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ANNUAL AWARDS

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Name

1. This By-Law shall be referred to as the **Annual Awards By-Law**.

Source

2. This By-Law is made pursuant to rule 33 of the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria Incorporated.

Intent

3. Table Tennis Victoria seeks to recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions of several athletes, coaches, members and volunteers each year. In short, these awards help set standards of excellence for Table Tennis Victoria.

Scope

4. This By-Law applies to the following awards:
 - *President's Award* – Distinguished Service
 - *French Award* – Senior Male & Female athlete of the Year
 - *Coburg Award* – Junior Male & Female athlete of the Year
 - *Sokolowski Award* – Veteran Male & Female athlete/administrator of the Year
 - *Rosario Award* – Para Male & Female athlete of the Year
 - *Javor Award* – Coach of the Year
 - *Guggenheim Award* – Volunteer/Administrator of the Year.
 - *Singer Award* - Official of the Year
 - *St Kilda Cricket Table Tennis Club Award* - Affiliate of the Year
 - *15, 25 & 50 Years' Service Awards*
5. In addition, this By-law covers the selection of the top 10 players for the State in each playing category for the calendar year.

Period covered

6. All awards are for performances or contributions within a calendar year and nominations are to be made at the end of the previous calendar year.

Nomination

7. The procedure for nomination is detailed in the table below:

Award	Nomination	Process
<i>President's Award</i> Distinguished Service	Affiliates or Individual Members	CEO selects worthy candidates from nominations and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>French Award</i> Senior Player of the Year	State Selection Panel	State Selection Panel selects worthy candidates and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>Coburg Award</i> Junior Player of the Year	State Selection Panel	State Selection Panel selects worthy candidates and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>Sokolowski Award</i> Veteran Player/Administrator of the Year	State Selection Panel	State Selection Panel selects worthy candidates and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>Rosario Award</i> Para Player of the Year	State Selection Panel	State Selection Panel selects worthy candidates and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>Javor Award</i> Coach of the Year	Affiliates or Individual Members	CEO selects worthy candidates from nominations and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>Guggenheim Award</i> Volunteer/Administrator of the Year	Affiliates or Individual Members	CEO selects worthy candidates from nominations and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>Singer Award</i> Official of the Year	Affiliates or Individual Members & VTTUL	CEO in conjunction with TTVUL selects worthy candidates from nominations and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>St Kilda Cricket Table Tennis Club Award</i> Affiliate of the Year	Affiliates or Individual Members	CEO selects worthy candidates from nominations and proposes winner. Sent to TTV Board.
<i>15, 25 & 50 Years' Service Awards</i>	Affiliates or Individual Members	CEO selects worthy candidates from nominations and proposes winners. Sent to TTV Board.

8. All winners of annual awards are to be determined by the Board of Table Tennis Victoria and published at the next annual general meeting. The presentation of such awards shall be conducted as determined by the Board of Table Tennis Victoria.
9. All winners of the following awards will automatically be nominated to the next TTA Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards in their corresponding categories:
- President's Award
 - Guggenheim Award
 - Singer Award
 - St Kilda Cricket Table Tennis Club Award
 - 25 & 50 Years' Service Awards

President's Award - Distinguished Service

10. A single *President's Award* recognising distinguished service may be given in any calendar year provided at the Board of Table Tennis Victoria is satisfied that the nominee meets the requisite criteria.
11. The criterion for the award is that the nominee should have made a significant contribution to the development of the sport within an affiliate member or the State and that such service should have continuously occurred for a minimum period of 10 years.

French Award – Senior Player of the Year

12. The original criteria for the *French Award* are as follows:

Background

Originally donated by Dr Vic French in 1958. Vic French was President of the Victorian Table Tennis Association from 1968-73. Life Member of the Association. Died 1994.

Criteria

To be awarded on ability, sportsmanship, and demeanour.

Ability: Outstanding performances in Local, State, National and International events

Sportsmanship & Demeanour: To be taken into consideration Attitude, Dress Code, Demeanour, Being a positive role model.

This Award to be given to both a male and a female player.
It should be given only to a leading player, though not necessarily the Australian or Victorian Champion.
It should be given for performances over and above ordinary expectations and particularly for performances which show strong evidence of fighting qualities.

13. The modern criteria for the *French Award* are as follows:

- an award is made to the best male senior and female senior player of the year;
- an awardee must be a registered individual member;
- an awardee must be a leading player (but not necessarily an Australian or Victorian champion);
- an awardee must have demonstrated outstanding performances in local, state, national and/or international events;
- an awardee must have played a minimum of 4 tournaments (including at least the Victorian Open or Victorian Closed); and
- an awardee must have demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, good attitude, demeanour and presentation, excellent fighting qualities and attributes of a positive role model.

Coburg Award – Junior Player of the Year

14. The original criteria for the *Coburg Award* are as follows:

Background

Perpetual Trophies were donated by the Coburg Table Tennis Club in 1964.
Yearly replicas are donated by Coburg Table Tennis Club.

Criteria

To be awarded to a TTV Registered (Minimum Silver Level) athlete based on ability, sportsmanship, and demeanour, including the following factors:
Outstanding performances in Local, State, National and International events over and above ordinary expectations.
Attitude, Presentation, Demeanour, Fighting qualities, Positive role model.

The recipient should be a leading player, however not necessarily the Australian or Victorian Champion.

15. The modern criteria for the *Coburg Award* are as follows:

- an award is made to the best male junior and female junior player of the year;
- an awardee must be a registered individual member;
- an awardee must be a leading player (but not necessarily an Australian or Victorian champion);
- an awardee must have demonstrated outstanding performances in local, state, national and/or international events;
- an awardee must have played a minimum of 4 tournaments (including at least the Victorian Open or Victorian Closed); and
- an awardee must have demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, good attitude, demeanour and presentation, excellent fighting qualities and attributes of a positive role model.

Sokolowski Award – Veteran Player/Administrator of the Year

16. The original criteria for the *Sokolowski Award* are as follows:

Background

Ted Sokolowski was a fine table tennis player, and a wonderful person. Ted had come up through the junior ranks and had been a member of Victorian State Teams - Junior, Senior and Veterans. He died of a heart attack in 1987 at the age of 52. Perpetual trophies donated by Mr. Vic Matison and Mr. Roy Cintolo.

Criteria

The Award does not necessarily go to the player who has won the most events, but is based on the following criteria:

The recipient of the Award can be a Player or an Administrator.

The recipient must be a credit to the sport of Table Tennis in sportsmanship, demeanour, and dress. A person others can emulate.

If a player - he/she must play in at least 4 Veteran Tournaments. Victorian Closed or Victorian Open being one of the four.

17. The modern criteria for the *Sokolowski Award* are as follows:

- an award is made to the most creditworthy male veteran and female veteran player of the year;
- an awardee must have played a minimum of 4 veteran tournaments (including at least the Victorian Open or Victorian Closed) or administered veteran

tournaments (which may include the State Team for National Championships);
and

- an awardee must have demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, good attitude, demeanour and presentation and attributes of a positive role model.

Rosario Award – Para Player of the Year

18. The criteria for the *Rosario Award* [named after the Rosario family, an award which recognises the contributions made by Prisca Rosario, Eric Rosario, and Alois Rosario to the sport of table tennis in Victoria] is as follows:

- an award is made to the best male para and female para player of the year;
- an awardee must be a registered individual member;
- an awardee must be a leading player (but not necessarily an Australian or Victorian champion);
- an awardee must have demonstrated outstanding performances in local, state, national and/or international events;
- an awardee must have played a minimum of 2 tournaments (including at least the Victorian Open or Victorian Closed); and
- an awardee must have demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, good attitude, demeanour and presentation, excellent fighting qualities and attributes of a positive role model.

Javor Award – Coach of the Year

19. The *Javor Award – Coach of the Year* [named after the late Karol Javor, an award which recognises the contribution made by Karol Javor to coaching table tennis in Victoria] is to be made to an individual who satisfies the following criteria:

- maintained his/her coaching accreditation for the year
- be a registered member of Table Tennis Victoria for the year; and
- adhered to all TTV constitutional and by-law requirements as published.

20. In addition to satisfying the above criteria, all nominees shall be assessed according to following criteria:

- the number of athletes coached and their performances at tournament level;
- the coaching support provided to any particular player or players at tournaments;
- the coaching support provided to any State Team at a National Championships; and
- the improvement made to any particular player's standard over the year.

Guggenheim Award –Volunteer of the Year

21. The *Guggenheim Award – Volunteer/Administrator of the Year* [named after Joan Guggenheim, an award which recognises the contribution made by Joan Guggenheim to the sport of table tennis in Victoria] is to be made to an individual who satisfies the following criteria:

- provide services in a voluntary capacity (modest honoraria or reimbursement of cost excluded from consideration) or;
- provide ongoing administrative work for the benefit of Table Tennis in Victoria
- be a registered member of Table Tennis Victoria for the year; and
- adhered to all TTV constitutional and by-law requirements as published.

22. In addition to satisfying the above criteria, all nominees shall be assessed according to following criteria:

- the time the individual has contributed as a volunteer or administrator in the current year (including any time the individual may have contributed as a volunteer or administrator in previous years); and
- the level and impact in supporting the purposes of Table Tennis Victoria and or its affiliate members.

Singer Award - Official of the Year

23. The Singer Award – Official of the Year [named after Ruth Singer, an award which recognises the contributions made by Ruth Singer to the sport of table tennis as an Official in Victoria] is to be made to an individual who satisfies the following criteria:
- maintained his/her Umpire or Referee accreditation for the year, and
 - participate in at least 4 local/state/national/international tournaments as either an umpire or referee for the year, and
 - be a registered member of Table Tennis Victoria for the year; and
 - adhered to all TTV constitutional and by-law requirements as published.
24. In addition to satisfying the above criteria, all nominees shall be assessed according to following criteria:
- the number of tournaments officiated at and their performances at tournament level;
 - involvement in officiating committees, mentoring and/or training, and
 - the level and impact in supporting the purposes of Table Tennis Victoria and or its affiliate members.

St Kilda Cricket Table Tennis Club Award – Affiliate of the Year

25. The St Kilda Cricket Table Tennis Club Award – Affiliate of the Year [named after the oldest Club in Victoria, St Kilda Cricket Table Tennis Club, an award which recognises the longstanding contributions made by St Kilda Cricket Table Tennis Club to the sport of table tennis in Victoria] is to be made to an individual who satisfies the following criteria:
- maintained their Affiliation requirements for the year
 - be a registered Affiliate of Table Tennis Victoria for the year; and
 - adhered to all TTV constitutional and by-law requirements as published.

26. In addition to satisfying the above criteria, all nominees shall be assessed according to following criteria:
- increased and/or sustainable membership and/or participation activities (i.e., tournaments, pennants, programs, training or social), and
 - evidence of successful community engagement activities or initiatives, and
 - the level and impact in supporting the purposes of Table Tennis Victoria and or its affiliate members.

15, 25 & 50 Years' Service Awards

27. The 15, 25 & 50 Years' Service Awards is to be made to an individual who satisfies the following criteria:
- outstanding long term/sustained volunteer service to the sport of table tennis for the benefit of the sport and wider community
 - the time the individual has contributed as a volunteer (15 or 25 or 50 years) and
 - be a registered member of Table Tennis Victoria for the year; and
 - adhered to all TTV constitutional and by-law requirements as published
28. In addition to satisfying the above criteria, all nominees shall be assessed according to following criteria:
- Significant, sustainable & beneficial impact on the shape and direction of table tennis in their community or further afield
 - Positive impacts & achievements felt by external organisations, clubs/associations, participants, and volunteers, and
 - the level and impact in supporting the purposes of Table Tennis Victoria and or its affiliate members

Top 10 Annual Rankings

29. Table Tennis Victoria shall cause to be published at the end of each year calendar year a list of the top 10 ranked players for each playing category (at an Australian Championships).
30. An athlete cannot be ranked unless the athlete has satisfied the eligibility requirements for selection in the State Team (or where such requirements have been waived by the Board of Table Tennis Victoria) for the relevant playing category – note this regulation may only be waived where there are insufficient players to complete the list of 10 players.
31. The top 10 annual rankings shall be compiled by the State Selection Panel in accordance with *By-Law 16 – Athlete Ratings*.
32. In determining whether to alter the ranking order of an athlete pursuant to regulation 23 of the abovementioned by-law, the State Selection Panel must have regard to –
- results recorded in the Australian Open and the Australian Closed Championships
 - results recorded in the Victorian Open and the Victorian Closed Championships;
 - and
 - the State Team points accrued over the calendar year –
- in the above descending order.
33. The top 10 annual rankings as determined by the State Selection Panel shall be forwarded to the Board of Table Tennis Victoria for ratification (the Board retains the power to amend any list prior to ratification) before publication on the website.