

The "RFU Coaching Awards" provide an opportunity to recognise coaching achievements and value the role that coaching makes to the sport of rugby union.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Anyone can make a nomination by completing an official Coaching Awards Nomination Form, downloadable from www.rfu.com/Taking Part / Coaching.

Nominations need to be submitted by 1st December 2011 to coachawards@rfu.com. The awards ceremony will take place on 5th January 2012, at the National Coaching Conference at Heythrop Park, Oxfordshire. **Please note: All entries must be typed.**

CATEGORIES

THE IAN THOMPSON YOUNG PEOPLE'S COACH OF THE YEAR.

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of a qualified rugby union coach in developing young people through rugby union. The coach will have made an outstanding contribution to the sport by ensuring all of his/her players develop their skills, understanding, enjoyment and lifestyle through the sport.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of the development of skills, understanding and enjoyment through rugby union to young people under the age of 18.
- Evidence of personal coaching development.
- Evidence of player-centred engagement and high-quality coaching
- Examples of innovative practice in developing skills and understanding and retaining players within the sport.

ADULT COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of a rugby union coach in encouraging more adults to stay in and / or succeed in the sport, through high-quality coaching within a club & team environment. The coach will have made an outstanding contribution to the sport by ensuring all of his/her players develop their skills, understanding, enjoyment and lifestyle through the sport.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of the development of skills, understanding and enjoyment through rugby union to players aged 18 and over.
- Evidence of player-centred engagement and high-quality coaching.
- Evidence of personal coaching development.
- Examples of innovative practice in developing skills and understanding and retaining players within the sport.

COACH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

This award is for the Trainer/Coach Educator who has made a significant contribution to the development of individual coaches within England through the delivery of high quality education / development programmes.

This award recognises the outstanding contribution that coach educators make to the training & development of coaches across the country through foundation, qualification and CPD courses or coach mentoring.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of the development and management of coaches
- Evidence of the delivery of coaching structures/ qualifications and programmes.
 - Examples of innovative practice in developing coaching skills and understanding of rugby union in coaches.

CLUB COACHING COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

This award is for the Club Coaching Coordinator who has made a significant contribution to the development of individual coaches within their rugby club. This award recognises the outstanding contribution that CCCs make to the training & development of coaches within their club which helps recruit, retain and develops players.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of the development and management of coaches within their rugby club
- Evidence of their club's coaches accessing coaching qualifications and development programmes.
 - Examples of innovative practice in developing coaches.
 - Evidence of close liaison with CB coaching Committees, and RFU Coach Development staff.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR COACHING EXCELLENCE

This award will be presented to an exceptional candidate to recognise his or her achievements through a lifetime dedicated to coaching rugby union.

What we are looking for:

- Outstanding rugby union coaching practice over a number of years.
- Evidence of support provided to other coaches
- Examples of innovative practice

NOTES FOR NOMINATIONS

- Nominations should include evidence to support and illustrate the impact of the coach in the category specified. This evidence should be supported with facts and figures where possible.
- All nominees must hold a RFU or recognised equivalent coaching qualification.
- All nominees should have made a significant impact on increasing opportunities for participation and/or improving players' performance within the period 1st December 2010-1st December 2011.
- The judging panel can only take into account information supplied on the nomination form.
- Evidence of how the coach has left a lasting legacy within their environment.