Categories and Criteria

Please submit nominations by following this link

The Volleyball England 2020 Annual Awards categories are as follows:

- Young Coach of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Young Official of the Year
- Referee of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Long Service Award
- HEVO of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Serena Morten Safeguarding Award
- The Golden Trick Shot

**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 (on 25th July 2020)
- 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 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

**Young Official 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 (on 25th July 2020)
• 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 an official
• Is a great ambassador for young officials 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 conducted themselves professionally at all times
• 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 (on 25th July 2020)
- 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

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
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 contributed positively to volleyball participation within their university
- Has developed links between the university and community volleyball
- Has 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

Club of the Year

This award is sponsored by the HUCK Nets and it recognises a club that has gone above and beyond to deliver 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
- Is committed to and can evidence development
- 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

The Golden Trick Shot

For this year, there’s a special new category to enter, The Golden Trick Shot inspired by the community’s creative home workouts and drills during lockdown. Athletes will be able to send in videos of their very best trick shots for the chance to win a golden volleyball. This is the only category for which email nominations can be accepted. Entries must include the name of the individual or team in the video and state which club they are representing. Once the deadline has passed, judges will whittle the entries down to a shortlist of 3. A winner will be decided by a public vote.

We are looking for:

- The trick shot must involve volleyball skills
- It must have been recorded during the recent period of lockdown (Since 23rd March)
- Up to 15 seconds long
- The nominee/s must be part of an affiliated volleyball club
- Only share a video with Volleyball England that you own the copyright.

Please note videos submitted into this category may be used for promotional purposes.