



Queensland Touch Football **AWARDS**

Celebrating and showcasing excellence; providing fun, memorable and inclusive experiences through the great sport of touch football.



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ABOUT QUEENSLAND TOUCH FOOTBALL AWARDS

Queensland Touch Football (QTF) is responsible for the development and growth of the sport across the state including the leadership and management of competitions, representative pathways, events, game development and participation.

We strive in all we do to provide **fun, memorable, and inclusive experiences** through the sport of Touch Football. Our aim is to UNITE, INSPIRE and GROW our Touch Football communities.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of grassroots sport communities and touch football in Queensland wouldn't be possible without the diligent work of our volunteers – our passionate army of administrators, parents, coaches, officials, fundraisers and supporters who seek to mobilise and grow the game every day.

The Queensland Touch Football Awards celebrate the achievements of our volunteers, coaches, officials, administrators, organisations, teams and athletes. Last held in 2014, QTF is proud to bring the awards back to our communities in 2022 to recognise individuals, teams, and organisations who have contributed to the growth, development and success of Touch Football, across 17 categories:

AWARDS CATEGORIES (SUMMARY)

Volunteer of the Year

Administrator of the Year (Volunteer or Paid)

Large Affiliate of the Year (More than 1500 registered participants[^])

Small/Medium Affiliate of the Year (Less than 1500 registered participants[^])

Junior Affiliate Coach of the Year

Affiliate Coach of the Year

Elite Coach of the Year (Regional & State Level)

Junior Referee of the Year

Referee of the Year

Community Program of the Year

Touch Football School of the Year

Inclusion in Touch Football

Junior Representative Team of the Year

Representative Team of the Year

Open Player of the Year (Male & Female)

Senior Player of the Year (Male & Female)

Junior Player of the Year (Male & Female)





QTF AWARDS NIGHT

Date: Monday 28 November 2022,

Time: From 6.30pm – 10:00pm

Venue: Mantra on View, 22 View Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217

Cost: Adult \$140, Junior \$130

Dress Code: Cocktail / Semi-Formal

Awards Night tickets available NOW: [QLD Touch Football Awards Tickets, Mon 28/11/2022 at 6:30 pm | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/#!/events/78083080400)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Award Nominations Open – NOW: <https://forms.office.com/r/5B2yL0sKFE>
- Award Nominations COB 31 October 2022
- Shortlisted entries notified early November 2022
- QTF Awards Night – Monday 28 November 2022

NOMINATIONS

- Any registered member or their parent/guardian can submit the online nomination form.
- Nominations are for achievements from **1 October 2021** to **30 September 2022**.
- Nominations must be submitted by **COB 31 October 2022**.
- Nominations must be submitted through the QTF Awards online nomination form available at www.qldtouch.com.au/qtfawards.
- Responses should be no longer than 200 words in length for each criterion or as indicated.
- Nominations must be accompanied by the required documentation to be eligible.
- If submitting a supporting video, it must not be over one minute in length and less than 10MB in size. Please contact QTF for information on submitting a video.
- Include quantifiable evidence where relevant to support your nomination.
- Include at least one print-quality image of the Nominee/ Affiliate/ Program.
- QTF retains the right to add nominations & may cancel a category if insufficient nominations are received.
- QTF may use information provided within the nomination including imagery for publicity purposes and as best practice case studies. This may include traditional and social media as well as email communications for which you assign rights to QTF for this purpose.

Nominations will only be judged on the information provided for each criterion. Additional information can be supplied as supporting documentation.

If assistance is required in submitting your nomination, please contact QTF:

E: sam.heath@qldtouch.com.au

M: 0417 419 837





CONFIDENTIALITY

The majority of information submitted as part of your nomination will remain confidential. Judges are required to declare any conflicts of interest and to keep all information they review confidential. The exceptions are:

- Any information provided from a third party in support of a nomination
 - Written statement or quote
 - Video submissions

SELECTION PROCESS

A Panel will be established by QTF to select a recipient for each Award and may include QTF Staff, Board and independent representatives with relevant expertise.

Once nominations for Awards close, nominations will be shortlisted and the relevant Panel will be provided with all information submitted for each nomination. Panels will evaluate nominations against the Award Criteria and provide to the Queensland Touch Football Board for endorsement ahead of the QTF Awards Night.

AWARD PARTNERSHIPS

Become a QTF Award Partner in 2022 and take advantage of a unique opportunity to leverage your brand, while connecting with a broad range of decision-makers from across the industry. You'll also be actively supporting the ongoing growth and development of Touch Football in Queensland!

Contact the QTF Partnerships Manager for more information:

Rachael Stacey

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MAKE SURE YOUR NOMINATION STANDS OUT!

1. Is your nomination eligible?

- Read the criteria carefully and make sure you are nominating your person, program, team or organisation in the correct category and that they tick all the criteria boxes.
- Does your organisation sponsor an Award category? If so, you can't enter that category – but there are eight others you potentially can.
- One person, program, team or organisation may be eligible to enter a number of categories, which is ok – but one size doesn't fit all. Each category needs its own nomination tailored to suit the criteria.





2. Be prepared

Have you got all the information you need to address the criteria? A minimum amount of information is required before your nomination will be considered, so make sure you have it before completing the online nomination form. A print-quality (hi-res) image must also be supplied. Clearly label each attachment as part of your nomination, but supporting documents and photos must be emailed to marketing@qldtouch.com.au

3. Provide information

- Read the criteria carefully and make sure your information addresses the criteria
- Where possible, provide information that can be quantified
- Give as much information as you can in as few words as possible, making sure you highlight points of difference, particularly where your nomination exemplifies excellence and innovation
- If you can say it in a sentence, don't use a paragraph

4. Do not assume knowledge

The judges will only judge your nomination on the information you provide, do not assume they have prior knowledge. It is important to prioritise what you say, to ensure it is quantifiable (where possible), and to say it succinctly. You can say more in the supporting information.

5. Avoid jargon, get the spelling and grammar right, and don't repeat yourself

Choose small words over big, bureaucratic ones. Do not repeat yourself, spell out acronyms for complete clarity, and make sure there are no typos or grammatical errors.

6. Submit supporting information

We encourage you to provide as much supporting information as possible, for example video or written references, survey findings, third party verifiers, and findings verifying outcomes where applicable. This information will be kept confidential.

- If submitting survey findings, make sure you include the scope, methodology and volume of respondents. Any references should also speak to the outcomes achieved.
- If supplying a video, ensure the file is no longer than 1 minute and no bigger than 1MB.

7. Have someone else read your nomination before you submit it

Even if you think it's great, it's best to get someone else to read it. If they find it confusing or unclear or full of typos and repetitions, there's a good chance the judges will too – and your nomination may not get the consideration it deserves.





AWARD CATEGORIES

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The strength and passion within our volunteer workforce plays a vital role in sustaining and developing touch football from grassroots through to the high-performance level. This award seeks to recognise the 'all-rounder' whose work has significantly contributed to the growth, development, sustainability, and delivery of touch football within the community during the award period.

Award Criteria

- Registered member, Committee, Sub-Committee, or Volunteer; aged over 18 years as at 1 January 2022
- Volunteer Position (Unpaid)
 - Does not receive financial reward or incentives (Honorariums & Hobby Payments accepted)
- Individual has demonstrated alignment with Queensland Touch Football's vision to Unite, Inspire and Grow
- Individual has demonstrated noteworthy contribution to touch football at affiliate, region or state level for example:
 - Generosity of time, resources and energy
 - Going 'above and beyond'
 - Displays a member centred approach
 - Contributes across a variety of roles and/or activities
 - Positive impact on their community
 - Length of contribution

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

This Award recognises an individual (volunteer or paid) who has demonstrated excellence in governance, administration, workforce development and leadership that strengthen and sustain touch football participation. They will have significantly contributed to the growth, development and delivery of the sport and their affiliate.

Award Criteria

- An Affiliate administrator (volunteer or paid), aged over 18 years as at 1 January 2022.
- Individual has demonstrated alignment with Queensland Touch Footballs vision to Unite, Inspire and Grow
- Individual has demonstrated noteworthy contribution to touch football in their affiliate, including but not limited to:
 - Generosity of time, resources and energy
 - Going 'above and beyond'
 - Displays a member centred approach
 - Contributes across a variety of roles and/or activities
 - Positive impact on their community
 - Length of contribution





LARGE AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

This award recognises Queensland Touch Football Affiliates that demonstrate excellence in governance, administration, workforce development and leadership that strengthen and sustain touch football participation. The awarded organisation will have significantly contributed to the growth, development and delivery of touch football within the community during the award period.

Award Criteria

- A Queensland touch football Affiliated Association during the award eligibility period.
- Affiliate has more than 1,500 individual members registered in MySideline (S2 2021 & S1 2022).[^]
- Affiliate has successfully implemented initiatives that support a safe and healthy environment for participation and that contributes to a positive affiliate culture.
- Affiliate has positively contributed to their local touch football community, including supporting teams, clubs (if applicable), referees, other affiliates and Queensland Touch Football.
- Affiliate provides development opportunities for players, coaches, officials and administrators through relevant programs and offerings.

SMALL-MEDIUM AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

This award recognises Queensland touch football Affiliates that demonstrate excellence in governance, administration, workforce development and leadership that strengthen and sustain touch football participation. The awarded organisation will have significantly contributed to the growth, development and delivery of touch football within the community during the award period.

Award Criteria

- A Queensland touch football Affiliated Association during the award eligibility period.
- Affiliate has less than 1,500 individual members registered in MySideline (S2 2021 & S1 2022).[^]
- Affiliate has successfully implemented initiatives that support a safe and healthy environment for participation and that contributes to a positive affiliate culture.
- Affiliate has positively contributed to their local Touch Football community, including supporting their teams, clubs (if applicable), referees, other affiliates and Queensland Touch Football.
- Affiliate provides development opportunities for players, coaches, officials and administrators through relevant programs and offerings.





JUNIOR AFFILIATE COACH OF THE YEAR

The Junior Affiliate Coach of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has coached in QTF Junior affiliate competitions and QTF Junior affiliate level event whilst representing their affiliate. This person may have performed their role as coach in either a paid or unpaid capacity.

Award Criteria

- Registered to an QTF Affiliate during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must hold a current Touch Football Australia coaching accreditation.
- Individual must possess a Blue Card during the award period (if applicable).
- Individual has demonstrated positive coaching behaviours (e.g. organised practices, positive sideline behaviours) and an alignment to Queensland Touch Football's values.
- Individual displays initiative to improve the standard of their own performance through on-going learning and development.
- Individual has demonstrated commitment to mentoring and/or developing other coaches within their affiliate and/or region.
- The individual has created a safe, enjoyable environment which allows for athletes of all abilities to grow in athletic and personal performance.

AFFILIATE COACH OF THE YEAR

The Affiliate Coach of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has coached in QTF adult affiliate competitions and QTF adult affiliate level event whilst representing their affiliate. This person may have performed their role as coach in either a paid or unpaid capacity.

Award Criteria

- Registered to a QTF Affiliate during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must hold a current Touch Football Australia coaching accreditation.
- Individual must possess a Blue Card during the award period (if applicable).
- Individual has demonstrated positive coaching behaviours (e.g. organised practices, positive sideline behaviours) and an alignment to Queensland Touch Footballs values.
- Individual displays initiative to improve the standard of their own performance through on-going learning and development.
- Individual has demonstrated commitment to mentoring and/or developing other coaches within their affiliate and/or region.
- The individual has created a safe, enjoyable environment which allows for athletes of all abilities to grow in athletic and personal performance.





ELITE COACH OF THE YEAR (REGIONAL/STATE LEVEL)

The Elite Coach of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has coached for Queensland (State of Origin) or a QTF Region at TFA's National Youth Championships or National Touch League event whilst representing their Region or State. This person may have performed their role as coach in either a paid or unpaid capacity.

Award Criteria

- Registered to a QTF Affiliate during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must hold a current Touch Football Australia coaching accreditation that meets event Conditions of Entry.
- Individual must possess a Blue Card during the award period (if applicable).
- Individual has demonstrated positive coaching behaviours (e.g. organised practices, positive sideline behaviours) and an alignment to Queensland Touch Football's values.
- Individual displays initiative to improve the standard of their own performance through on-going learning and development.
- Individual has demonstrated commitment to mentoring and/or developing other coaches within their affiliate, their region and/or State.
- The individual has created a safe, enjoyable environment which allows for athletes to reach their highest athletic performance while creating a culture of respect, humility and honour.

JUNIOR REFEREE OF THE YEAR

The Junior Referee of the Year Award recognises a junior individual who has excelled in developing and growing their ability as a QTF referee. Their involvement in the sport assists in creating a positive and inclusive environment.

Award Criteria

- Registered to a QTF Affiliate during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must be 17 or under during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must hold a current Touch Football Australia Refereeing accreditation
- Individual must be endorsed by affiliate and/or region referee director.
- Individual must possess a Blue Card during the award period (if applicable).
- Individual has achieved high levels of performance and an alignment to Queensland Touch Football Values.
- Individual displays initiative to improve the standard of their own performance through on-going learning and development.
- Individual creates a positive impact on the Queensland Touch Football referee and touch football community, ensuring a positive, supportive and inclusive environment





REFEREE OF THE YEAR

The Referee of the Year Award recognises an individual who has excelled in providing support, development and growth to officials and/or demonstrated a high standard of performance as an official. This person may have performed their role as Referee, Referee Mentor or Referee panel.

Award Criteria

- Registered to a QTF Affiliate during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must be 18 or over during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must hold a current Touch Football Australia Refereeing accreditation
- Individual must possess a Blue Card during the award period if applicable.
- Individual has achieved high levels of performance and an alignment to Queensland Touch Football values.
- Individual has demonstrated commitment to mentoring and/or developing other coaches within their affiliate and/or region.
- Individual must be endorsed by affiliate and/or region referee director.
- Individual displays initiative to improve the standard of their own performance through on-going learning and development.
- Individual has demonstrated commitment to mentoring and/or developing other referees.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an affiliate that has developed and/or implemented a community focused program to support the growth and sustainability of touch football in their community.

Award Criteria

- Administered by a QTF Affiliate during the award eligibility period.
- Affiliate has created/implemented a program in an innovative, creative and/or distinctive way that has made a significant difference in their touch football community.
- Affiliate has created/implemented a program which is sustainable, and has proven to increase growth, development and exposure of touch football in their community.
- Affiliate has demonstrated a commitment to sharing their learning and insights about the innovative solutions and/practices with others.





SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the vital contribution schools make to the development and growth of touch football across Queensland. The commitment of schools to attract, nurture, develop and educate participants is paramount to the sustainability of our sport.

Award Criteria

- The school has demonstrated alignment with QTF values and continually shown sportsmanship and fair play both on and off the field.
- School has demonstrated a high level of engagement with Queensland Touch Football including participation in QTF programs and/or competitions, including Regional All Schools, QLD All Schools and/or Sporting Schools.
- School consistently demonstrates positive engagement within their local affiliate touch football community.
- School consistently demonstrates a commitment to the on-going development of all participants involved in the game of touch football.

INCLUSION IN TOUCH FOOTBALL

This award recognises an Affiliate, Region, or Individual that has created inclusive environments to ensure Touch Football is accessible for all and supports opportunities for people in our diverse communities to play, coach, referee and volunteer.

Award Criteria

- QTF Affiliate, Region, or Individual registered to an Affiliate during the award eligibility period.
- Affiliate, Region or Individual has successfully implemented programs that support an inclusive environment and remove barriers that may prevent people from playing Touch Football.
- Affiliate, Region or Individual has influenced change within their community to ensure greater understanding on how touch football can become a more inclusive sport.
- Affiliate, Region or Individual has demonstrated commitment to collaboration with the broader touch football community, including Queensland Touch Football to support the implementation of inclusive programs/competitions in their community.





JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAM OF THE YEAR

This award recognises a junior representative team who has displayed outstanding performances in the nomination period. This team will have competed at State or National level events, including School pathways.

Award Criteria

- Team must have competed at Junior State Cup, National Youth Championships, QLD Schools Championships or National Schools Championships during the award eligibility period.
- Teams must be under 18 and below during the award eligibility period.
- Team must have displayed outstanding performances during the award eligibility period.
- Team must have conducted themselves in an appropriate manner during all competitions and align with QTF vision and culture.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM OF THE YEAR

This award recognises an open/senior representative team who has displayed outstanding performances in the nomination period. This team will have competed at State or National level events.

Award Criteria

- Team must have competed at State of Origin, National Touch League or Queensland State Cup during the award eligibility period.
- Team must have displayed outstanding performances during the award eligibility period.
- Team must have conducted themselves in an appropriate manner during all competitions and align with QTF vision and culture.

OPEN PLAYER OF THE YEAR (MALE & FEMALE)

This award recognises both a male and female Player's outstanding achievements and contributions to touch football in Queensland.

Award Criteria

- Individual must be aged 18 years or older during the award eligibility period.
- Individual has participated at International, State of Origin, National Touch League, and/or Queensland State Cup during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must be registered to and financial with a Queensland Touch Football Affiliate.
- Individual has provided an appropriate role model both on and off field, is coachable and respected by teammates.
- Encourages others, shows respect to all team members and the opposition, accepts feedback, maintains a positive approach.
- Nominees should be involved in at least two levels/events.





SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR (MALE & FEMALE)

This award recognises both a male and female Player's outstanding achievements and contributions to touch football in Queensland.

Award Criteria

- Individual must be aged 27 years or older during the award eligibility period.
- Individual has participated at International, State of Origin, National Touch League, and/or Queensland State Cup during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must be registered to and financial with a Queensland Touch Football Affiliate.
- Individual has provided an appropriate role model both on and off field, is coachable and respected by teammates.
- Encourages others, shows respect to all team members and the opposition, accepts feedback, maintains a positive approach.
- Nominees should be involved in at least two levels/events.

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR (MALE & FEMALE)

This award recognises both a male and female Player's outstanding achievements and contributions to touch football in Queensland.

Award Criteria

- Individual must be aged 17 or younger during the award eligibility period.
- Have participated at National Youth Championships and/or QTF State events (State of Origin, Queensland State Cup or Junior State Cup) during the award eligibility period.
- Individual must be registered to and financial with a Queensland Touch Football Affiliate.
- Individual has provided an appropriate role model both on and off field, is coachable and respected by teammates.
- Encourages others, shows respect to all team members and the opposition, accepts feedback, maintains a positive approach.
- Nominees should be involved in at least two levels/events.





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