



Regional Awards 2018

The time has come around again for nominations for the West Midlands Regional Awards. These are intended to reward, in particular, those individuals - gymnasts, coaches, judges and administrators - who give so much voluntary service to the sport.

I would like to remind clubs and Technical Committees of the system for nominating candidates. The Awards in the year 2000 were the last opportunity for 'catching up' therefore, with the exception of Long Service and Merit Awards, it should be noted that this year's awards to gymnasts and the relevant coaches are for achievements in the calendar year 2017 only.

The Awards Panel can only judge the suitability of a nominee from the information that is put before them and it is vital therefore, that the required CV clearly gives full information about the voluntary work and service of the candidate to the sport. It is plain that there are still several people worthy of long service recognition who have not been nominated for a relevant award that they could have received.

There are members of some clubs, who have gymnasts and coaches eligible for awards, who may not have heard of the existence of the Regional Awards. Will Club Secretaries and Technical Committee Chairmen, please note.

Nominations for Individuals - The Categories

(Please remember: Recipients cannot receive the same award twice)

Roll of Honour

- For distinguished and outstanding voluntary services to gymnastics in the West Midlands.

Committee Members

- **Long Service Award.** For voluntary service on recognised Committees at Regional, County or Club levels for at least 10 years.

Volunteers.

- **Volunteer Award.** For exceptional voluntary service to the Region, County, Club or Technical Committee.

Gymnasts

- **Outstanding Performance Award.** For gaining individual overall medals in British Championships in the year 2017.
- **Exceptional Performance Award.** For being in a British Squad for a minimum of 12 months. (January - December 2017).
- **Merit Award Gymnast.** For special service, over a period of time, that has led to the promotion and development of gymnastics within a Club or the Region.

Coaches

- **Outstanding Performance Coach Award.** For the coach of a gymnast who has been a member of a British Squad for a minimum of 12 months (January - December 2017)
- **Young Coach of the Year Award (Age 18 - 30).** For producing gymnasts who have represented the Region in the year 2017.
- **Merit Coach Award.** For special involvement and commitment, over a period of time (minimum 4 years), to the development and success of a club, squad or other group.
- **Long Service Coach Award.** For services to a single Club for a minimum of 10 years.

Judges

- **Distinguished Service Award.** For continuous service to the Region at any level for a minimum of 10 years.

As well as these awards there are a number of automatic awards, mainly for Judges and other gymnasts. These awards do not form part of the normal voting system, as the word 'automatic' signifies. They are:

- **Brevet Pin.** For Judges who qualify as Brevet Judges
- **National Pin.** For Judges who qualify as National Judges
- **Regional Pin.** For Judges who qualify as Regional Judges
- **Regional Colours.** For gymnasts who have represented the Region in National Finals, or at nationally organised Inter-Regional events, in the year 2017.

Technical committees please let me have your lists for these four awards and also for Distinguished Service Judges.

Enclosed is an official nomination form. This is the only form that will be accepted for nominations.

All Award nominations MUST be kept confidential and not made known to the people to whom they relate.

Nomination Procedure:

- Fill in a nomination paper for each nominee **including the full home address of nominee including Postcode** (please do not give a club address or the address of the person making the nomination) and prepare a CV to show that the criteria have been met for the chosen category. (The Panel always checks these details.) Forms that are not completed correctly will mean that the nomination is likely to be turned down.
- The Club / Technical Committee Chairman to sign the nomination form
- Send all completed nomination forms and CVs to the Awards Panel Chairman (Betty Trow, 6 The Fairway, Ashorne Close, Birmingham, West Midlands, B28 9NZ).

All awards can only be awarded once.

Copies of nomination papers will be forwarded to Technical Committee chairs where appropriate.

The Awards panel will select recipients of awards and the decisions of the panel are confidential and final.

The Regional Executive Committee will be informed of all nominations at their first meeting after the closing date.

Clubs and individuals will be notified of awards as quickly as possible thereafter.

The closing date for acceptance of nominations will be April 30th 2018

The Awards will normally be presented at a Regional event later in the year.

Signed. *Betty Trow*..... February 1st 2018

(Chairman - Regional Awards Panel)