



Annual Awards Guidelines

Waikato Table Tennis Association

PURPOSE

These Guidelines have been created to provide a simple, objective and transparent model to be used by the Committee in assessing the recipients for WkTTA's annual awards.

DEFINITIONS

Player is a New Zealand resident who is a fully paid up Member of the Association and has been a Member for at least three (3) months prior to the Awards being determined. Where applicable, they must also have selected Waikato as their club in the TTNZ Open Ranking system and have represented Waikato in team events.

Junior is any Player under the age 19.

Veteran is any Player 40 years or older.

Age is the Player's age as at 31 December the previous year.

TTNZ Open Ranking (or Ranking) is a system used by TTNZ which rates table tennis players by awarding points which is based on their progress through TTNZ sanctioned tournaments.

Award is a trophy or certificate given to a Player for their performance over the previous year.

Award Committee if so convened, are those designated by the Management Committee to undertake the evaluation and recommendations for the various Awards. Otherwise, the Management Committee assumes this role.

Management Committee is the WkTTA Committee managing the affairs of the organisation.

Final Decision on all Awards will rest with the Management Committee.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards fall into one of 3 categories as:

- Competitive Player Awards
- Club Awards
- Social Awards



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1. COMPETITIVE PLAYER AWARDS

Aimed at those Players who regularly play in TTNZ events and thus will be registered in the TTNZ Ranking system. In addition, they must have selected Waikato as their chosen club.

Player assessment will be based on the TTNZ Open Ranking system in the first instance. However, where Players have represented New Zealand in international competitions and have thus been unable to accumulate points in domestic competitions during this time, then this will be factored into a final determination.

Award	Meaning
Player of the Year	“Waikato’s highest ranked player who has achieved this through successes competing at international, national and local level throughout the year”. No age restriction.
Veteran Man	“Waikato’s highest ranked veteran male player who has achieved this through successes competing at international, national and local level throughout the year”. Male 40 years or older.
Veteran Woman	“Waikato’s highest ranked veteran female player who has achieved this through successes competing at international, national and local level throughout the year”. Female 40 years or older
Open Male	“Waikato’s highest ranked male player who has achieved this through successes competing at international, national and local level throughout the year”. No age restriction.
Open Female	“Waikato’s highest ranked female player who has achieved this through successes competing at international, national and local level throughout the year”. No age restriction.
Junior Girl	“Waikato’s highest ranked junior female player who has achieved this through successes competing at international, national and local level throughout the year”. Female under 19 years.



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Award	Meaning
Junior Boy	“Waikato’s highest ranked junior male player who has achieved this through successes competing at international, national and local level throughout the year”. Male under 19 years.

Notes:

1. The same person will receive both the ‘Player of the Year Award’ along with one other of the remaining six awards.
2. Other than ‘Player of the Year’, no Player will receive more than one award.
3. Where a Veteran or Junior Player is also placed first in the Open Award, then they shall retain the Open Award, and give up the Veteran or Junior Award to the next lowest rank player below them.



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2. CLUB AWARDS

The Waikato Closed medal winners as well as those Players who primarily play at our regular club events but *can include* those in the Competitive Category.

Award	Awarded To
Mens Singles Closed Champion	Mens player who won at the Waikato Closed championship.
Mens B Singles Closed Champion	Mens player who won the B Group at the Waikato Closed championship.
Womens Singles Closed Champion	Womens player who won at the Waikato Closed championship.

Award	Meaning	Awarded by
Para Athlete of the Year	“This award recognizes an exceptional para athlete who has displayed outstanding commitment, perseverance and excellence in the sport.”	Nominated by coaches with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.
Daytime Player of the Year	“The player considered an exemplary example to others who has played regularly in the social event calendar”	Nominated by Event Managers with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.
Most Improved Girl	“The junior girl who is considered to have improved most over the year.” Female under 19 years.	Nominated by coaches with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.
Highly Commended Girl	“The junior girl who has demonstrated great potential and commitment to the sport.” Female under 19 years.	Nominated by coaches with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.
Most Improved Boy	“The junior boy who is considered to have improved most over the year.” Male under 19 years.	Nominated by coaches with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.



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Highly Commended Boy	“The junior boy who has demonstrated great potential and commitment to the sport.” Male under 19 years.	Nominated by coaches with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.



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3. SOCIAL AWARDS

Aimed at those members and volunteers who are recognised for their work / contribution to the Association over the last year.

Note:

1. The Athol Attwood Memorial Cup may not be awarded in a particular year.

Award	Meaning	Awarded by
Athol Attwood Memorial Cup:	“In recognition of the individual’s outstanding contribution in promoting, enhancing and inspiring table tennis in the Waikato.”	Nominations are open to all members with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.
Administrator of the Year	“In recognition of an individual’s achievements, dedication, and contributions to efficiency, leadership and organisation that has contributed to the success of the Association over the last year”	Nominations from the Management Committee with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.
Volunteer of the Year	“As a token of the individual’s dedication, commitment, and the positive impact of their selfless service for the Association over the last year.”	Nominations are open to all members with a final recommendation by the Awards Committee.