

2024 Awards Night

Selection Criteria



Eligibility Period

The eligibility period for all points-based 2024 Bowls NSW Awards as well as the Male and Female Breakout Player of the Year Awards is from 21 August 2023 to 16 August 2024. This covers all relevant 2023-24 Bowls NSW State events and does not include any 2022-23 or 2024-25 Bowls NSW State events held within this period. The eligibility period for the Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Club Innovation and the Community Engagement Awards is from 1 July 2023 to 10 August 2024, however some consideration will be given to relevant work/accomplishments that occurred outside the eligibility period. Judging panels will be formed to determine the winners of all nomination-based Awards, comprising of Bowls NSW senior staff and relevant Bowls NSW committee members.

Male & Female Bowler of the Year

- Points-based award

Male & Female Senior Bowler of the Year

- Points-based award

Male & Female Junior Bowler of the Year

- Points-based award with input from a judging panel.

Male & Female Breakout Bowler of the Year

- Winner(s) of this award will be determined by a judging panel.
- The winner(s) of this award will be chosen based on the following criteria, and will be at the sole discretion of the judging panel:
 - Performances at Bowls NSW State events, including but not limited to State Championships, State Champion of Champions, State Pennant Finals, State O40's Pairs Finals, State Junior Championships, State Rookies and Inter-Zone events
 - Performances at Bowls Australia National events including the Nationals, Australian Open and Australian Indoor Championships will be taken into consideration
 - Selection into Bowls NSW State representative sides (Junior, U25, Open, O40's, Senior)
 - Any current KENO NSW Blues Men's and Women's State Side players are ineligible to receive this award unless the current year is their first year being selected in a side
 - Players who have previously represented a State Open Side outside of NSW are ineligible to receive this award.

Club of the Year

- Points-based award

Disability Bowler of the Year

- Points-based award with input from a judging panel.
- The judging panel will take into consideration player performances and results at all Bowls NSW All Abilities/Multi-Disability State events within the eligibility period.

Volunteer of the Year

- This award recognises any person performing voluntary duties for their local club, Region and/or bowling community.
- The recipient of this award will have demonstrated consistent devotion to the sport through voluntary work in the eligibility period.

Criteria

The winner(s) of this award will be determined on the following criteria:

- Volunteering their services to their local club/Region
- Positively influencing other members within the community
- Supporting and encouraging other individuals to become involved in volunteer work
- Otherwise promoting the sport of bowls
- Total years of service will be taken into consideration

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Community Engagement Award

- This award recognises the contributions that a club has made to their local community
- Any programs or initiatives undertaken by the club in the eligibility period will be taken into consideration
- Multiple awards can be presented at the Awards Night.

Criteria

The recipient(s) of this award will be determined on the following criteria:

- The implementation of a program or initiative that has positively impacted their local community
- Assisting in the promotion and growth of the sport of lawn bowls
- At least one (1) reference must be provided to confirm the validity of the program/initiative

Club Administrator of the Year

- This award recognises any individual, in either a paid or voluntary position, who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and contributions as an administrator within their club.
- The recipient of this award will have demonstrated a commitment to their club and sport through their role and made a significant impact on their club's success and growth within the eligibility period.

Criteria

The winner(s) of this award will be determined on the following criteria:

- Creating and/or administering any initiatives, programs or activations that promote participation in the sport
- Hosting and managing any major bowls events, including (but not limited to) Bowls NSW events within the eligibility period
- Promotes inclusivity and actively engages with club members, fostering a sense of belonging and community
- Encourages active participation and volunteerism among club members
- Promotes the club's involvement in community service and outreach activities
- Demonstrates a commitment to the long-term sustainability and growth of the club

Coach of the Year

- This award recognises the contributions of a coach to their local club, Region and/or broader bowling community.
- The recipient of this award will have demonstrated consistent devotion to the sport through their work as a coach.
- Any programs or initiatives undertaken by the person will be taken into consideration.

Criteria

The winner(s) of this award will be determined on the following criteria:

- The person must have a current Bowls Australia Club Coach qualification.
- The person has implemented and/or overseen coaching sessions that have increased membership or participation in bowls.
- The person has shown consistent devotion to their club/Region/community through coaching.

Club Innovation Award

- This award recognises a club that has showcased creativity in its approach to engaging new members and the broader community in the delivery of the sport.
- The recipient of this award will have demonstrated innovation through an initiative or program that has successfully increased membership or engagement within the club.
- Multiple awards can be presented at the Awards Night.

Criteria

The recipient(s) of this award will be determined on the following criteria:

- The innovation has increased member participation, either by attracting new members or by re-engaging existing members in meaningful ways.
- The innovation promotes the club's values and activities within the community, enhancing the club's visibility and reputation.
- The innovation is sustainable, showing potential for long-term success, and can be replicated by other clubs to achieve similar results.
- The club can demonstrate measurable outcomes or tangible benefits that have resulted from the innovation