

DATE: Tuesday, 23 May 2023

ITEM: Annual Awards Category Criteria

Discipline Paddler of the Year (Junior/Open/Master)

Eligibility Requirements

- The Nominee is a Member* of Paddle Queensland during the nomination period.
- Members can nominate for more than one discipline.
- The Nominee must provide evidence of their competition results.

Judging Criteria

- Awarded to the Junior, Open and Master paddler who has achieved the highest overall score in the Canoe Sprint, Canoe Marathon, Canoe Ocean Racing or Paracanoe disciplines based on the below awards matrix.
- Canoe Polo paddlers will be submitted by the Technical Committee.

Event	First place	Second place	Third place	Examples
Club Events	5	3	1	Community / PCVS
State Events	50	30	20	PCPS / PF / OR
National Events	75	55	45	GPs / AORS
State Champs	100	75	50	PQ
National Champs	200	150	100	PA
Internationals	350	225	150	ICF
Worlds	500	350	225	ICF
Olympics	1000	750	500	IOC

- **The highest placed paddler from each discipline will become Finalists for the Junior, Open and Master Paddler of the Year Awards.**
- **The highest placed paddler across all disciplines will become the Winner of the Junior, Open and Master Paddler of the Year.**

Junior Paddler of the Year

Eligibility Requirements

- The Nominee is a Member* of Paddle Queensland during the nomination period.
- The Nominee is under the age of 18 during the nomination period.

Judging Criteria

- See Discipline Paddler of the Year

Open Paddler of the Year

Eligibility Requirements

- The Nominee is a Member* of Paddle Queensland during the nomination period.
- The Nominee is over the age of 18 during the nomination period.

Judging Criteria

- See Discipline Paddler of the Year

Master Paddler of the Year

Eligibility Requirements

- The Nominee is a Member* of Paddle Queensland during the nomination period.
- The Nominee is 35 or older during the nomination period.

Judging Criteria

- See Discipline Paddler of the Year

Judging Process

1. The Awards Judging Panel will consist of a minimum three (3) judges and a maximum of five (5) judges who will be appointed by Paddle Queensland.
2. An Awards Judging Panel Chair will also be appointed to work with the Awards Judging Panel team and prepare the results for the Executive Officer.
3. The Executive Officer will confirm all nominee eligibility requirements are met.
4. Eligible nominations will only be considered by the Awards Judging Panel.
5. Judges will review each nomination, contact the nominee and references to gain a greater understanding of the nominee and Award points using a rating scale between Zero to Five. One (1) equals a poor performance and Five (5) equals an outstanding performance. Zero (0) points will be awarded to the Nominee when the Award Category Criteria is not addressed.
6. Judges will utilise the Category Criteria as outlined for each Award and other relevant information, including but not limited to published results, news and submissions to determine the most suitable recipient of the Award.
7. The Judging Panel's decisions is final. Discussions will not be entered.
8. The Executive Officer is to be advised of the Judges results by no later than 5.00pm Sunday 23rd July
9. The Executive Officer will announce the Finalists on Friday 11th October.
(Finalists are to be notified prior to public announcement)
10. Award winners will be announced and presented with their Awards on Saturday, 19th August at the Annual Awards Presentation.

Discipline Club Coach of the Year

Eligibility Requirements

- The nominee must be a financial member of a Club and/or hold a PA Coaching Qualification during the nomination period.
 - Coaches can nominate for more than one discipline
 - Club Coach of the Year Award is presented to any Club coach (other than a national, state or institute coach), either paid or unpaid, whose athlete or athletes, whether as individuals, as a team or as a team of individual participants, achieve outstanding outcomes during the nomination period.
 - Outcomes need not be limited to competition results but can include outcomes in areas such as team or athlete improvement
 - Only one nominee per club. This nomination must be endorsed by an affiliated Club of Paddle Queensland.
 - The Nominee must provide evidence of their team or athletes performance.
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- **The highest placed Club Coach from each discipline will become Finalists for the Club Coach of the Year Award.**
 - **The highest placed Club Coach across all disciplines will become the Winner of Club Coach of the Year.**

Club Coach of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

- The nominee must be a financial member of a Club and/or hold a PA Coaching Qualification during the nomination period.

Judging Criteria

- The Nominee demonstrates the ability to apply relevant training theory and coaching principles leading to an improved level of performance of the team or athlete.

The Paddle Queensland Club Coach of the Year will also represent Queensland as its Nominee at the Paddle Australia Annual Awards.

Instructor/Guide of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

- The Nominee must hold a current Paddle Australia qualification during the nomination period.
- Instructor/Guide of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has provided outstanding service to paddling in instructing or guiding at any level during the nomination period.
- The recipient is someone who follows the PA Safety Guidelines, who demonstrates professionalism through their actions and who fosters a greater engagement with paddling.
- The Nominee must provide evidence of their logbook for the nomination period.

Judging Criteria

- The Nominee can supply supporting evidence demonstrating exceptional guide/instructor skills in their programs to deliver a beneficial and memorable experience.

The Paddle Queensland Instructor/Guide of the Year will also represent Queensland as its Nominee at the Paddle Australia Annual Awards.

Volunteer of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be registered as a Volunteer with an affiliated Paddle Queensland Club.
- Volunteer of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has committed their time to volunteer for the paddling community during the nomination period.
- The Nominee is not required to have any role within any Paddle Organisation, but rather to have demonstrated a tireless commitment to the sport, as evidenced through voluntary work at a Club and/or Paddle Queensland.
- Nominees must be a registered member of an affiliated Club of Paddle Queensland.
- Only one nominee per club. This nomination must be endorsed by an affiliated Club of Paddle Queensland.
- The Nominee must provide evidence of their service for the nomination period.

Judging Criteria

- The Nominee has made an outstanding contribution to the development of paddling in Queensland.
- The Nominee must provide a history of service to an affiliated club during the nomination period to paddling in Queensland (*i.e. Years of service, position held, activities conducted etc*).
- The Nominee can demonstrate service during the nomination period to Paddle Queensland (*i.e. on committees or another volunteer role such as Officiating*).

The Paddle Queensland Volunteer of the Year will also represent Queensland as its Nominee at the Paddle Australia Annual Awards.

Club of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

- The Nominee must be an affiliated Paddle Queensland Club.
- The Nominee must provide evidence for the nomination period.

Judging Criteria

- The Nominee recognises outstanding achievement in conducting successful club events, activities, and programs (competition or recreation).
- The Nominee has open and frequent communication with its members and successfully promotes club events, activities and programs across a range of channels.
- The Nominee conducts itself in an organised and professional manner to maximise participation and grow membership.
- The Nominee engages with the local community to promote the benefits of paddling and active recreation.

Event of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

- The Nominee must be a Paddle Queensland Sanctioned Event or Paddle Queensland Affiliated Club Event (competition or recreation).
- The Nominee must provide evidence for the nomination period.
- Only one nominee per club. This nomination must be endorsed by an affiliated Club of Paddle Queensland.

Judging Criteria

- Evidence the Nominee has delivered an outstanding experience for competitors/ participants, officials and spectators/community.
- The Nominees event day operations ran smoothly as planned. Changes documented and well conveyed.
- The Nominees event promotion and publicity was effective in attracting local media, sponsor and community engagement.

Photo of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominations are only open to Members of Paddle Queensland.
- Only one entry per member.

Judging Criteria

- The Nominees Photo portrays paddling of any discipline featuring a Paddle Queensland member/s and/or a Paddle Queensland Affiliated Club participating in a local, state, national or international activity or event during the nomination period.
- The Photo must be the Nominees original work. By submitting your entry, you affirm you are the author of the work. If you are not the sole creator of your Photo, then you must first obtain permission from the owner/s before submitting your entry.

Submitting Your Photo

- Photos are to be submitted electronically as either a .JPG or .TIFF file.
- Each photo is to be a minimum 1024 pixels or 5 Mb in size. By submitting a nomination, the Nominee accepts that Paddle Queensland may choose to resize, resample or crop the photo as needed.
- Each photo is to be named as follows:
FIRST NAME_SURNAME_ TITLE.

Do not include a watermark, your name or company logo on your image.

Consent Requirements

- If people can be identified in your Photo, you must supply an Image Use Consent Form for each person.
- [A copy of the Paddle Queensland Image Use Consent Form is available here.](#)
- Permission must be gained from all those people who can be identified in your photo before submission.
- You are required to indicate that permission has been attained.
- By entering the competition and submitting your photo, you as the author or the owner/s are providing permission for Paddle Queensland to reproduce, publish and exhibit each photo without notice or payment for promotional purposes including but not limited to, the Paddle Queensland website and other Paddle Queensland media channels.

Video of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominations are only open to Members of Paddle Queensland.
- Only one entry per member.

Judging Criteria

- The Nominees Video portrays paddling of any discipline featuring a Paddle Queensland member/s and/or a Paddle Queensland Affiliated Club participating in a local, state, national or international activity or event during the nomination period.
- The Video must be the Nominees original work. By submitting your entry, you affirm you are the author of the work. If you are not the sole creator of the Video, then you must first obtain permission from the owner/s before submitting your entry.
- The Video should not be longer than three (3) minutes in duration.

Submitting Your Video

- Videos are to be submitted electronically as either a .MP4 or .MOV file.
- Each video must not be larger than 300 Mb in size. By submitting a nomination, the Nominee accepts that Paddle Queensland may choose to resize, resample, crop or editor the video as needed.
- Each video is to be named as follows:
FIRST NAME_SURNAME_TITLE.

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