

DEAF SPORTS & RECREATION AWARD POLICY

SECTION 1 OBJECTIVES and PRINCIPLES

The objectives of the Deaf Sports and Recreation Award (DSRA) shall:

- 1.1 Identify and acknowledge the achievement of Deaf people in sports, recreation and social arena.
- 1.2 generate goodwill and competitive spirit in the Deaf sportspersons and recreation leaders
- 1.3 promote excellence and quality participation in sports and recreation

SECTION 2 MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The Management of the Deaf Sports and Recreation Award comes under the Event Management Project (EMP).
- 2.2 The State Administration, not being on the judging panel, shall take responsibility for its administration. The State Administrator shall be ineligible for any award.

SECTION 3 NOMINATION

- 3.1 Nominations shall be called within one month after the end of August and shall be in format that is easily understood.
- 3.2 Nominations shall be open to all members of Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland. Members of the Management Board shall be eligible for nomination, providing they satisfy the nomination criteria.
 - (a) **Sportswoman of the Year and Sportsman of the Year** shall be eligible for nomination as per hearing criteria as regulated by Deaflympics eligibility;
 - Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55db in the better ear (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000 and 2000 hertz, ISO 1969 standard)
 - (b) **Team of the Year** shall be eligible for nomination at the ratio of 4:1 Deaf and hearing members of that particular club.
 - (c) **Coach of the Year, Clubperson of the Year and Volunteer of the Year** shall be eligible for nomination to all Deaf and hearing members of that particular club.

All nominations must be a member of affiliated Queensland Club/Association and they must be the citizen of Australia.

- 3.3 Nominations will only be accepted on official nomination forms and only one nomination per form per category is accepted.

- 3.4 Every criterion on the nomination form must be accounted for and each criterion shall be accompanied by supporting documentation.
- 3.5 Nominations should be based on outstanding achievements by a Queenslander in a particular sport and/or recreation field at any level (state, local, school) during the period in question.
- 3.6 Nominations need not be limited to an association-member's sports or recreation. Any member shall be at liberty to nominate person from different association-members.
- 3.7 Nomination should be for the 12 months period (September 1st to August 31st) prior to the announcement of the nomination process.

SECTION 4 SELECTION OF WINNERS

- 4.1 The panel shall consist of three (3) neutral judges. Member of the Management Board, EMP or employees shall not sit on the panel, except in case where a member of Management Board is not nominated for any award.
- 4.2 The judges may be nominated and invited to sit on the panel by the Management Board.
- 4.3 The judges shall be supplied with the DSRQ Policy.
- 4.4 The judges decision shall be final and no argument shall be entered therein.
- 4.5 The winner shall be awarded a permanent shield trophy and his/her name engraved on a perpetual shield/trophy.
- 4.6 All unsuccessful nominees shall be awarded a certificate of nomination.

SECTION 5 PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Nominations should be announced within 30 days after the end of August.
- 5.2 All nomination forms shall be submitted to the State Administrator by the closing date. All nominations up to and including those postmarked on the closing date shall be accepted.
- 5.3 Late nominations will not be accepted.
- 5.4 All forms shall be signed by nominator and seconder. The nominator and seconder must be financial members of an association, affiliated with Deaf Sports & Recreation Queensland.
- 5.5 Where insufficient details occur, State Administrator shall pursue with the nominator prior to sitting of the panel.

SECTION 6 FINANCE

- 6.1 Proceeding from the Award function from profit shall be directed toward the national and international representation by Deaf Queenslanders, subject to conditions in Fundraising Policy.