



Policy		Court of Champions		NWA-POL-18	
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Policy Statement

This policy outlines the requirements for induction into the Netball WA Court of Champions. It defines the primary and secondary selection criteria that must be met, and the recommendation, ratification and recognition process that will be followed, as well as the threshold for retraction of the award and appeal process.

Scope

This policy applies to potential candidates of the Netball WA (NWA) Court of Champions, the NWA Awards & Recognition Committee, and the Board of NWA via oversight of the policy implementation.

Purpose

The Court of Champions celebrates Western Australian developed players who have reached the ultimate pinnacle in the sport by representing Australia at the highest international level of competition available at the time, and who have made a significant contribution to the sport in Western Australia (WA).

Players with origin outside WA, who play at the highest international level whilst representing WA's elite team, may also be considered on individual merit.

Implementation

Process

1. Primary Criteria

To be eligible for induction into the Court of Champions, Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- As a West Australian developed player, hold an Australian Debut Playing Number assigned by Netball Australia;
- Must have been retired from elite level competition for at least three (3) years.

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2. Secondary Criteria

When determining the selection of Candidates, consideration will also be given to the following secondary criteria:

- The number of Australian Caps;
- The number of years played;
- The number of games played;
- Period in a leadership role, e.g. Captain or Vice-Captain;
- Induction into Netball Australia's Hall of Fame (Player Category);
- Induction into the WAIS Hall of Champions (consideration will be given to both Individual and Team Categories).

In addition, Players must have made a significant contribution to netball in WA, including outstanding performances, sportsmanship, leadership, integrity and overall impact to the sport.

Players may be inducted into the Court of Champions posthumously.

The NWA Board reserves the right to determine if candidates can be considered regardless of their place of birth, based on the remaining criteria and with a higher weighting attributed to their contribution to netball in WA post their playing career.

Responsibilities

The NWA Awards & Recognition Committee will be responsible for collating relevant information and consideration of potential candidates. The Committee shall review all candidates to ensure each nomination meets the criteria and, if appropriate, put forward such nomination for recommendation to the Board.

Ratification

The NWA Board shall review all recommendations received from the Award & Recognition Committee and approve inductees annually.

Recognition

- From NWA's centenary year in 2024, candidates will be inducted every four (4) years, in the same year that the Netball World Cup (or equivalent) is held;
- A maximum of three (3) inductees may be endorsed and awarded in any one **award eligible year** (e.g. once every 4 years);
- Induction into the Court of Champions will be awarded at an appropriate NWA Event or Awards Dinner;
- Inductees will be presented with an appropriate memento and be acknowledged via NWA communications and media platforms;

Retraction of Court of Champions Award

The NWA Board reserves the right to withdraw or retract an award if the recipient's conduct draws the NWA Court of Champions Award and/or the organisation into disrepute. As part of the deliberations, the Court of Champions recipient in question is also to be given an opportunity to present their case for retention of their Court of Champions Award status.

A Court of Champions recipient has the ability to resign their Award.