

## 2023 Football West Community Awards

Football in WA is made possible because of the thousands of inspirational volunteers, administrators, coaches, referees and teachers at clubs, associations and schools who dedicate their time to the sport.

The Football West Community Awards provide us with an opportunity to champion the positive impact people have made in community football up and down WA. We celebrate the diversity of football communities across WA, the beating heart of what makes our game truly great for all.

There are 14 categories, with each category winner to be acknowledged and presented at a future Football West event (to be announced).

### Major Awards

- Metropolitan Club of the Year
- Regional Club of the Year

### Volunteers

- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year

### Juniors

- MiniRoos Kick-Off Coordinator of the Year
- MiniRoos Club Football Coach of the Year
- Junior Community Football Coach of the Year
- Club of the Year – MiniRoos (includes MiniRoos Kick-Off and MiniRoos Club Football)
- Club of the Year – Junior Community Football (U13s – U18s)

### Schools

- Celebrating Football in Schools - Metropolitan
- Celebrating Football in Schools - Regional

### Community

- Inclusion and Diversity Initiative of the Year
- Community Initiative or Partnership of the Year
- Championing Women's Football Award

Nominations will open on Wednesday 4 October 2023, so we encourage all members of the football family to consider nominating those who make an outstanding contribution to the game, including inspiring, motivating or supporting others throughout this year.

Nominations are through [THIS](#) online form.

## Key Dates

Please note the following key dates:

Nominations Open	Wednesday, 4 October 2023
Nominations Close	Wednesday, 8 November 2023
Nominations shortlisted	Wednesday, 15 November 2023
Independent Judges assess and Winners determined	Monday, 20 November 2023
Winners notified	Thursday, 23 November 2023
Awards Presentation	To be confirmed

## Nomination Categories

All the nominations will be considered (there is no limit on the number of nominations you can submit). We will then shortlist applications and forward them to our independent panel of judges for their consideration.

For more information on each of the 14 award categories, please note as follows:

### 1. Metropolitan Club of the Year

This award recognises a community metropolitan football club that exemplifies the vision as a sport for all West Australians. They actively create welcoming and inclusive environments through good governance, dedicated volunteers and are committed to engaging with people from all walks of life. Nominations for this category are sought from football clubs across metropolitan Perth, including Peel.

### 2. Regional Club of the Year

This award recognises a regional football club that exemplifies the vision as a sport for all West Australians. They actively create welcoming and inclusive environments through good governance, dedicated volunteers and are committed to engaging with people from all walks of life. Nominations for this category are sought from football clubs across regional and remote WA.

### 3. Volunteer of the Year

This award celebrates a member of the football community who has made an exceptional contribution to improve the game, supporting others to become more actively involved in football and creating healthy, safe and inclusive environments.

We welcome nominations from all forms of football including clubs, participants, Futsal, Walking Football and affiliated programs.

### 4. Young Volunteer of the Year

The Young Volunteer of the Year award recognizes a young person under the age of 21, who positively impacts those around them through their off-field leadership in volunteering.

### 5. MiniRoos Kick-Off Coordinator of the Year

This award acknowledges outstanding delivery of introductory experiences that gives children who are new to the game the best possible entry into Football. Experiences delivered in an engaging and inclusive environment.



**6. MiniRoos Club Football Coordinator of the Year**

This award acknowledges outstanding delivery of introductory experiences that give juniors the best possible entry into Football. Experiences that are fun, social, educational and team-focused.

**7. Junior Community Football Coach of the Year**

This award recognises the outstanding environment created by a coach to ensure that all players are supported to develop both their skills and a love of the game.

**8. Club of the Year – MiniRoos (criteria includes MiniRoos Kick-Off and MiniRoos Club Football)**

A community football club that provides both MiniRoos Kick-Off and MiniRoos Club Football opportunities for children aged 4-11 years.

**9. Club of the Year – Junior Community Football (U13s – U18s)**

A community football club that actively creates welcoming environments and seeks to create sustainable participation and growth through good governance, volunteer support and inclusive experiences.

**10. Celebrating Football in Schools - Metropolitan**

This award recognises the commitment in providing football-based participation for students within and beyond the school setting across the Perth metropolitan area.

**11. Celebrating Football in School - Regional**

This award recognises the commitment in providing football-based participation for students within and beyond the school setting across regional WA.

**12. Inclusion and Diversity Initiative of the Year**

The Inclusion and Diversity award recognises the outstanding work of a person, club or association in promoting the inclusion of people with a disability, or multicultural or First Nations background.

**13. Community Initiative or Partnership of the Year**

We want to hear all about a community initiative and partnership that has really made a significant difference to life in your local community. Something that has, thanks to football, improved things in the locality for others. For example; tangible decreases in crime, increases in youth engagement, positive impact on mental health and wellbeing within the community, driving girls/disability/all football participation. This could be a long-term project or one set up to help people through the COVID pandemic.

**14. Championing Women's Football Award**

The Championing Women's Football Award celebrates the outstanding efforts put towards developing programs, players, and pathways to further advance the growth and sustainability of football for women and girls.

**Nomination Eligibility**

Entries are invited from individuals, affiliated clubs, associations, competitions, stakeholders and partner organisations who contribute to the delivery of football in WA. We want to recognise and reward all the amazing work taking place across the state including the desire to embrace diversity and make football a sport for all West Australians.

#### Conditions:

- *Football West reserves the right to determine whether a nominee, or a nominated organisation, meet the eligibility criteria for entry into the Awards.*
- *Previous winners are ineligible to win in the same category*
- *All Club award nominees must be engaged with the Football Australia Club Changer program to be eligible. These are the Metropolitan, Regional, Junior Football and MiniRoos Club of the Year Awards.*
- *Self-nominations are accepted. Nominations on behalf of other people/ organisations are accepted with their consent.*
- *National, State and Territory football employees and their immediate families are ineligible for nomination for Awards on their own behalf, however, may nominate other people or organisations.*
- *Nominations are accepted from Australian residents only.*
- *Nominations are assessed by an independent judging panel drawn from football and the broader community.*

#### Use of entries and promotional activities

- *By submitting a nomination form for, or agreeing to participate in the Awards, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the terms of the Football West (FW) Privacy Policy (available at [www.footballwest.com.au](http://www.footballwest.com.au) or by emailing [clubsupport@footballwest.com.au](mailto:clubsupport@footballwest.com.au)).*
- *In addition, you understand and agree that Football Australia and Football West may use and disclose the personal information provided by or about you for the purpose of conducting the Awards and for any of the purposes set out in Football West's Privacy Policy, which contains information about how you may access and seek correction of your personal information or complain about a breach of your privacy, and how Football West will deal with that complaint.*
- *If requested by us, each award winner must participate in all promotional activity (such as publicity and photography) surrounding the winning of an Award, including a description of your project/submission, and any supporting materials supplied free of charge.*
- *You consent to us using your name, likeness, image and/or voice (including photograph, film and/or recording of the same) in any media for the purpose of promoting the Awards including promotional activity conducted by our sponsors.*

For any enquiries regarding the 2023 Football West Community Awards please email [clubsupport@footballwest.com.au](mailto:clubsupport@footballwest.com.au)

#### Assessment Criteria

The independent judges will score each nomination out of 15 points. Up to five (5) points may be rewarded for each of the below equally weighted criteria:

1. Demonstrated excellence in the nominated award category;
2. Created sustainable participation in football and ensured a high-quality experience for everyone;
3. Shown a firm commitment to inclusion by ensuring that football is a sport for All Australians including Indigenous, Multicultural, All Abilities, Women and Girls, LGBTIQ+ and many more.