

National Award Information

2009



Nominations due Friday 12th February

Annual National Awards

It is important that the coaches, officials and other volunteers who work hard to ensure enjoyable, safe experiences within Cheerleading are recognised for their contributions and achievements. The Annual National Cheerleading Awards are designed to do just that – acknowledge Cheerleading members for their outstanding contributions, achievements and dedication to the sport.

Eligibility

Nominees will be assessed on achievements and/or initiatives developed and implemented over the previous 12 months (January 1 – December 31, 2009).

Categories

One award will be presented in each of the following categories:

- Coach of the Year
- Official (Judge) of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Special Recognition Award

Nomination Requirements

- Nominations should return the completed nomination form with supporting information attached
- Information supplied may be utilised by AUS Cheer for educational or promotional purposes
- Nominees may be approached for publicity purposes
- The selection panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- Representatives may be nominated for one or more categories, however a separate nomination form and supporting material is required for each category
- AUS Cheer must receive nominations by Friday 12th February 2010
- Award recipients will be informed by letter and will be announced in the Latest News on AUS Cheer's website
- Awards will presented at the 2010 Australian Grand Championships Oct 2-3, Melbourne

How to Apply

- Complete the Nomination Form
- Provide supporting evidence addressing the selection criteria for the nominated award category
- Make a copy of the nomination to keep as a record as no documentation will be returned
- Send the complete nomination package to:

AUS Cheer
Attn: Nerine Cooper
32 Cleeland Road
Oakleigh South, VIC 3167
fax: 03 9271 0599
email: ncooper@auscheer.org.au

All nominations must be received by **Friday 12th February, 2009**



★ **Coach of the Year Award**

This award is to recognise the dedication, achievement and/or contribution made by an Accredited Cheerleading Coach. A nominee:

- Must be an Accredited Cheerleading Technical Member with Gymnastics Australia during 2009
- Must be working within a Club affiliated with Gymnastics Australia
- May be earning an income within Cheerleading
- Would have dedicated an enormous amount of time and/or resources to the development, implementation or delivery of cheerleading programs
- Would have achieved outstanding results within the field of Cheerleading which could relate to:
 - Representation of their athletes at State, National or International Cheerleading events
 - Invitation to lecture at National or International workshops, events, or courses
- Would have contributed to the development of Cheerleading via the development and implementation of “leading” participation programs within the community
 - Improving the standard of participation programs within their club or State through unique initiatives
 - Active involvement at a State or National level with regards to the development and delivery of cheerleading activities

Selection Criteria

- Describe the dedication, achievement or contribution that has been made by the Coach, and how this has promoted and/or encouraged participation in Cheerleading
- Describe how the Coach has contributed to the development and delivery of quality Cheerleading programs
- Describe any significant changes that have occurred as a result of the coach’s involvement in Cheerleading

There is no limit as to the number of times an accredited coach may be nominated and/or receive this award.

★ **Official of the Year Award**

This award is to recognise the dedication, achievement and/or contribution made by an Accredited Cheerleading Judge. A nominee:

- Must be an Accredited Cheerleading Technical Member with Gymnastics Australia during 2009
- Would have dedicated an enormous amount of time and resources by officiating at events and attending ongoing education activities
- May have contributed to the development of Cheerleading via the development and delivery of judges education within the community

Selection Criteria

- Describe the dedication, achievement or contribution that has been made by the Official
- Describe how the Official has contributed to the development and delivery of quality judges education programs
- Describe any significant changes that have occurred as a result of the Official’s involvement in Cheerleading

There is no limit as to the number of times an accredited coach may be nominated and/or receive this award.



★ **Volunteer of the Year Award**

This award is to recognise either:

- an individual who has made a significant contribution to Cheerleading at any level, through their involvement as a volunteer; or
- an association, committee or club who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer management practices specifically related to any area of Cheerleading.

A nominee:

- May be an individual, a group of people, or a governing body
- Must be a member or associated with a club affiliated with Gymnastics Australia
- May be earning an income within Cheerleading but not principally for the activity for which they are being nominated

Selection Criteria

Individual Volunteer

- Provide evidence of the contribution that has been made by the individual, and how this has encouraged participation in Cheerleading, or assisted with the development, promotion or delivery of Cheerleading
- Describe any significant changes that have occurred within Cheerleading as a result of the volunteer's contributions

Association, Committee or Club

- Provide evidence of the contribution that has been made to enhance the area of Cheerleading by the group. Specifically describe the outstanding initiative(s) with regards to any of the following:
 - Policy and Planning (how the organisation works with and manages volunteers)
 - Recruitment (strategies to recruit, communication)
 - Training (type and/or process used to determine training requirements)
 - Recognition (how volunteers are recognised)
 - Publicity/Promotion (how volunteers and volunteering are promoted)
- Describe any significant changes that have occurred within Cheerleading as a result of the Volunteer Management area.

There is no limit as to the number of times an individual or group may be nominated and/or receive this award

★ **Special Recognition Award**

The National Cheerleading Commission allocates this award.

The awardee:

- Must be a registered Technical Member for Cheerleading with Gymnastics Australia, or a member of club affiliated with Gymnastics Australia, during 2009

Selection Criteria

- Have made a significant contribution to Cheerleading or a specific Cheerleading project

There is no limit as to the number of times this award may be awarded to a person.



**2009 National Cheerleading Awards
Nomination Form**



Award Categories (Please tick the appropriate category)

- ★ **Volunteer of the Year**
- ★ **Coach of the Year**
- ★ **Official (Judge) of the Year**

Nominee Details

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is the Nominee aware of the nomination: YES if yes provide signature NO

Nominees Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Details

Name of Person responsible for submission: _____

Organisation/Club: _____

Role in Cheerleading: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please ensure that a copy of evidence supporting the Selection Criteria is attached with this nomination form and returned to:

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