



# **HONOURS AND AWARDS POLICY**

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## DEFINITIONS

**Awards Committee** Board-appointed Committee to assess Awards nominations

**Board** The Board of Squash Australia Limited

**CEO** Chief Executive Officer of Squash Australia Limited

**Federal** Commonwealth of Australia

**Squash Australia** Squash Australia Limited



## 1.0 FEDERAL AWARDS

Any person or organisation can nominate a member of the Squash community for an award.

It is recommended that contact is made with the Squash Australia Board through the CEO to support nominations. The CEO will gather records and information on nominees. The Board may choose to contact the Awards Committee for its recommendation.

### 1.1 Order of Australia

The Order of Australia recognises Australians who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

There are 4 levels of Awards.

- Companion of the Order of Australia (AC)
- Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)
- Member of the Order of Australia (AM)
- Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

More information can be found at: <https://www.gg.gov.au/>

### 1.2 Sport Australia Hall of Fame

Membership is limited exclusively to the top echelon of athletes and those who play a supportive role. Selection by their peers is the pinnacle of achievement for Australian sportspeople. They will all have achieved excellence at the highest level within their sport.

There are 3 levels of membership.

- Athlete Members
- General Members
- Legend of Australian Sport

There are 5 awards.

- The Don Award
- The Dawn Award
- Hall of Fame Moments
- Team Sport Australia Award
- The Spirit of Sport Award

More information can be found at: <https://sahof.org.au/hall-of-fame>



## 2.0 SQUASH AUSTRALIA AWARDS

Squash Australia Awards are to recognise those who have made a significant contribution to Squash at a National, Regional or International level.

Nominees should have been Australian citizens in the period for which they are being recognised.

The criteria for Awards, the dates for nominations and the appropriate nomination forms will be published on the Squash Australia website at an appropriate time each year.

Awards may be given posthumously.

Not all categories may be awarded each year.

### 2.1 Hall of Fame

This recognition is the pinnacle of achievement for Australian Squash. The Members will have achieved at the highest level as players or in roles supportive of Squash.

Hall of Fame Awards are not intended to be annual Awards but will be given at the discretion of the Squash Australia Board for service to Squash over a period of time.

Any person or organisation can nominate a member of the Squash community for any Hall of Fame Award. Nominations must include detailed information on the suitability of a nominee for an Award.

Nominations are to go to the CEO who will pass them on to the Awards Committee for assessment. The Awards Committee will make their recommendations to the Squash Australia Board for ratification.

Squash Australia has these Hall of Fame Award levels.

There are 3 levels of Membership

- Immortals
- Legends
- Members

There are 3 Awards

- Heather McKay Award
- Geoff Hunt Award
- Spirit of Squash Award



## 2.1.1 Athletes

Nominees:

- Will have provided outstanding support to Australian Squash over a period of at least 10 years.
- Will have been a superior achiever at the highest level of competition.
- Will have displayed integrity and sportsmanship both on and off the court and represented Squash and Australia in a positive manner.
- May have represented Australia and gained success in major competitions such as World Championships, World Doubles, World Cups and/or Commonwealth Games.
- May have been a member of an Australian representative team over a significant period.
- May have contributed as a member of Squash Australia teams which have won World Championships and/or represented Australia at Commonwealth Games over an extended period.
- May be an entire representative team if the team had outstanding success and/or performed above expectations.
- Athletes do not have to be retired to be eligible for the Hall of Fame Athlete Awards.

### *2.1.1.1 Immortals of the Squash Australia Hall of Fame*

This elite Award was instituted in 2022. This is the highest honour awarded by Squash Australia.

The Immortals Award is for Australian Squash players against whom other players cannot be compared.

These players stand above other Hall of Fame members, and their performances and records are unlikely to be equalled.

These players will have influenced the sport and will have had an impact beyond their own playing career.

### *2.1.1.2 Legends of the Squash Australia Hall of Fame*

This Award is to recognise Australian Squash players who have distinguished themselves at the highest level of the Sport and in doing so have been an inspiration and example to Australian squash players.

Athletes do not have to be Members of the Hall of Fame before being awarded Legend status.

These players will have achieved a No. 1 or No. 2 world ranking for an extended period of time and will have played on the professional circuit for at least 10 years.



The No. 1 or No. 2 world rankings do not have to be considered if players are nominated because they:

- Have been a member of an Australian representative team over a significant period.
- Have contributed as a member of Squash Australia teams which have won World Championships and/or represented Australia at Commonwealth Games over an extended period.
- Are an entire representative team if the team had outstanding success and/or performed above expectations.

#### *2.1.1.3 Members of the Squash Australia Hall of Fame*

This Award is to recognise Australian Squash players who have achieved excellence at the highest level of the Sport.

These players will have achieved an individual world ranking of at least a No. 3 world ranking and will have played on the professional circuit for at least 10 years.

The No. 3 world ranking does not have to be considered if players are nominated because they:

- Have been a member of an Australian representative team over a significant period.
- Have contributed as a member of Squash Australia teams which have won World Championships and/or represented Australia at Commonwealth Games over an extended period.
- Are an entire representative team if the team had outstanding success and/or performed above expectations.

#### *2.1.1.4 Heather McKay Award*

This is an Award instituted in 2022 to recognise a female player who has achieved success at the International level of the Sport for at least 10 years.

#### *2.1.1.5 Geoff Hunt Award*

This is an Award instituted in 2022 to recognise a male player who has achieved success at the International level of the Sport for at least 10 years.

#### *2.1.1.6 Spirit of Squash Award*

This is an Award instituted in 2022 to acknowledge those who have shown dedication to Squash through enthusiasm and a love for the Sport either as a player or as an administrator.



## 2.1.2 General Members

This Award is to recognise those who have represented Squash in a positive manner displaying objectivity and integrity over a significant period.

The Award recognises those who have shown excellence and outstanding achievement from personal effort or initiative in roles that contribute to the reputation of Australian Squash. Those supportive roles may include administration, sports science, history, technology, innovation, coaching or refereeing.

## 2.1.3 Life Members

This Award is to acknowledge the contribution an individual has made to both the Sport of Squash and to Squash Australia over a period of at least 10 years.

Nominees will have provided outstanding support whilst representing Squash Australia in a direct capacity such as office-bearer, delegate, selector, coach, referee or manager at National, Regional or International level over a period of at least 10 years.

Note: In 2022 it was decided that previous Distinguished Service Award recipients (2008-2014) had achieved and contributed to Squash and to Squash Australia at a level that made them eligible as Life Members. Those 13 recipients are now listed with Life Members. The Distinguished Service Award level has been discontinued.

## 2.2 Squash Australia Service Awards

These Awards recognise the accomplishment and dedication to Squash by people within the Squash community who have provided outstanding service which enhances the reputation and advancement of Squash. Nominees may have been involved with squash events, working with junior players, or may have given service in coaching, refereeing, or other areas.

There is no required length of service time for these Awards.

Any person or organisation can nominate a member of the Squash community for any Service Award. Nominations must include detailed information on the suitability of a nominee for an Award.

Nominations are to go to the CEO who will pass them on to the Awards Committee for assessment. The Awards Committee will then make recommendations to the Squash Australia Board for ratification.

Not all categories may be awarded each year.





*Note: In 2022 it was decided that previous Australian Junior Championship Service Award recipients (2011-2014) had contributed to Junior Squash in Australia at a level that made them eligible as Service Award Members. The 6 recipients of that Award are now listed with Service Awards. The Australian Junior Championship Service Award level has been discontinued.*

In 2022 many of the Service Awards were named to honour those from the Squash community who have excelled in the areas which they represented.

- Michelle Martin Player of the Year – female
- David Palmer Player of the Year – male
- Sarah Fitz-Gerald Junior Player of the Year - female
- Chris Robertson Junior Player of the Year - male
- Innovator Award
- Keith Walker Coach Award
- David Donnelly Referee Award
- Beverley Gould Service to Juniors Award
- Masters Player of the Year
- Court Owner of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Ted Barlow State/Territory of the Year
- Paul Vear Administrator of the Year



## PRESENTATIONS

Following the final decisions of the Squash Australia Board the CEO will advise those individuals who are to receive a Squash Australia Award, without stating at which level that Award will be. State and Territory Members will be advised in the same way.

The public announcement and official presentation of the Hall of Fame and Service Awards will be made at Squash Australia Awards events.

Squash Australia will provide the following mementoes to Award recipients.

The eight (8) lapel badges will all be of a different design.

### Hall of Fame

#### Athletes

Immortals	A boxed medal and a lapel badge
Legends	A framed certificate and a lapel badge
Members	A framed certificate and a lapel badge
Heather McKay Award	A framed certificate and a lapel badge
Geoff Hunt Award	A framed certificate and a lapel badge
Spirit of Squash Award	A framed certificate and a lapel badge

**General Members** A framed certificate and a lapel badge

**Life Members** A framed certificate and a lapel badge

### Service Awards

**Service Awards** A framed certificate



## RECORDS OF AWARDS

Squash Australia will keep records of all Awards on the Squash Australia website which will be updated annually.

These records will be published with the Squash Australia Annual Report.

The records will include:

- Australian Squash Players, Teams and Individuals who have received Federal Awards for their service to Squash.
- Australian Squash Players, Teams and Individuals who have received Sport Australia Hall of Fame Awards and any other Awards for service to Squash.
- Squash Australia Hall of Fame Members.
- Squash Australia Service Award recipients.
- The years that an Award was given is to be shown for each recipient.
- A list of all Presidents of Squash Australia and their service dates.



## THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

Members will be appointed from time to time by the Squash Australia Board.

To assist the Awards Committee in the nomination process, Squash Australia will provide all statistics necessary to support a candidate's nomination for an Award. These will include:

- Highest world ranking achieved and the number of months that a player was at his/her highest world ranking position.
- Event results including World Open (Junior and Senior), British Open, Masters World Open, PSA Super Series, World Amateur, Commonwealth Games, World Cup, World Doubles, World Teams (Junior and Senior), Australian Junior and Open Championships and any other appropriate events.
- Any other information to assist the Awards Committee.

The Awards Committee will:

- Consider each submission according to established criteria as published in this Policy.
- Decide the individual's or team's suitability for an Award and recommend the level at which an Award should be given.
- Consider any circumstances which may have prevented a player from attaining a No. 1 ranking.
- Consider the nominee's integrity, sportsmanship and character.
- Consider the number of years in which a nominee was involved in squash.
- Nominations to the Board may also be submitted by the Awards Committee.
- Categorise nominations as:
  - Persons who meet the eligibility criteria
  - Persons requiring further research
  - Persons not meeting the eligibility criteria



## APPENDIX A - SQUASH AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

<b>Category of nomination (select one)</b>  <b>ATHLETES</b> Immortal Legend Member Heather McKay Award Geoff Hunt Award Spirit of Squash Award <b>GENERAL MEMBER</b> <b>LIFE MEMBER</b>		
<b>Full name of the nominee</b>		
<b>Nominee's address</b>	Street / PO Box	
	City/Town	
	State	Postcode
<b>Nominee's contact details</b>	Home Phone	
	Mobile	
	Email	
<b>Career achievements of the nominee</b> <i>Include all available information including years of achievements          (If this space is insufficient, please attach a separate document)</i>		
Years competed	Result/s	

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APPENDIX A - SQUASH AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION (page 2)

<b>Highest World ranking achieved</b>	Date Achieved ____/____/____	
<b>Highest Australian ranking achieved</b>	Date Achieved ____/____/____	
<b>List any other recognition the nominee has received for Squash</b>		
<b>Award</b>		<b>Date Received</b>
<b>Impact of nominee's achievements on Squash</b>		
<b>Name of person/organisation making this nomination</b>		
<b>Delegate's name</b>		
<b>Delegate's signature</b>	Date ____/____/____	
<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	<b>Date</b>	
<b>Nomination received</b>	Signature	____/____/____
<b>Decision of Awards Committee and Board</b>	<b>Date</b> ____/____/____	



## APPENDIX B - SQUASH AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION

<b>Category of nomination (select one)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle Martin Player of the Year – female</li> <li>• David Palmer Player of the Year – male</li> <li>• Sarah Fitz-Gerald Junior Player of the Year - female</li> <li>• Chris Robertson Junior Player of the Year - male</li> <li>• Innovator Award</li> <li>• Keith Walker Coach Award</li> <li>• David Donnelly Referee Award</li> <li>• Beverley Gould Service to Juniors Award</li> <li>• Masters Player of the Year</li> <li>• Court Owner of the Year</li> <li>• Club of the Year</li> <li>• Volunteer of the Year</li> <li>• Ted Barlow State/Territory of the Year</li> <li>• Paul Vear Administrator of the Year</li> </ul>	
<b>Full name of the nominee</b>	
<b>Nominee's address</b>	Street / PO Box
	City/Town
	State <span style="float: right;">Postcode</span>
<b>Nominee's contact details</b>	Home Telephone
	Mobile
	Email
<b>Achievements of the nominee (particularly during the year nominated)</b>  <i>(If this space is insufficient, please attach a separate document)</i>	

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APPENDIX B - SQUASH AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION (page 2)

<b>Impact of nominee's achievement on Squash (particularly during the year nominated)</b>  <i>(If this space is insufficient, please attach a separate document)</i>		
<b>Name of person/organisation making this nomination</b>		
<b>Delegate's name</b>		
<b>Delegate's signature</b>	<b>Date</b> ____/____/____	
<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b> <b>Nomination received</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b> ____/____/____
<b>Decision of Awards Committee and Board</b>		<b>Date</b> ____/____/____

