

England Handball Awards 2018 Categories and Criteria

At the Club Conference and AGM in June 2018, England Handball will be presenting its end of season awards which have been expanded from previous years.

The categories for this year's awards are:

- Premier Handball League Female Player of the Year
- Premier Handball League Male Player of the Year
- U19 League Female Player of the Year
- U19 League Male Player of the Year
- Senior Female Coach of the Year
- Senior Male Coach of the Year
- Junior Female Coach of the Year
- Junior Male Coach of the Year
- Handball Coaching Culture of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Contribution to Handball in School
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Criteria/selection process for each award is as follows:

Premier Handball League Female and Male Players of the Year

- Players receiving the most Player of the Match nominations for each team will be put forward to a vote undertaken by the coach of each team in the league who will choose their top three.
- Points will be awarded to each player following the vote – 10pts for a first place vote, 6pts for a second place and 3pts for a third place.
- Coaches will not be able to vote for their own player.
- Award goes to the player with most points following collation of all the votes.

U19 League Female and Male Players of the Year

- Each team coach would nominate their player of the year and these would then go forward to a vote undertaken by all the coaches in the league who will choose their top three.
- Points will be awarded to each player following the vote – 10pts for a first place vote, 6pts for a second place and 3pts for a third place.
- Coaches will not be able to vote for their own player.
- Award goes to the player with most points following collation of all the votes.

Senior Female and Male Coach of the Year

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of a coach to the development of players/participants in handball through high-quality coaching. We are looking for someone who has excelled in all or a majority of the following areas:

- Has coached a team which has enjoyed success on the court (Silverware, promotion, impressed in first season, coaching junior and/or senior teams).
- Is a positive role model for team members and handball.
- Has demonstrated creativity in their coaching methods that fits the needs of the participants.
- Has strived to improve their professional development through attendance at relevant courses and learning from/with others including delivering CPD sessions and/or mentoring.

- Has created a positive team environment

The coach must also:

- Hold an England Handball coaching qualification
- Have coached for the duration of the season in both training and competition environments.
- Have a DBS

Coaches can be nominated by their clubs who will need to demonstrate and evidence how the coach meets the required criteria.

The winners will be decided by the awards nominations panel who would assess the nominations and make a decision based on the listed criteria.

Junior (U25) Female and Male 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. We are looking for someone who has excelled in all or a majority of the following areas:

- Is a positive role model for team members and handball.
- Has demonstrated creativity in their coaching methods that fits the needs of the participants.
- Has strived to improve their professional development through attendance at relevant courses and learning from/with others including delivering CPD sessions and/or mentoring.
- Has created a positive team environment

The coach must also:

- Be 25 years of age or under (on 1 April 2018).
- Hold an England Handball coaching qualification
- Have a DBS
- Have coached for a minimum of one season

Coaches can be nominated by their clubs who will need to demonstrate and evidence how the coach meets the required criteria.

The winners will be decided by the awards nominations panel who would assess the nominations and make a decision based on the listed criteria.

Handball Coaching Culture of the Year

This award recognises the work carried out by an organisation through their commitment to creating and developing an environment that enables players at all levels to develop to their full potential. We are looking for an organisation, which could include a club, a school/college/university or a local authority/County Sports Partnership, who has excelled in all or a majority of the following areas:

- Evidence that the work of the organisation in developing people and coaching is aligned to its overall participation / performance / sustainability strategy.
- Evidence of making a significant impact on the development and management of those who use coaching skills.
- Evidence of developing and embedding an excellent coaching programme / system.
- Evidence of innovative practice and interventions.

- Evidence of developing coach education sessions / programmes and/or innovative continuing personal development programmes.

Organisations can nominate themselves and will need to demonstrate and evidence how they believe they meet the required criteria.

The winners will be decided by the awards nominations panel who would assess the nominations and make a decision based on the listed criteria.

Club of the Year

This award recognises a club that has:

- Created a positive, welcoming environment for players and volunteers.
- Formed successful partnerships with local and community organisations to raise funds, the profile of the club and handball, increase participation.
- Shown strong leadership, innovation and good business practice to ensure the long-term sustainability of the club.
- Appropriately trained volunteers.
- An evidence commitment to developing the club's workforce
- Provided playing and training opportunities for female, male and junior players

The club must also be an England Handball affiliated club.

Clubs can be nominated by their members, members of the EHA staff team, EHA directors or by other organisations who will need to demonstrate and evidence how the club meets the required criteria.

The winner will be decided by the awards nominations panel who would assess the nominations and make a decision based on the listed criteria.

Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises a (non-coaching) volunteer who has made a significant contribution of time and effort and who continuously displays an outstanding commitment to their club/local community. This person may fill one or several roles within an organisation – administration, finance, providing transport etc. They will be crucial to the smooth running of the club and will be key to keeping things together. We are looking for someone who has:

- Given up a significant amount of their own time and made a positive contribution to handball (club/community/local, regional and national events).
- Developed their own skills, knowledge and experience through handball and non-handball training, and learning from others.
- Is a positive role model for their club/handball

The volunteer must also not receive remuneration for their volunteering.

Clubs can nominate individuals who they feel are worthy of mention for their work as a volunteer and will need to demonstrate and evidence how the nominated individual meets the required criteria.

The winner will be decided by the awards nominations panel who would assess the nominations and make a decision based on the listed criteria.

Contribution to the development of handball in schools (The Mike Briers Trophy)

This is the award recognises the efforts of an individual who has helped to grow the development of handball within the schools sector. Candidates can be nominated by

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anyone involved in handball and the winner will be decided by the awards nominations panel.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is given to an individual that is felt to have contributed to the development of handball over more than 20 years. Nominations would be sought from senior figures in handball who would need to outline how the achievements of the candidate and the impact that this has had on handball. The winner would be decided by the England Handball board.