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The UK Coaching Awards provide the opportunity to thank coaches and coaching organisations for their dedication and to recognise their achievements.

The awards are split into two categories:

- Awards for Coaches: These awards reward individual coaches who have shown outstanding commitment and achieved excellent results.
- Awards in Support of Coaches: These awards recognise the achievements of those who work in the education, development and deployment of coaches.

The awards will be presented at a glittering event at The Jumeirah Carlton Tower in London on the evening of Tuesday 29 November 2011.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Anyone can make a nomination by completing an official UK Coaching Awards nomination form. These forms can be downloaded from the sports coach UK website www.sportscoachuk.org

Completed nomination forms must be received by Friday 30 September via email to events@sportscoachuk.org or printed out and posted to:

**UK Coaching Awards 2011 Nominations
sports coach UK
Chelsea Close
Off Amberley Road
Armley, Leeds LS12 4HP**

Please note: All entries must be typed and not handwritten.



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Award Categories

This section gives descriptions of the award categories, together with key evidence the judging panel will look for when making its decision. These descriptions are particularly useful when completing the Additional Supporting Information section on the nomination forms.

Awards for Coaches

These awards are for individual coaches who have shown outstanding commitment and achieved excellent results in a certain area or with a certain individual and/or group over the last 12 months.

1 CHILDREN'S COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of a children's coach to the development of basic skills (within the FUNdamentals and Learning to Play and Practice stages of the Participation Development Model).

What we are looking for:

- A coach of young people under the age of 16
- Evidence of the development of basic skills through fun in sport
- Evidence of appropriate player-centred engagement and high-quality coaching
- Examples of innovative practice.

2 PARTICIPATION COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of a coach to getting more people starting, staying and/or succeeding in sport through high-quality coaching.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of the impact the coach has had on widening access to sport through high-quality coaching
- Evidence of working within a specific community, particularly low-participation groups
- Examples of innovative practice.

3 PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the achievements of a coach in developing emerging and young performers in sport.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of innovative practice
- Evidence of player-centred, high-quality coaching that encourages the development of performance within sport and nurtures talent.

4 HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the achievements of a coach working with athletes at the highest level of performance in sport.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of player-centred development leading to successful performance within sport
- Evidence of national or international achievements by the coach's athletes
- Examples of innovative practice.

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Awards for Coaches (continued)

5 THE HEATHER CROUCH YOUNG COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognises the important work carried out by an up-and-coming coach through his or her achievements to date.

What we are looking for:

- A coach who is 25 years of age or under (on 30 September 2011)
- Evidence of creativity and determination in development as a coach
- Evidence of the provision of opportunities and dedicated support to performers to help them reach their goals
- Examples of innovative practice.

6 UK COACH OF THE YEAR

The 2011 UK Coach of the Year will be selected from the winners of the following awards:

- Children's Coach of the Year
- Participation Coach of the Year
- Performance Development Coach of the Year
- High Performance Coach of the Year.

7 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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

8 THE COACHING CHAIN AWARD

This award recognises the contributions made by a group of individuals throughout an athlete's life in helping achieve his or her potential. The judging panel will collectively decide on the nominees for this award.



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Additional Information about Nominations for Awards for Coaches

Key points to consider:

- 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 recognised governing body of sport coaching qualification.
- Governing body endorsement must be sought prior to submission. This can be organised through the lead coaching officer.*
- All nominees should have made a significant impact on increasing opportunities for participation and/or improving athletes' performance within the period 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011.
- The judging panel can only take into account information supplied on the nomination form.

- Evidence should be provided to highlight the following:

– Safe, player-centred coaching

Evidence of how the coach safeguards his or her athlete(s), and provides suitable coaching to meet their needs for their stage of development.

– Coaching with legacy

Evidence of how the coach has left a lasting legacy within the sport or environment. This could be through the development of other coaches, the lasting opportunities now available to participants or alternative enhancement within the sport. It also includes the development of a specific athlete or group of athletes.



* Please note, sports coach UK will verify all endorsements with the relevant governing body of sport before the nomination is processed. sports coach UK reserves the right to support governing bodies of sport with regards to their endorsement of nominations for the UK Coaching Awards.

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Awards in Support of Coaches

These awards recognise those who work to develop, educate and/or effectively deploy coaches in the UK.

9 COACH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

This award is for an individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of coaching and individual coaches in the UK through delivery of effective education programmes.

What we are looking for:

- Must be an individual
- Evidence of the development and management of coaches
- Evidence of coaching research/authorship
- Evidence of the development of coaching as a profession
- Evidence of the delivery of coaching structures/qualifications and programmes.

10 GOVERNING BODY OF THE YEAR

This award is for a governing body that has made a significant contribution to the development of a coaching system and individual coaches in the UK.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of developing coaching as a profession, Coach Education qualifications and/or innovative continuous professional development programmes
- Evidence of contributing to the development and delivery of coaching structures.

11 COACHING INTERVENTION OF THE YEAR

This award is for a project/programme or contributions made by an agency to enhance activity using coaching as the means to get more people starting/staying/succeeding in sport through access to high quality coaching.

What we are looking for:

- Evidence of more people starting/staying/succeeding in sport
- Evidence of innovative practice/legacy/new-and-sustained opportunities through the running of this project or programme
- Evidence of a particular area of the community in which this project or programme is delivered
- Evidence of how this project or programme has enhanced the development and deployment of quality coaches.

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Additional Information about Nominations for Awards in Support of Coaches

Key points to consider:

- Nominations should include evidence to support the impact of the nominee in the category specified. This evidence should be supported by facts and figures where possible.
- Governing body endorsement must be sought prior to submission for sport-specific nominees. This can be organised through the lead coaching officer.*
- All nominees within the Awards in Support of Coaches categories, who work to develop, educate and/or effectively deploy coaches, should have made significant impact within the period 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011.
- The judging panel can only take into account information supplied on the nomination form.

- Evidence should be provided to highlight the following:

– Effective coach support

Evidence of how the nominee safeguards his/her/their/its athletes, and provides suitable coaching through effective coach development.

– Coaching with legacy

Evidence of how the nominee has left a lasting legacy within the sport or environment. This could be through the development of others, the lasting opportunities now available to participants or alternative enhancement within the sport.



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