



## Categories and Criteria

Volunteers are extremely important to aid the development of volleyball across the country, without them, the sport simply would not exist. To recognise the amazing dedication of the volleyball community we have released this year's award as we would like to say thank you for the outstanding contribution our volunteers have made.

Please submit nominations by following this [link](#)

The Volleyball England 2023 Annual Awards x Deep Dish Sixes categories are as follows:

- Young Coach of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- TheRulesr.com* Young Referee of the Year
- Referee of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- HEVO of the Year
- Long Service Award
- Huck Nets Club of the Year Award
- Serena Morten Safeguarding Award
- Peter Wardale Memorial Award

### **Young Coach of the Year**

This award recognises the important work carried out by an up-and-coming coach through their dedication and commitment to their players/participants within the last 12 months. We are looking for someone who:

- Is 25 years of age or under (as of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, nomination closing date)
- Has shown commitment and a desire to upskill themselves and learn from others
- Has gone over and above to help people develop in volleyball within their team/club/session
- Is creative, enthusiastic, and motivational in their approach to coaching
- Is a great ambassador for young coaches and Volleyball England

### **Coach of the Year**

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of a coach to the development of players/participants in volleyball, within the last 12 months, through high quality and creative coaching. We are looking for someone who:

- Is a registered coach with Volleyball England
- Has gone over and above to help develop volleyball within their team/club/area
- Encourages fair play and sportsmanship
- Displays dedication and commitment to coaching
- Demonstrates creativity in their coaching methods that fits the needs of the participants

### ***TheRulesr.com* Young Referee of the Year**

This award recognises a young person who has given their time and demonstrated a high level of commitment within the last 12 months to volleyball officiating. We are looking for someone who:

- Is 25 years of age or under (as of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, nomination closing date)
- Displays dedication and enthusiasm for volleyball officiating
- Has shown commitment and a desire to upskill themselves and learn from others
- Has demonstrated competency in their role as a referee
- Is a great ambassador for young referees and Volleyball England

### **Referee of the Year**

This award recognises a referee for their contribution and dedication to volleyball and the development of refereeing in the country over the past 12 months. We are looking for someone who:

- Is a registered referee with Volleyball England
- Has made a significant commitment to refereeing
- Has always conducted themselves professionally
- Has developed their skills, knowledge, and experience
- Has supported or motivated others to referee or develop their skills

### **Young Volunteer of the Year**

This award recognises an enthusiastic young volunteer who has committed their time and effort to a club/community/event within the last 12 months. We are looking for someone who:

- Is 25 years of age or under (as of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, nomination closing date)
- Has made a notable commitment in a voluntary capacity within volleyball
- Has developed their own skills, knowledge, and experience
- Has inspired or motivated others

### **Volunteer of the Year**

This award recognises a volunteer who, within the last 12 months, has made a significant contribution and who continuously displays an outstanding commitment to a club/community/event. We are looking for someone who has:

- Made a notable commitment to positively impact their club/community/event
- Developed their own skills, knowledge, and experience e.g., through training or learning from others
- Inspired or motivated others

### **HEVO of the Year**

This award recognises a HEVO who has made a notable commitment resulting in a positive impact on the recreational volleyball activity in their university within the past 12 months. We are looking for someone who has:

- Is 25 years of age or under (as of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, nomination closing date)
- Contributed positively to volleyball participation within their university
- Developed links between the university and community volleyball
- Been involved in the recruitment or support of other volunteers
- Set high personal standards of professional and administrative behaviour
- Developed their own skills, knowledge, and experience e.g., through training or learning from others
- Is a great ambassador for HEVOs and Volleyball England

### **Long Service Award**

This award recognises a volunteer who has made a sustained contribution and displayed consistent dedication to volleyball throughout their life. We are looking for someone who has:

- Shown outstanding dedication and commitment over a period of at least 20 years
- Been involved in volleyball in a number of roles or at different levels
- Developed their own skills, knowledge, and experience e.g., through training or learning from others
- Been involved in the recruitment or support of other volunteers
- Contributed positively to volleyball locally and/or nationally
- Inspired or motivated others

### **Huck Nets Club of the Year**

This award recognises a club that has gone above and beyond to deliver creative, a high-quality service and positive impact for all members in the last 12 months. We are looking for a club that:

- Is affiliated to Volleyball England
- Can demonstrate their impact in the last 12 months
- Has demonstrated successful partnerships with local and community organisations
- Has made themselves open and known throughout the local area
- Has strong governance, a commitment to sustainability and a diverse committee
- Is inclusive and can adapt to member needs

### **Serena Morten Safeguarding Award**

Caring, approachable, dedicated; Serena Morten was a stalwart of the volleyball community and highly experienced volunteer Welfare Officer with Volleyball England; A true champion of safeguarding and the welfare of young people.

This award recognises an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to safeguarding in/at a club/community/event in the last 12 months. We are looking for an individual who:

- Is a champion for young people's welfare
- Has provided practical help and support in a safeguarding capacity
- Has attended and passed a safeguarding education course
- Has dedicatedly and enthusiastically advocated and developed safeguarding in/at a club/community/event

### **Peter Wardale Memorial Award**

The Peter Wardale Memorial Award is the highest accolade which can be given to a volunteer. The recipient of this Award is selected by the Board and is awarded to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of volleyball. It is not awarded every year.