



GBWR Awards & Recognition

Principles

Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby (GBWR) has a rich history and owes its very existence and development over the years to many individuals who have contributed to the development of the sport. From the early days of the GBWR Association run entirely by volunteers through to today where the sport is professionally managed, but still in the main delivered by volunteers, there are those who have shown an extraordinary commitment to our aim of building wheelchair rugby communities.

The principle behind the GBWR Awards is very simple – it is to recognise, celebrate and record those who have made an exceptional, significant and long term contribution to the sport.

Categories of Award

Honorary Life Member of Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby

- This is the highest honour GBWR can bestow. It is awarded in recognition of exceptional service and commitment to the sport over a considerable period of time
- Nominees for the award could include: Volunteers, Members, Employed Staff, Board Members, Partners (eg a long term Fundraiser or Sponsor)
- Nominations for the award are considered by the Awards Panel annually but it is not anticipated that there would necessarily be an award made every year
- Transition arrangements. In year one of the award a maximum of 3 Honorary Memberships will be awarded
- A nominee can be considered posthumously

Details of the Award

- The award is for exceptional service and as such the candidate must have demonstrated that he or she has shown commitment to the values of GBWR and to have made a demonstrable positive and lasting impact to the sport over a considerable period of time. As this is the highest honour GBWR can bestow, the nominee must have consistently demonstrated a selfless commitment to the sport and their contribution will have made an impact across the whole sport.
- The Award would take the form of a framed Certificate and an engraved glass bowl.
- There would be a separate page on the GBWR website which listed the Honorary Members with the background to their award



Past Honorary Life Member of Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby

- On the death of an Honorary Life Member the award holder's name will be placed on a Past Honorary Life Member's Roll of Honour. This will form a separate page on the GBWR website
- Transition arrangements will include consideration of awards to individuals who meet the criteria of the award but who are now deceased. Their names will be placed on the Roll of Honour

Outstanding Service to Sport

- The Outstanding Service to Sport Award will be awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to a particular activity or multiple activities over a considerable period of time. Examples might include National and Club Coaches, Referees and Officials, Classifiers, those who manage particular programmes such as those for young people or disadvantaged groups.
- Nominations for the award are considered by the Awards Panel annually and it is anticipated that there would be no more than one or two awards made each year.
- Transition arrangements. In year one a maximum of 3 Outstanding Service Awards will be considered

Details of the Award

- The award is for outstanding service and as such the candidate must have demonstrated that he or she has shown commitment to the values of GBWR and that many individuals will have benefited from their work. The individual will have set such high standards as to set themselves apart from their peers so as to warrant them being the recipient of the award
- The Award would take the form of a framed Certificate and an engraved medal
- There would be a page listing award winners on the GBWR website

GBWR Hall of Fame

- The GBWR Hall of Fame will recognise athletes who have represented Great Britain and in specified international competitions over a number of years and whose skill and achievements are such that they can be celebrated as among the best in the world

Details of the Award

- Athletes will be eligible if they have represented GB in any of the following tournaments:
 - Paralympic Games
 - World Championships



- European Championships
 - World Wheelchair Rugby Challenge
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- Athletes will have demonstrated a commitment to the values of GBWR and will have demonstrated a willingness to support the development of less experienced athletes and to have supported community engagement and the wider development of the sport
 - The award will take the form of a framed red cap with the GBWR logo and Hall of Fame embroidered into it.
 - There would be a separate Hall of Fame page on the GBWR website
 - Nominations for the award are considered by the Awards Panel every two years and it is anticipated that there would be no more than one award made on each occasion
 - Transition arrangements. In year one a maximum of 3 Awards will be considered

Great Britain Record of Caps

- Any athlete who represents Great Britain in any of the tournaments above will be listed in the Great Britain Record of Caps. Listings will be by name with the record alongside eg:

Fred Blogs E. 2019, 2021,2025 W. 2022, 2024, 2028 PG. 2020, 2024 (Captain) 2028
WWRC: 2019 (Captain) 2023

E = European Championships W = World Championships PG = Paralympic Games
WWRC = World Wheelchair Rugby Challenge

Who May Make A Nomination

- Anyone may nominate anyone else by completing the form and forwarding it to the Compliance & Membership Secretary as detailed on the form.

Completing the Form

- It is important to ensure that as much information as possible is provided about your nomination. In particular, do explain what the impact and actual contribution the person has made. You can use additional sheets of paper if you wish.

When to Make a Nomination

- There are no deadlines for the receipt of nomination forms but the Honours & Awards Panel will consider awards in October of each year and the GBWR Honours and Awards List will be published on the GBWR website on 1 January each year.

Unsuccessful Nominations



- If your nominee has is not successful after 2 years you can assume the nomination has elapsed. You may re-nominate them by completing a new nomination form.

Letters of Support

- A minimum of two Letters of support are required to accompany the nomination form. They should be from people with first-hand knowledge of the nominee. They should outline their knowledge of the nominee and supply additional information where possible.

Award Panel

- The Award Panel will comprise:
 - Independent Non Executive Director of the Board of Trustees to act as Chair (currently Mary Daunt)
 - One Elected Director of the Board of Trustees (An Elected Director is one of the two Directors who specifically come from the sport (currently John Nutman, Andy Barrow and Mike Spence)
 - One Pool Member (It is intended to form a Pool of up to 8 long-standing Members which the Chair of the Award Panel can draw from)
 - GB Head Coach for Hall of Fame Awards only
- The CEO GBWR will act as Secretary to the Award Panel but will have no right of comment on nominees