered an outstanding competitive or social Touch Rugby experience. The successful operator ensures a well-structured, safe, and professionally managed environment, demonstrating high participant satisfaction, innovative event delivery, and a clear commitment to growing the game's footprint in their area.

Region of the Year - Separate Regional Submission

Celebrates a regional committee that has driven significant strategic growth and development of Touch Rugby within their geographical area. This region will have successfully collaborated with local clubs, schools, and leagues to boost participation numbers, develop regional talent pathways, and successfully host regional tournaments while upholding the sport's standards.

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HONOUR & LEGACY

Outstanding Contribution to Touch Rugby Award - Separate Regional/National Submission

The most prestigious accolade, awarded to an individual whose long-term dedication has left an indelible legacy on the sport of Touch Rugby. This unsung hero has demonstrated years of unwavering commitment, often across multiple roles and levels, shaping the strategic direction of the sport and profoundly enriching the Touch Rugby community. Our three strategic aims of "Creating impact through innovation and inspiration", "Growing a sustainable and well-governed sport", and "Enabling all participants to be the best they can be", are prominent across this person's work in the sport.

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Award Categories directly reflect the England Touch Rugby Strategy 2026–30 aims (Create Impact through Innovation & Inspiration, Grow a Sustainable Sport, Enable All Participants to be the best they can be) and the five operational imperatives (Inclusion, Community Engagement, Growth, Performance, and Pathways).