



Water Polo
ACT

WPACT Awards Program Selection Criteria

Representative Awards

Nomination Process

- Not required; see below.

Selection Panel

- The coaches of each representative team will select the winner of this award for their respective team.

Representative Player of the Year

Selection Criteria

- This award will be open to athletes representing the ACT at national events involving state teams. If WPACT does not enter a team into a national competition and an ACT player drafts into another state team, they are considered eligible.
- This athlete has achieved strong performances in the sporting arena and outside of competition and demonstrates a strong work ethic towards their sport, a positive attitude, and teamwork.
- Demonstration of them living and delivering against Water Polo ACT Values.

Community Awards

Nomination Process

- The WPACT community will be given at least one month to supply nominations to WPACT.
- The method of nominating is at the discretion of WPACT.

Selection Panel

- The WPACT Board will be the selection panel for all community awards.

Stuart Heddle - Volunteer of the Year Award

The Stuart Heddle Award was established in 2015 to recognise service and commitment to the Water Polo ACT community and is dedicated to the memory of Stuart Heddle.

One of Stuart's greatest qualities was his positive outlook. He was everyone's mate, he was always enthusiastic and spoke so highly of water polo and the life skills gained, even out of the pool.

In recognition of these qualities, each year, the Stuart Heddle Award recognises a member of the Water Polo ACT community who has demonstrated:

- Inclusiveness for all and have the ability to encourage, entice and develop water polo.
- Goes above and beyond their duties providing exemplary service and dedication.
- Team player through fostering cooperation, collaboration and open communication.

Coach of the Year

Award Criteria:

- Has demonstrated success with proven results.
- Has demonstrated their successful contribution to the growth and development of teams and players throughout the year.
- Evidence of being well-organised, well-planned and considerate of the team's and players' individual needs.
- A coach who delivers an enjoyable and effective training environment.
- Demonstration of them living and delivering against Water Polo ACT Values.

Senior Official of the Year

Award Criteria:

- A referee who shares their knowledge and skills and contributes to the growth and development of others.
- A referee who brings honour and respect to the role of the official and the game.
- Evidence of them consistently contributing as a referee to the success and enjoyment of competitions and participation in water polo.
- Demonstration of them living and delivering against Water Polo ACT Values.

Junior Official of the Year

Award Criteria:

- A referee who values the role of the referee and continually strives to improve their skills/abilities.
- A referee who brings honour and respect to the role of the official and the game.
- Evidence of them consistently contributing as a referee to the success and enjoyment of competitions and participation in water polo.
- Demonstration of them living and delivering against Water Polo ACT Values.

Competition Awards

Nomination Process

- The WPACT community will be given at least one month to supply nominations to WPACT.
- Two representatives from each summer competition team (usually the coach and the captain), are invited to vote in the following manner:
 - Vote for 5 people from teams other than their own, on a sliding scale from 5 points to 1 point.
 - Vote for 1 person from their own team who receives 3 points.

Selection Panel

- As voting is done on a points system, no selection panel is required.

Competition Most Valuable Player

Award Criteria

- Nominees should be good water polo players and play in the right spirit of the game, regularly displaying THINK.ACT.PLAY principles.