World ParaVolley Awards System

Responsibility:

The World ParaVolley Board is the body responsible for distributing awards to individual persons based on their *international* contribution to the promotion and development of ParaVolley.

The WPV Board appoints an Awards Committee with the mandate to nominate individual persons for an award based on the criteria set by the Board of Directors. The Awards are principally for WPV and/or Zone *International* involvement and administrative contributions.

There are three categories of award:

- Outstanding Achievement
- Distinguished Service
- Honorary Life Member

Criteria:

Awards are for WPV International work as an International Official or National team Official/Athlete. The degree, value, and impact of the contribution, rather than merely length of service, is the primary focus for consideration. It is expected that the majority of the services and activities have been focused on the International Federation level with some possible additional services at the Zone level.

- **Outstanding Achievement**: awarded to worthy candidates as and when deemed appropriate for outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of ParaVolley over a recommended 8-year period. However, significant contributions over a shorter period may be considered at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

- **Distinguished Service**: awarded to recognise distinguished service for work through programmes and activities enhancing and increasing the development of ParaVolley over a recommended 12-year period. The Awards Committee, in exceptional circumstances, may consider distinguished service over a shorter period. The service must have made a difference to the activities and programmes of World ParaVolley and/or the WPV Zone and should involve a contribution that has been of great value to the respective organisations.

- **Honorary Life Member**: awarded for outstanding leadership and significant service contributing to the development and reputation of World ParaVolley at the highest international level over an extended period.
  The service must have made a significant difference to the activities and programmes of World ParaVolley and/or the WPV Zone and should involve a contribution over and above what might reasonably be expected. The service by the Nominee to World ParaVolley should stand out from others who may also have a made a valuable contribution.

Nominations

International Member Federations past and present are expected to play a *major* role in the nomination process. Nominations are also invited from any member of the WPV Board, Department Directors, Zones, Commissions and Committees. Nominations will also be considered from other individuals e.g., coaches.

Particularly in the case of Federations, but also other bodies, it is important to recognise the awards are World ParaVolley's International Federation Awards, not National Federation awards. All who meet the criteria should be nominated. It is the role of the WPV Awards Committee, and not the National Federations or other bodies, to decide which nominations to submit. Every individual who meets the criteria at international level has the right to be considered for an award.

These nominations may come from any area of WPV service including, but not limited to – Playing, Coaching, Refereeing, Classification, Anti-Doping, Medical, Technical, Administration, Governance, Media, Sponsor, Research or Event Organisation.

Note - In the submission of a posthumous nomination every effort should be made to obtain as much history as possible, if there is limited information the continuation of the nomination remains at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Timeline

- During the previous year – The appointed Awards Committee, through the General Manager and media, promote the awards system and invite nominations
- 31st January of the Awards year – Closing date for nominations to the WPV Awards Committee
- 28th February – Agreed nominations submitted by the Committee to the WPV Board
- 24th April – Awards announced on International World ParaVolley Day and thereafter as appropriate to the level of award.

Distribution

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, Awards may be presented by the following methods:

- By personal email from the President or General Manager. In the case of posthumous awards to the designated next of kin/relative. If such addresses are not available, then by email to the WPV Member Federation.
- At an event coinciding with International World ParaVolley Day, or at an event sanctioned for the purpose by the President on behalf of the Board, e.g., a WPV General Assembly, International event or Zonal Championships. At such an event the presentation will be by an appropriate person appointed by the Board of Directors.
- Honorary Life Membership should be presented at a World ParaVolley International event selected by the President, e.g. The Annual General Meeting, World Championships, etc. In the absence of the President, the presentation is to be made by an appropriate person appointed by the President.