

**Volunteer of the Year – Selection Criteria & Process**

The purpose of this award is to honour an individual or group who has demonstrated outstanding dedication, passion, and contribution to golf through their volunteer efforts.

*Award Period*

- 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

*Eligibility Criteria*

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Be an individual or group of volunteers who:
  - Are not paid for their services (unpaid volunteer work)
  - Have contributed to golf within Australia
- Have contributed significantly to the operations, experience, or success of a golf club or event during the 12-month award period.
- The nominee must not have received payment for services rendered.
- Volunteers must adhere to Golf Australia's code of conduct, child safety standards (where applicable), and demonstrate community-minded behaviour.

*Nomination Process*

- Nominations open on: Wednesday 4 June 2025
- Nominations close on: Sunday 13 July 2025
- All nominations must be submitted by 11:59 PM AEST on the closing date. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
- The winners of the State Awards for the Volunteer of the Year (or equivalent) will become a finalist for the Golf Australia National Award for Volunteer of the Year.
- Nominations may be submitted by club or facility staff, members, event organisers, community organisations, peers, or governing bodies.

*Selection Criteria*

The recipient of this award will be selected based on achieving one or more of the following criteria and at the discretion of the National Awards of Excellence Selection Committee:

- Has exhibited exemplary commitment and success through their volunteer role.
- Has developed, implemented or supported events, programs or initiatives that benefit the game of golf.
- The impact their volunteer contribution has had within their club, facility or place to play.
- The impact their volunteer contribution has had on the broader golfing community.
- Engagement and alignment with the strategy for Australian Golf 2022– 2025.

*Supporting Documentation*

You may upload up to five (5) supporting documents to assist the selection committee in assessing and comparing nominations, such as:

- a. Photos or videos showcasing the nominee in their volunteer role.
- b. Testimonial(s) from club staff, fellow volunteers, players, or event organisers.
- c. Summary of responsibilities or description of volunteer activities.
- d. Evidence of impact (e.g. increased participation, improved experience, positive outcomes).
- e. Letters of appreciation or formal recognition received during the award period.

## Selection Process & Timelines

Activity	Date/Timeline
<b>Promotion Commences &amp; Nominations Open</b>	Wednesday 4 June 2025
<b>Nominations Close</b>	Sunday 13 July 2025
<b>Judging Period &amp; Selection</b>	Monday 21 July – Friday 25 July 2025
<b>Finalist Announcement</b>	Week commencing 28 July 2025
<b>Award Announcements</b>	From 1 September 2025

## Requirements of Award Recipients

The successful recipients will be required to fulfill the following items upon reasonable request:

- Participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award.
- Participate in Golf Australia pilot programs and initiatives.