2026 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.

2026 Football West Community Awards Category

- Community Coach of the Year – Female
- Community Coach of the Year – Male
- Club Changer Metropolitan Community Club of the Year
- Club Changer Regional Community Club of the Year
- Male Volunteer of the Year
- Female Volunteer of the Year
- Championing Women and Girls in Football – Club
- Championing Women and Girls in Football – Individual
- Service to Football

Nominations will open on Tuesday, 29 September 2026, 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.

Key Dates

Please note the following key dates:

Nominations Open	Tuesday, 29 September 2026
Nominations Close	Wednesday, 21 October 2026 5pm WST
Independent Judges assess and Finalists determined	Friday, 23 October 2026
Finalists Announced	Thursday, 5 November 2026
Awards Presentation	Friday, 20 November 2026

Nomination Categories

All the nominations will be considered, with no limit on the number of nominations that can be submitted. Following the nomination period, applications will be shortlisted and presented to an independent panel of judges for consideration.

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

1. **Metropolitan Community Club of the Year**

   This award recognises an outstanding community metropolitan football club that exemplifies the vision as a sport for all West Australians. The club demonstrates excellence both on and off the pitch and contributes positively to the growth and development of football.

   The recipient will demonstrate strong governance, a positive and inclusive club culture, support for volunteers and participants, sustainable participation and a commitment to creating quality football experiences for its community.

   Nominations are sought from eligible community football clubs and associations across metropolitan Perth, including Peel.

2. **Regional Community Club of the Year**

   This award recognises an outstanding regional community football club that demonstrates excellence both on and off the pitch and makes a significant contribution to football within its local and extended community.

   This recipient will demonstrate strong governance, a positive and inclusive club culture, support for volunteers and participants, sustainable participation and a commitment to creating quality football experiences in regional WA.

   Nominations are sought from eligible community football clubs and associations across regional and remote Western Australia.

3. **Community Coach of the Year – Female**

   This award recognises an outstanding female community football coach who creates a positive, inclusive and development-focused environment for their players.

   The recipient demonstrates a commitment to helping players develop their skills, confidence and love of the game, while displaying strong leadership, sportsmanship and the values of community football.

   Nominations are welcomed for female coaches across all levels and formats of community football.

4. **Community Coach of the Year – Male**

   This award recognises an outstanding male community football coach who creates a positive, inclusive and development-focused environment for their players.

   The recipient demonstrates a commitment to helping players develop their skills, confidence and love of the game, while displaying strong leadership, sportsmanship and the values of community football.

Nominations are welcomed for male coaches across all levels and formats of community football.

5. **Female Volunteer of the Year**

   This award celebrates a female volunteer who has made an exceptional contribution to football and their football community.

   The recipient demonstrates outstanding commitment, leadership and service through their volunteer role, positively impacting their club, association, participants or wider community and helping to create a welcoming, safe and sustainable football environment.

   Nominations are welcomed for female volunteers across all areas and formats of community football.

6. **Male Volunteer of the Year**

   This award celebrates a male volunteer who has made an exceptional contribution to football and their football community.

   The recipient demonstrates outstanding commitment, leadership and service through their volunteer role, positively impacting their club, association, participants or wider community and helping to create a welcoming, safe and sustainable football environment.

   Nominations are welcomed for male volunteers across all areas and formats of community football.

7. **Championing Women and Girls in Football – Club**

   This award recognises a club that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to creating opportunities and positive experiences for women and girls in football.

   The recipient will have actively supported the growth, development and sustainability of female football through initiatives such as increasing participation, developing players, coaches, referees and volunteers, strengthening pathways, creating leadership opportunities and fostering a welcoming and inclusive club environment.

   Nominations are sought from eligible community football clubs and associations across metropolitan Perth and regional and remote Western Australia.

8. **Championing Women and Girls in Football – Individual**

   This award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the growth, development and advancement of women and girls in football.

   The recipient will have demonstrated leadership, advocacy and commitment to creating opportunities for women and girls to participate, develop and thrive within the game. This contribution may be through coaching, administration, volunteering, officiating, leadership, program delivery or other areas of football.

   Nominations are welcomed from individuals across all areas and formats of community football.

9. **Service to Football**

The Service to Football Award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to football over a minimum period of 10 years.

The recipient may be an administrator, volunteer, referee, coach or any other individual whose service, commitment and contribution to the game has had a significant and lasting impact.

The award recognises individuals whose contribution and standard of excellence in their area of football distinguishes them from their peers and demonstrates an exceptional commitment to the development, delivery or advancement of the sport.

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 Club of the Year Awards and the Championing Women and Girls in Football – Club Award.*
- *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 or by emailing 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 2026 Football West Community Awards please email clubsupport@footballwest.com.au

Assessment Criteria

An independent judging panel will assess each nomination against three equally weighted criteria, with up to five (5) points awarded for each criterion, for a total score of 15 points.

1. **Excellence and Achievement**
   The nominee has demonstrated outstanding performance, leadership or achievement relevant to the nominated award category.

2. **Impact and Contribution**
   The nominee has made a meaningful and positive contribution to their club, participants, football community or the broader game. Consideration may be given to the reach, significance and sustainability of their contribution.

3. **Leadership and Values**
   The nominee demonstrates the values and behaviours that positively contribute to football, including leadership, inclusion, respect, collaboration and a commitment to creating positive experiences for others.

Judges should assess each nomination in the context of the relevant award category and the opportunities available to the nominee.