



Awards Policy

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1. Scope

1.1. This Policy outlines the Awards of the Association, and how they are awarded.

2. Definitions

2.1. The definitions stated in clause 2.1 of the Policies Policy and clause 2.2 of the Squad Policy apply to this Policy.

3. Awards of the Association

3.1. The Association shall recognise the following Awards:

- (a) New Zealand Canoe Polo Association Medal.
- (b) Most valued Coach.
- (c) Most valued Administrator.
- (d) Most valued Referee.
- (e) Most Valuable Player (MVP).
- (f) Most Player Potential (MPP).
- (g) Players' Player (PP).
- (h) New Zealand University Blue in Canoe Polo.

4. New Zealand Canoe Polo Association Medal

4.1. New Zealand Canoe Polo Association Medals shall be awarded by the Association as it sees fit in order to recognise and reward any special contribution to Canoe Polo nationally.

- (a) The Association Medal should be considered the highest award of the Association.
- (b) More than one person may be awarded an Association Medal in any one year.

4.2. This award may only be won once by any person.

5. Most Valued Coach, Administrator and Referee Awards

5.1. The Coach, Administrator and Referee of the Year Awards shall be awarded annually.

- (a) The purpose of each award is to recognise and reward the most significant contributors, within the specified calendar year, to the success of Canoe Polo nationally.
- (b) Nominees are not required to be in a national position, however people must be nominated for their coaching role for the Coach of the Year Award, for their administration role for the Administrator Award, and for their refereeing role for the Refereeing Award.

6. Nominations and Voting for Most Valued Coach, Administrator and Referee Awards

6.1. The Executive Director shall call for nominations for these awards in November and provide nomination forms electronically.

6.2. Nominations for these awards may be made by any Member or Member Body of the Association up until the time nominations close. Nominations will close on 31 December.

6.3 Nominee names, their nomination information and an electronic voting form will be sent out to the Clubs and Regions by 31 January.

6.4 Voting will close on 28 February.

(a) The awards for Most Valued Coach, Administrator and Referee will be awarded to the nominee with the most votes.

6.5. The result will be collated by the Communications Director or Voting Administrator (who cannot be a person eligible for an award). The outcome will remain confidential until the awards ceremony.

7. Nominations and Voting for New Zealand Canoe Polo Medal

7.1. The Executive Director shall call for nominations for this award in November and provide nomination forms electronically.

7.2. Nominations for this award may be made by any Member or Member Body of the Association up until the time nominations close. Nominations will close on 31 December.

7.3 The Executive Director will co-ordinate a panel to review the nominations and decide which, if any, award nominees will be recipients of the award.

(a) The panel will consist of four to six members. At least three of these members will be the most recent recipients of the Canoe Polo Medal who are willing to take on this responsibility. A Board member will be appointed to this panel who will also be responsible for facilitating the panel. Up to two additional Medal winners may also be appointed.

(b) The panel may discuss the nominations in person, virtually or by electronic communication and may do further research if necessary.

(d) The Board can provide guidelines to the panel to help them with their decision making rationale.

(c) The panel must come to a consensus on the recipients before the Association's Award Ceremony.

(d) The panel must not disclose their decision, or details of any discussion to anyone outside the Awards Panel by any means other than delivery of the result in a sealed envelope to the master of the Association's Award Ceremony.

8. Most Valuable Player, Players' Player and Most Player Potential Awards

8.1. The Most Valuable Player (MVP), Players' Player (PP) and Most Player Potential (MPP) Awards of the Association may be awarded annually following international competition.

(a) The purpose of the MVP award are to identify and reward those with the best playing contribution at an elite level over the last year.

(b) The purpose of the PP awards are to identify and reward those recognised by their team as making a major contribution to the team at an elite level.

(c) The purpose of the MPP awards are to identify and reward those with the most potential of making a major playing contribution at an elite level in the next two years.

8.2. Most Valuable Player Award categories shall be as follows where teams in the relevant category have competed at an international event in the previous 12 months:

(a) U18 Men

(b) U18 Women

(c) U21 Men

(d) U21 Women

(e) Senior Men

(f) Senior Women

(g) Veterans

(h) Masters

8.3. Players' Player categories shall be as follows where teams in the relevant category have competed at an international event in the previous 12 months:

(a) U18 Men A

(b) U18 Women A

(c) U21 Men A

(d) U21 Women A

(e) Senior Men A

(f) Senior Women A

(g) Veterans A

(h) Masters A

8.4. Most Player Potential Award categories shall be as follows where teams in the relevant category have competed at an international event in the previous 12 months:

(a) U18 Men

(b) U18 Women

(c) U21 Men

(d) U21 Women

8.5. The Board shall appoint an Award Panel of between three and five persons to select the recipients of the Most Valuable Player and Most Player Potential Awards. Members of the Award Panel shall:

(a) Have an intimate knowledge of elite play for that year.

(b) Not themselves' be contenders for the awards.

(c) Come to a consensus on the recipients before the Association's Award Ceremony.

(d) Not disclose their decision, or details of any discussion to anyone outside the Awards Panel by any means other than delivery of the result in a sealed envelope to the master of the Association's Award Ceremony.

8.6. The Board may appoint one or more Awards Panels to select the various categories of award

8.7. Players' Player will be voted on by team members immediately following the conclusion of the Campaign. The Executive Director will be responsible for recording this. The outcome will remain confidential until the awards ceremony. All Players in a Team must be given the opportunity to vote for that Team's Players' Player. Each Player is entitled to vote once and may vote for any Team member excluding themselves. If the vote does not provide a clear winner (half the votes or more), then an award will not be given.

9. New Zealand University Blues Awards

9.1. Nominations for New Zealand Universities Blues Awards may be made or endorsed by the Association according to the following criteria:

(a) Only those players selected into senior A representative teams shall be eligible.

(b) Players shall not have brought the sport of canoe polo into disrepute. No player who has been suspended for any period of that year for unsporting behaviour shall be eligible for nomination.

10. Eligibility

10.1. Eligibility criteria for these awards shall include:

(a) All recipients must be members of the Association.

(b) Players shall not have brought the sport of canoe polo into disrepute. No nominee who has been suspended for any period of that year shall be eligible for an award.

11. Awards Ceremony

11.1. All awards for the year shall be made at the Association's Annual Award Ceremony.

12. Revoking of Awards

12.1. A General Meeting may revoke by vote awards recognised or awarded by the Association. The notification for motion for such a vote shall be the same as for remits to the meeting.