



NETBALL NI ANNUAL AWARDS **NOMINATION CATEGORIES**

AWARD	CRITERIA	Nominated by	Nominee Examples
Volunteer of the Year	<p>To recognise the contribution an individual has made to netball in the last year.</p> <p>This award is open to officers of clubs, administrators, Committee Members, designated drivers, and general helpers who are involved with an NNI Committee, a school or club affiliated to Netball Northern Ireland, who have shown a commitment to facilitating Netball.</p>	<p>Nominations can be taken from affiliated schools, clubs, organisations or individuals for any volunteer who fulfils the Criteria.</p>	<p>A Parent who has supported the Junior section of a club, by driving the team to and from matches.</p> <p>A Teacher in a school who helped set up and develop a new netball club within the school, devoting countless hours of personal time and commitment.</p> <p>A person who has held an appointed role for NNI and has contributed substantially to the work of the organisation.</p>
Official of the Year	<p>To recognise the contribution an official has made to netball in the last year.</p> <p>This award is open to NNI affiliated umpires and table officials who have achieved success on the international stage and/or made an outstanding contribution to officiating and it's development in Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>Nominations can be taken from affiliated schools, clubs, organisations or individuals for any official who fulfils the Criteria.</p>	<p>An aspiring international umpire who has represented NNI on the international stage.</p> <p>An umpire mentor who has dedicated countless hours of time and commitment to their role.</p> <p>A timer/Score Keeper who has made a</p>

			significant contribution to netball.
International Player of the year (SENIOR ONLY)	A player who has shown dedication and commitment to netball and is also judged to have made a significant contribution to a National Team within the past 12 months, not only on the court but through their dedication to developing a positive squad ethos.	NNI Head Coaches of any National Squads	Under 17 Player of the Tournament Under 21 netballer who has not only shown outstanding training commitment but has continually exceeded her fundraising targets. Warrior Squad netballer who had several outstanding performances in the last year.
International Youth Player of the Year (U17/U19/U21)	A netballer whose performance had a pivotal contribution to the success of the team in a significant match, event win or placing at U21 or below at international level. They demonstrate the attributes and abilities to be a leading NI Open Athlete in years to come They must still be a youth athlete i.e. 21&U in the year of the award.	NNI Head Coaches of the National Youth Squads	Under 17 Player Under 21 Player
NNI School Coach of the Year	A school team / teams Coach who has achieved success in this current year within any of the NNI School competitions.	Nominations can be taken from all affiliated Schools - players, coaches, teachers. Or from affiliated members who are involved in a School netball setting.	A School coach who has achieved success in their league and or shield competition. A School coach who has a number of players achieve selection onto the NNI player pathway A School coach who has set up a new team / netball framework within their school setting.
NNI Performance Pathway Coach of the Year	A Coach involved in the NNI Performance Pathway either at Regional or National level, who has achieved success in this	Nominations can be made from any affiliated player who has been coached by this coach. Or by any affiliated	A coach who has achieved competition success.

	current year either through competition success or who's athletes have shown significant progression in their development.	member involved in the Performance Pathway setting.	<p>A coach who has developed players within their squad by implementing new and innovative coaching techniques.</p> <p>A coach who has embraced the concept of CPD.</p> <p>A coach who has developed a strong ethos of teamwork within their squad.</p>
NNI Club Coach of the Year	A Coach that has achieved success in the last 12 months, and/or made an outstanding contribution to the development of Netball.	Nominations can be made from any affiliated team, club or individual who has been coached by the nominated coach.	Senior Club Teams Coaches, Junior Club Teams Coaches and Community Based Coaches
The Erin Thomson Award for "Most Promising Junior Player"	A junior netballer who has shown dedication and commitment to their club, school or regional team and has progressed significantly within the past 12 months. They must be Under 19 on the 31 st December this 2023.	Nominations can be made by any affiliated Coach.	Regional Development Players School Team Players Podium Squad Players Junior/Senior Club Players. Players cannot be on a National Squad.
Primary School Coach of the year	To recognise the contribution a teacher has made to develop netball and participation opportunities within their school.	Nominations can be made by any affiliated school.	A Teacher in a school who helped set up and develop a new netball club within the school, devoting countless hours of personal time and commitment.

NETBALL NORTHERN IRELAND AWARDS

PLEASE NOTE:

1. **Decisions will be made by a Panel that will comprise of NNI staff and an independent from Sport NI.**

- 2. All League Winners will also be presented at the Awards Dinner. Each Team will be asked to attend a Photo Call in the Media Area.**
- 3. Please ensure you get the permission of the person you are nominating before submitting the application.**
- 4. All Nominees shortlisted for individual awards will be sent 1 free ticket for the nominee to attend the event.**
- 5. Additional tickets for family members, team members or friends can be bought at a cost of £47.50 per ticket**
- 6. Closing date for nominations is 12 Noon on Tuesday 7th May 2024**