

Sports Leaders UK

Volunteer of the Year Award

Recognising the impact of sports leadership and volunteering
on sport and the community



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Sports Leaders UK is the awarding body for a wide variety of leadership awards and qualifications. These awards and qualifications develop the life skills, confidence and potential of thousands of people throughout the UK.

Over one million people will gain a Sports Leaders UK award or qualification before 2012.

Sports leadership and volunteering really does make a difference. The Sports Leaders UK Volunteer of the Year Award recognises those Sports Leaders who have used their sports leadership skills to make a significant contribution to their local communities.

The Sports Leaders UK Award:

- Highlights the excellent work that is going on across the UK by our Sports Leaders
- Celebrates sports leadership and its impact on British sport
- Champions the contribution that Sports Leaders make to their communities
- Encourages more people to become Sports Leaders
- Encourages more people to volunteer in their communities and strengthen opportunities to get involved and active in every community
- Provides Sports Leaders UK with sports leadership ambassadors
- Recognises those Sports Leaders who have made a special commitment to volunteering in their communities
- Enables a massive 'thank you' to be said to the thousands of Sports Leaders who give up their time for the benefit of others.

Criteria

All nominees should meet the following criteria as a minimum:

- Hold a Sports Leaders UK award or qualification
- Be at least 14 years of age
- Have completed at least an additional 10 hours volunteering in their community since becoming a Sports Leader
- Have gone the extra mile to develop their leadership skills and volunteer their time for the benefit of their local community.

The nomination process

The Sports Leaders UK Volunteer of the Year Award nomination form needs to be completed and posted to Sports Leaders UK. The form is at the back of this information. The form requires the following information:

- Details of the person to be nominated
- Details of the person nominating
- Place or places where the nominee undertakes their volunteering
- Name and/or number of their AAC
- A brief justification for the nomination, describing the difference that they are making to the community around them.

The nomination form must be signed and supported by one other responsible adult who can verify that the Sports Leader has undertaken the volunteering. Anybody involved in the nomination of the Sports Leader must be prepared to receive a telephone call from a Sports Leaders UK representative who may need to confirm details. The Sports Leaders UK Recognition Panel will consider all applications; each nominee will receive a certificate. Successful nominees who are shortlisted for the Sports Leaders UK Volunteer of the Year Award will be invited to receive their certificates at the 'Leaders For Life Convention 2009' at the MK Dons Stadium on 4th July.

What happens next?

Sports Leader UK Volunteer of the Year Award celebrations will take place as part of the Sports Leaders UK National event – 'Leaders for Life Convention 2009'. The Sports Leaders UK Volunteer of Year Award will be presented in front of a prestigious audience later on in the year. The successful Sports Leader will receive the Presidents Cup and their prize. This person will then become the Sports Leaders UK Volunteer Ambassador.

What will the Sports Leaders UK Volunteer Ambassador actually do?

Once the award is presented, the winner will hold the position for 12 months until the next annual event. The Sports Leaders UK Volunteer Ambassador may be involved in a variety of different activities including:

- Attendance at Sports Leaders UK national events
- Handover of the title of the Sports Leaders UK Volunteer Ambassador at the next annual Sports Leaders UK National Convention.

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Volunteer of the Year Award Nomination Form

Name of person nominating:	
Address of the person nominating:	
E-mail of the person nominating:	
Phone Number of the person nominating:	
Name of the person to be nominated for the award:	
Name and/or Number of AAC	
Place (or places) where this person volunteers:	

<p>In the following space, please write a brief description on why you are nominating this person for the award. Please describe the difference that you feel they are making to the community around them and why you feel they have 'gone the extra mile' and deserve this award:</p>	
Signature of person nominating: _____	Signature of second responsible adult: _____
Print Name: _____	Print Name: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

Please return this form to Erin Clarke, Sports Leaders UK, 23-25 Linford Forum, Rockingham Drive, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes. MK14 6LY. Telephone: 01908 689180 Fax: 01908 393744 Web: www.sportsleaders.org.
 It may also be e-mailed to Sports Leaders UK at contact@sportsleaders.org