



**Metro North Region**  
(Claremont, Subiaco & West Perth)

**Circular 8/2020**

## **2020 WA Football Awards of Excellence – Metro North, Club & Volunteer of the Year Nominations**

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### **Summary:**

- The 2020 WA Football Awards of Excellence – Metro North will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at AQWA, Hillarys WA.
- Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations are now open.
- Club of the year nominations are now open.
- Various categories of awards, including a new category for Auskick Program of the Year and Further with Footy Club Awards
- Clubs are encouraged to head to [www.thankavolunteer.com.au](http://www.thankavolunteer.com.au) to submit their nominations
- Nominations close on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Metro North Award winners presented at Awards of Excellence on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Action:**

- Clubs to distribute Volunteer of the Year Nomination information to all members & through social channels
- Nominations for all individual awards to be submitted via [www.thankavolunteer.com.au](http://www.thankavolunteer.com.au)
- Club award nomination procedures can be found within this circular

Nominations are now being called for the 2020 Optus WA Volunteer of the Year Award and 2020 WA Football Commission Awards of Excellence – Metro North, to recognise achievements and contributions of local junior football volunteers throughout the 2020 Season (*this refers to the period 1 November 2019 – September 30 2020*).

There are a number of new awards available for nomination this year and we encourage Club Committee Members to read through the full document and pass on the details they deem necessary.

The WA Football Commission encourages all nominators to please take the appropriate time to complete the nomination, addressing relevant selection criteria and in the required format where possible in advance of the required due date.

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## Section 1: 2020 Awards of Excellence

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> October, Metro North Junior Football Clubs and their volunteers will gather to commemorate the 2020 Season & the various achievements of all involved. A prestigious occasion, the 2020 WA Football Commission Awards of Excellence – Metro North offers the opportunity for the football community to come together & reflect on the season as well as celebrate the achievements of all involved.

### **2020 WA Football Commission Awards of Excellence – Metro North**

Date: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Venue: AQWA

What: Awards ceremony / cocktail function with 3 hour beverage package followed by live music and dancing all whilst enjoying panoramic views across the Indian Ocean and fellowship

Dress: Cocktail / Lounge Suit

Time: 6:30pm pre-dinner drinks and canapes where guests will have private access to the aquarium, including the underwater tunnel.

Junior Clubs will be provided 10 tickets included within their Club Affiliation.

Additional tickets can be purchased at a subsidised rate of \$80.00 (excl GST).

In 2020 the event will also replace the annual Christmas Sundowner and as such clubs are encouraged to invite committee members, finalists and other key club volunteers.

More information will be distributed in coming weeks for the function and event to mark the culmination the 2020 season including information on how to confirm ticket orders.

## Section 2: Categories, General Conditions and Submission Guidelines

### **WA Football Volunteer of the Year Award**

The Optus WA Football Volunteer of the Year has become a prestigious award on the WA Football calendar. The Award had humble beginnings in WA and has now been adopted nationally with nearly 750 nominations state-wide last year. The importance of volunteers cannot be underestimated. They enrich our society, bring us together as a community, and help keep businesses and organisations afloat. For this reason, Optus prides itself in being associated with the unsung heroes who enhance the lives of others and inspire the WA football community. We are ecstatic with our partnership with the WAFC, as we're aware footy is an important part of the WA community providing us with a great way to connect with West Australians through a sport we all love.

This award is selected by nominations in the following categories:

- Community Club Volunteer
- NAB AFL Auskick Volunteer
- AFL Diversity Ambassador
- AFL School Ambassador (both primary & secondary)
- AFL All Abilities Volunteer
- Go for 2&5 AFL Junior Coach
- Senior Coach

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- Community Umpiring Service (new in 2020)

Nominations for the Optus WA Volunteer of the Year Award will close on Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **2020 WA Football Awards of Excellence - Metro North**

In addition to the selection of a local winner of the Optus WA Volunteer of the Year, the WA Football Commission will recognise local winners in the following categories which will be presented at the 2020 WA Football Commission Awards of Excellence – Metro North, celebrating football excellence both on and off the field within the Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth Districts.

- Community Club Volunteer
- NAB AFL Auskick Volunteer
- Go for 2&5 AFL Junior Coach – Modified Football
- Go for 2&5 AFL Junior Coach – Youth Football
- Umpire of the Year

The following club awards will also be presented at the 2020 WA Football Commission Awards of Excellence – Metro North.

- Auskick Program of the Year – Metro North (new award in 2020)
- Junior Club of the Year – Metro North
- Further with Football Award – Metro North (new award in 2020)

Please note the following awards will not be presented in 2020:

- Young Achiever of the Year
- Senior Coach of the Year
- Senior Club of the Year

These awards are currently being reviewed and may return in 2021.

### **Nomination Process / Submission Guidelines**

#### Individual Awards

All Junior clubs are encouraged to nominate volunteers across all categories by visiting the nomination website [www.thankavolunteer.com.au](http://www.thankavolunteer.com.au). Clubs are encouraged to spread the word & share volunteer stories via social media & club websites to ensure the wider community can nominate volunteers for their tremendous job in junior football.

Volunteers nominated before midnight September 13<sup>th</sup> through the [www.thankavolunteer.com.au](http://www.thankavolunteer.com.au) website will be eligible for the 2020 WA Football Commission Awards of Excellence – Metro North on October 30<sup>th</sup>, while only those nominated before Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> will be also be eligible for the Optus & WA Football Commission Awards, to be presented at the conclusion of the season (date to be confirmed).

#### Club Awards

Clubs wishing to nominate for the Auskick Program of the Year and / or Further with Football Award are asked to submit their nominations for the club awards based on the selection criteria listed writing to Andrew Ridley ([aridley@wafc.com.au](mailto:aridley@wafc.com.au)) before midnight Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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The Junior Club of the Year Award does not require a club nomination & will be judged based on the Junior Club of the Year points-based criteria.

**Selection Process**

Upon receipt of completed nominations, the Awards Selection Committee will consider all nominations to determine finalists and winners.

Finalists will be announced by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020. All award finalists will be notified through their club.

If you require any further information, please contact Andrew Ridley on 0408 298 725.

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## Appendix A: Specific Award Criteria

### Individual Awards Selection Criteria

Selection Criteria is outlined online within each respective award nomination and is based on answering the specific questions within the online form.

When completing the nomination form, applicants should where possible address the following:

- **2020 Contribution**  
This is the single most important area of assessment and the judges will rely heavily on information placed on your nomination form, selection criteria and endorsements by the club president.
- **Past contribution**  
The judges are looking for growing commitment to district football, impact of involvement and activities, and continuous improvement while showing initiative, motivation, and leadership. This involvement will span the past three years unless the activity is of importance.

Tips for completing nomination:

- List the positions that the nominee has held and years of experience.
- Describe the contribution the nominee has made.
- Describe how the nominee has contributed to the club Further with Football.
- Describe how the nominee promotes retention of members, positive game environments and or a positive club culture.
- Any relevant additional information.

### Club Award Selection Criteria

#### **NAB AFL Auskick Program of the Year – Metro North**

The Auskick Program of the Year recognises a club for their excellent delivery of the NAB AFL Auskick Program across the key outcomes including participation, safety, community, parent involvement & skill development.

#### *Essential Criteria*

1. The club is a current affiliated club of the WAFC.
2. Demonstrated use of AFL Auskick Curriculum

*Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria relative to the period of April 1 2020 to September 30 2020, unless otherwise stated.*

1. How has your club/centre planned, delivered & monitored the key outcome areas of the Auskick Curriculum across the various age groups. Please address each key outcome area with key examples.
2. What new Auskick initiatives, programs or events did your club/centre implement this season?

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3. What additional (club/centre level) elements or initiatives have you put in place to supplement and support one or more of the key outcome areas? Please describe what you did and how it was successful.
4. How has your Auskick Program improved from previous seasons? Please utilise improvement measures including program size, retention rates, member feedback etc
5. A primary goal of the Auskick Program is creating a love for football amongst its participants & future lifelong players of the game. Describe the successful strategies that your club has used to prepare and transition your Auskick participants into modified football?
6. Describe a key challenge that your club had to overcome in relation to the delivery of your Auskick Program and how you overcame it?
7. Describe how your centre has successfully utilised the prescribed Auskick grid layout to maximise participation & enjoyment for participants?
8. Describe the strategies your Auskick centre has implemented to engage parent volunteers & ensure participants are able to develop their skills with an appropriate parent-participant ratio?
9. Explain how your Auskick centre upskills its volunteers & ensures they are confident when delivering the prescribed Auskick activities?
10. Describe any other strategies your Auskick centre implements to maximise participation & ensure that participants are constantly engaged?
11. Any relevant additional information.

#### **Further with Football Award – Metro North**

This award recognises a Junior Football Club for the development & implementation of a community program or initiative that delivers one or more of the following objectives:

- Increase community awareness of junior football & brings the wider community together to celebrate its benefits
- Delivery of an event/initiative that promotes or provides significant support to a specific community group(s)
- Promote and encourage participation in junior football for players & families

#### *Essential Criteria*

1. Program/initiative has been sanctioned by WAFC
2. All volunteers/members involved in the program & its delivery have undergone appropriate screening processes.

*Selection Criteria – please answer the selection criteria regarding your club's program/initiative relative to the period of April 1 2020 to September 30 2020, unless otherwise stated.*

1. Outline the motivation for the program/initiative including any research or evidence used in its initial set up.
2. Outline the aims and objectives of the program/initiative relating to the participants, the WAFC's strategic vision, and the wider community.
3. Identify the target market and describe the rationale behind this choice.
4. Describe the program/initiative itself including location, duration, and activities involved.
5. Describe the resources involved to deliver the program/initiative including how these were developed.
6. Identify who is responsible for what in the program/initiative program/initiative.
7. Provide any promotional material created or media coverage which the program/initiative has received.

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8. Indicate the effect of the program/initiative on the local community e.g. increased community engagement, increased participation, new local sponsors etc.
9. Provide any issues identified through the program/initiative & strategies adopted to solve them
10. What are your future plans for the program/initiative

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