

# Coach of the Year

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## Award Description

The Ellenbrook Eels Netball Club Coach of the Year award is a prestigious accolade designed to recognize and celebrate a coach who has exemplified exceptional coaching abilities and unwavering dedication to nurturing the growth and development of individual players and the team as a whole. This award acknowledges a coach who embodies the club's core values of Family, Mentoring, and Diversity, while consistently upholding the principles of fun, fairness, participation, and respect. The recipient of this award has gone above and beyond to create a positive and inclusive environment, shaping athletes not only on the court but also in their personal lives.

## Award Criteria

Coaches are evaluated based on the following criteria. While coaches do not need to fulfill every criterion, the more they embody, the stronger their candidacy becomes:

- **Game Knowledge and Competency:** Demonstrates a deep understanding of netball rules, game systems, and a coherent coaching philosophy that aligns with the club's values.
- **Sportsmanship and Integrity:** Operates within the local rules and the spirit of the game, instilling in players a sense of fair play, honesty, and respect for opponents by setting an example.
- **Safe and Enjoyable Environment:** Provides a meticulously organized, safe, and enjoyable training and playing environment that fosters skill development, teamwork, and player growth.
- **Player-Centric Approach:** Displays a keen awareness of individual players' needs, focusing on their holistic development both on and off the court.
- **Positive Relationships:** Establishes mutually respectful relationships with game officials, opponents, parents, and supporters, contributing to a harmonious sports community.



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- **Exemplary Behaviour:** Models considerate behaviour both on and off the field, consistently exhibiting sportsmanship, positive attitude, and ethical conduct.
- **Role models Values of the club:** models the values of the Club both on and off the field, consistently exhibiting respect, empathy, positive attitude, and ethical conduct
- **Effective Communication:** Demonstrates excellent communication and interpersonal skills, ensuring effective conveyance of ideas, strategies, and feedback to players and stakeholders.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Shows commitment to personal growth as a coach and the advancement of players' skills by regularly introducing innovative coaching methods.
- **Administrative Diligence:** Fulfills all management and administration tasks promptly and effectively as requested by the club.

## Nomination Process

Nominees for the Coach of the Year award are drawn from all coaches of the Winter season. The selection process involves collaboration between the Head Coach and the Ellenbrook Eels Netball Club Executive Committee. Nominations are evaluated based on the award criteria, and the coach who best exemplifies these qualities is chosen as the recipient of the Coach of the Year award.

The recipient is celebrated for their outstanding contributions to player development, team success, and the promotion of the club's values. The chosen individual will be celebrated for their outstanding contributions at the Club Wind Up, acknowledging their vital role in making the Ellenbrook Eels Netball Club a thriving and inclusive community.

