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**To:** Affiliate Associations, Governing & Delegated Bodies  
**From:** Wayne Bird, Chief Executive Officer  
**Subject:** 2009 Annual Awards Function & Award Nominations  
**Date:** 10 February 2010

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It is my pleasure to invite you to submit nominations for the *2009 Basketball Victoria Annual Awards*. Each year the Awards recognise the valuable work of Victorian basketball associations, as well as individuals from within the Victorian basketball community.

I encourage all associations, large and small, to submit nominations and attend the Awards Function which will be held on Thursday 29 April 2010 at Merrimu Receptions, Murrumbeena.

#### **Nomination Categories**

*The categories for which nominations are being accepted include:*

##### ***Jack Carter Memorial Award***

This award is given to the Basketball Administrator of the Year. The award recognises an administrator for their outstanding contribution to Victorian basketball during 2009. The administrator may be recognised for their work in areas such as developmental activities, increased participation numbers, management skills, facility development, marketing activities or financial achievements.

##### ***Allan Ashe Memorial Award***

This award is given to the Basketball Volunteer of the Year. This award recognises an individual for the contribution they have made to the sport in a voluntary capacity over a significant number of years, as well as their ongoing efforts in 2009.

##### ***Basketball Association of the Year***

This award recognises an outstanding association that experienced significant achievements in 2009. The selection committee will consider achievements such as membership and participation growth, new program development, community involvement, venue development, strategic planning and championship results among other achievements.

##### ***Best Referees Program***

The winning program will be selected upon their achievements through development activities, regular training programs, effective supervision, increased referee numbers and improved refereeing standards.

##### ***Most Improved Junior Program***

Championship results, the coordination of specialist clinics and other development activities, involvement with local schools and an association's competitions and programs at domestic and representative levels will be considered in selecting the winning association.

### ***Media Awards***

The media awards recognise local, or metropolitan, media that has supported the sport of basketball at a grass roots level in 2009. The categories are:

- Best Regional Coverage for 2009 – this award will recognise a publication, or program, for their ongoing coverage of basketball throughout 2009
- Best Regional Photograph - this award will recognise the photographer of the best published photograph in 2009
- Best Regional Story - this award will recognise the journalist of the best basketball story published in 2009

### ***Coach of the Year – Male and Female***

These awards will recognise a male and a female coach who have made a significant contribution to the sport in 2009.

### ***Official of the Year – Male and Female***

These awards will recognise a male or female referee, scorebench official or statistician who has made a significant contribution throughout 2009.

### ***Domestic Coach of the Year Award***

This award recognises the efforts of a coach who is involved in your Associations domestic program. To be nominated, the person must have coached in your domestic program for a minimum five (5) years, including at least the last three (3) years. They must have demonstrable record of good sportsmanship and support for referees and their contribution should be across more than one age group of both gender.

Selection criteria:

- Demonstrable efforts to obtain education and development resulting improved understanding of the game;
- Testimonies to teaching ability, player and game management and dedication to the task;
- Testimonies as a role model for players; and
- Length of service

### **New Awards for 2009**

*As part of the 2009 Annual Awards, Basketball Victoria will be introducing three new award categories which are open for nominations:*

#### ***Wheelchair Basketball Athlete of the Year***

This award is presented to a wheelchair athlete who has progressed to represent at a state, national or international level of competition. Athletes must also have displayed good sportsmanship and have represented the state or country in a manner befitting the responsibility.

#### ***Basketball Athlete of the Year with an Intellectual Disability***

This award is given to a basketball athlete with an intellectual disability who has progressed to represent at a state, national or international level of competition. Athletes must also have displayed good sportsmanship and have represented the state or country in a manner befitting the responsibility.

#### ***Volunteer of the Year - Disability Programs***

This award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to basketball through their direct involvement in disability programs.

### Service Awards

Associations are also encouraged to nominate long serving individuals from within their association for a Basketball Victoria Service Award. These long service awards are broken down into the following categories:

- **Bronze Service Award** (15 years service)
- **Silver** (25 years service)
- **Gold** (35+ years service).

Associations may nominate individuals such as; committee members, coaches, players, referees, tribunal members, competition administrators, stadium managers, door staff, canteen staff, cleaners, first aid attendants and fundraisers, as well as other paid and voluntary individuals who have been directly or indirectly associated with the sport of basketball. (NB If nominating a person for playing, they must have played at a high level)

### Nominations

A nomination form is enclosed for the aforementioned Awards and Service Awards. There is no limit to the number of nominations that an association may submit, but please only submit one nomination per page. In order to make the selection process fair, please submit as much information as possible with the nomination. Media nominations must be accompanied with the nominated photographs and/or articles.

Nominations close **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010**. Late nominations will not be accepted. Please send nominations and booking forms to:

2009 Basketball Victoria Awards  
Basketball Victoria  
Box 3, MSAC  
Aughtie Drive  
ALBERT PARK 3206

### Other Awards

There will be four other awards presented this year which do not require nominations. These awards include:

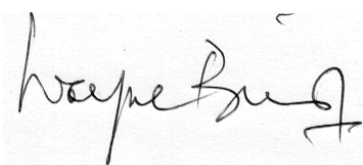
- **Largest Basketball Association in Victoria**
- **Greatest Membership Increase**
- **Betty Watson Medal (female player of the year)**
- **Allan Hughes Medal (male player of the year)**

### Awards Function

Everyone is encouraged to attend the 2009 Basketball Victoria Awards Function. Award winners will be invited guests at the function and all others from within associations are encouraged to make a table booking. Please find enclosed a Booking Form (cost of \$65 per head). Please ensure you book early as numbers are strictly limited.

I look forward to receiving your association's award nominations and seeing you at the Awards Function in April.

Regards,



WAYNE BIRD  
Chief Executive Officer