

DURHAM CRICKET GRASSROOTS CRICKET AWARDS 2023

The Grassroots Cricket Awards recognise the hard work hundreds of volunteers across Durham dedicate to the recreational game. A nomination is a great way for your club, league or organisation to say thank you to your best volunteers and give them the recognition they deserve.

THE CATEGORIES:

- **Connecting Communities** – A club or community organisation which has gone above and beyond the call of cricket to support communities/groups coming back to the game we love.
- **Inspired to Play** – An Individual or group within your club or community organisation going above and beyond to open the game up to new audiences.
- **Young Volunteer** – Young volunteer making a difference – 11 – 25-year-olds
- **Unsung Hero** – Those heroes who impact our game and help us make cricket happen. This could be ground staff, coaches, officials, umpires, or other volunteers.
- **Growing the Game** – A league volunteer, committee member, or administrator going above and beyond to support clubs and help increase the number of games played.

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THE CATEGORIES:

- **Lifetime Achiever** – That one individual who has given many years of service to your club or community group you could not do without.
- **Cricket Innovators** – Someone who has brought new ideas and/or implemented new systems to improve your club or community group.
- **SafeHands Award** – An individual that has gone above and beyond to create a positive environment for young people to enjoy the game.
- **Volunteer Grounds Management Team of the Year** - This award will recognise those who are working hard to improve the places where the game is played.
- **Tackling Climate Change** – A club or organisation that is addressing the threat climate change poses to cricket, by making sustainable changes to operations, adapting their facilities and/or engaging their local community.
- **Women's and Girls' Cricket Development** – Dedicated to volunteers who have supported the growth and quality of participation opportunities for W & Gs.
- **National Programmes Club of the Year** – A club that have demonstrated commitment to grow and professionally deliver All Stars Cricket and/or Dynamos Cricket in 2022.

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THE CATEGORIES:

- **Coach of the Year** – A coach who goes the extra mile and is a true coaching hero to their club, league, county or school. They are creative and work with players to help them reach their full potential whilst delivering active and fun sessions.
- **Young Coach of the Year** – A young person, aged 16-25, who is already making a difference and is passing on their enthusiasm for the game and inspiring the next generation of players.
- **Services to Coaching** – This award is designed to highlight the long and dedicated service of a volunteer, who has supported performance and participation through coaching at school, club, league and/ or county level.

THE CRITERIA:

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

A Club or community organisation which has gone above and beyond the call of cricket to support communities/groups coming back to the game we love.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- An outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty for the sake of the community and its members
- Club supporting their players, members, and wider communities throughout/post Covid-19
- Running programmes or events to empower individuals/groups back to cricket
- Setting up initiatives to proactively get the club or community back into cricket
- Displaying enthusiasm and drive to use the power of cricket to bring their community together
- An impact of their actions on the development of the club/community in a positive and lasting way

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INSPIRED TO PLAY

An Individual or group within your club or community organisation going above and beyond to open the game up to new audiences.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of :

- A consistent effort to try new things to inspire new individuals to the game
- Increasing the number of boys, girls and women participating
- Recruitment and training of new volunteers to help deliver Inspire to Play programmes
- Plans in place to help retain all new players following Inspire to Play programmes
- Introducing initiatives to support new groups into your club or community
- Encouraging others to come on the journey in trying something new

YOUNG VOLUNTEER

Young volunteer making a difference – 11 – 16-year-olds or 17-25-year-olds

Someone who:

- Is responsible, dependable and enthusiastic by providing leadership, use of initiative and being prepared to think outside the boundary
- Has had a positive effect on their club/group/organisation and other members by creating and delivering new initiatives
- Is willing to use their volunteering experience to help recruit more young people into volunteering roles within cricket
- Is willing to learn from experience, undertake training and learn from others
- Is displaying enthusiasm and drive to increase participation in cricket by recruiting and /or retaining players within their environment

UNSUNG HERO

Those heroes who impact our game and help us make cricket happen. This could be ground staff, coaches, officials, umpires, or other volunteers.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- That special volunteer that your club simply could not do without, they are always there to lend a hand, displaying enthusiasm supporting other volunteers and players.

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Criteria for Unsung Hero continued:

- The undertaking of several key roles and tasks within the club when they are not fulfilled by others.
- A willingness to try their hand at anything in order to get it done and a willingness to learn or be trained in certain areas if needed.
- Helping to recruit and retaining players, volunteers, administrators, and officials at their club or organisation.
- A significant dedication of time and commitment to a cricket club or organisation
- An outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty for the sake of the club and its members.

GROWING THE GAME

A league volunteer, committee member, or administrator going above and beyond to support clubs and help increase the number of games played.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- An outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty to ensure that matches and games are played and completed
- Supporting adoption play-cricket and use of play-cricket scorer across all their leagues.
- Go beyond the call of duty and support key volunteers within clubs to help reduce the number of cancelled and conceded games throughout the season
- Initiatives to recruit and train new umpires and officials
- Positively increase the quality of umpiring, scoring and grounds at all levels of the game
- The introduction of new ideas and rules which will help and support Club Captains and players on and off the field

LIFETIME ACHIEVER

That one individual who has given many years of service to your club or community group you could not do without.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- A commitment to their cricket club, league, board or local cricket community spanning a significant number of years.

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Criteria for Lifetime Achiever continued:

- Taking on a wide variety of different playing and volunteering roles with the cricket club, league, or board
- Having an impact on the development of the cricket Club/League/Board/community and its members i.e., implementation of junior section, women's section, ground improvements, increase in participation levels, improved administration processes etc.
- Embracing change and evidence of moving the club/league/board/community forward
- Providing a legacy for the organisation and providing for regeneration in the future
- Building partnerships with external organisations and embracing programmes for the benefit of the club/league/board/community i.e. CricketForce and Chance to Shine

CRICKET INNOVATORS

Someone who has brought new ideas and/or implemented new systems to improve your club or community group.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- A consistent willingness in empowering, further developing themselves to positively impact your club/community. E.g upskilling themselves via digital skills training to support.
- Implementing procedures or actions to positively impact processes within your club or community
- Introducing a new idea to positively impact your club or community
- Thinking outside the box to enhance the experience of those in and around your club or community
- An ambition to always look at ways of doing things better and challenging the norm
- Empowering others to come on the journey or adopt change

SAFEHANDS AWARD

An individual that has gone above and beyond to create a positive environment for young people to enjoy the game.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- Introducing new Ideas across the club to provide opportunities for everyone
- Encouraging Safer Recruitment practices to Get the Right People involved
- Setting up initiatives to encourage parents, volunteers and Young people to promote safeguarding
- Introduction of new processes which put young people at the heart of cricket

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VOLUNTEER GROUNDS MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THE YEAR

This award will recognise those who are working hard to improve the places where the game is played.

The best nominations will show the nominee has/is:

- Improving their local environment by improving green space and supporting the environment
- Worked with their club and or local community to introduce new people to the benefits of volunteering in grounds management
- Actively seeking to improve their skills and knowledge through training and education
- Sharing their skills and knowledge to help other clubs and organisations improve
- Innovation in grounds management technology, practice or communication

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

A club or community organisation that is addressing the threat climate change poses to cricket, by making sustainable changes to operations, adapting their facilities and/or engaging their local community.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- Establishment and promotion of an environmental sustainability plan for the club or organisation which includes actions to tackle climate change.
- Implementation of changes in operations and/or facilities to improve environmental sustainability and build resilience against the impacts of climate change.
- Actively seeking to improve knowledge and awareness of impact of climate change on cricket and vice versa and key actions to combat climate change, and any associated behaviour change as a result.
- Sharing their skills and knowledge to help other clubs, organisations and wider community improve their environmental sustainability.
- Implementation of innovative technology, practices, or communication methods that resulted in positive outcomes for environmental sustainability.

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CRICKET DEVELOPMENT

Dedicated to volunteers who have supported the growth and quality of participation opportunities for women and girls.

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Criteria for Women's and Girls' Cricket Development:

The best nominations will show the nominee has/is:

- A significant commitment of time dedicated to supporting and growing the women's and/or girls' game in their club
- Planning and organising regular participation and competition opportunities for women and/or girls
- Promoting participation opportunities across a variety of channels within their community
- Taken part in Durham Cricket's women's and/or girls' initiatives
- Raising the profile of the female game within their club, community, county and is encouraging others to support women's and girls' provisions

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES CLUB OF THE YEAR

A club that have demonstrated commitment to grow and professionally deliver All Stars Cricket and/or Dynamos Cricket in 2022.

The best nominations will show the nominee has/is:

- Growing their All Stars and/or Dynamos participation and volunteers numbers
- Providing a welcoming environment for All Stars Cricket and/or Dynamos Cricket participants and parents
- Delivering a vibrant fun and engaging programme(s)
- Providing further opportunities for participation

COACH OF THE YEAR

A coach who goes the extra mile and is a true coaching hero to their club, league, county or school. They are creative and work with players to help them reach their full potential whilst delivering active and fun sessions.

The best nominations will show the nominee:

- Inspires and supports individual player development
- Creates and delivers enjoyable and effective coaching sessions
- Uses innovation and inspirational coaching methods which have significantly improved player and team performances

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YOUNG COACH OF THE YEAR

A young person, aged 16-25, who is already making a difference and is passing on their enthusiasm for the game and inspiring the next generation of players.

The best nominations will show the nominee:

- Demonstrated a commitment to developing the game at grassroots and community level
- Has had a clear impact with a local school or club
- Has shown creativity and determination in their development as a coach
- Is between the ages of 16-25

SERVICES TO COACHING

This award is designed to highlight the long and dedicated service of a volunteer, who has supported performance and participation through coaching at school, club, league and/ or county level.

The best nominations will show the nominee:

- The best nominations will show the nominee has/is:
- Dedicated themselves to coaching and making a difference to players
- Created numerous opportunities and contributed to increasing participation of players
- Is the heartbeat of the club, league, county or school

HOW TO NOMINATE

Each nomination should include a testimonial of no more than 200 words.

We advise writing the testimonial in advance so you can copy and paste it into the online nomination form.

To nominate someone, click [here](#) or below.

NOMINATE