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VOLUNTEERS DON'T GET PAID, NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE WORTHLESS, BUT BECAUSE THEY'RE PRICELESS

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CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE
PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

ABOUT THE **#OneEngland** WORKFORCE AWARDS

The annual England Touch **#OneEngland** Workforce Awards are now in its second year, created to reward and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the Touch volunteer workforce over the last 12 months.

Touch in England is thriving! This is not least due to the efforts of our army of volunteers, who are the backbone to our sport, expending their time and energy in driving our sport onwards.

Our volunteers are everywhere, coaching, refereeing, performing back-office functions, washing kit and everything in between, allowing our players to do what they love at a social, development or competitive level.

The work of volunteers is crucial to all sports, especially an emerging sport such as Touch. Rewarding their efforts is so important and is the reason that our **#OneEngland** programme has been established to recognise the contribution of these unsung heroes and going forward it will be firmly establishing itself in the annual Touch calendar

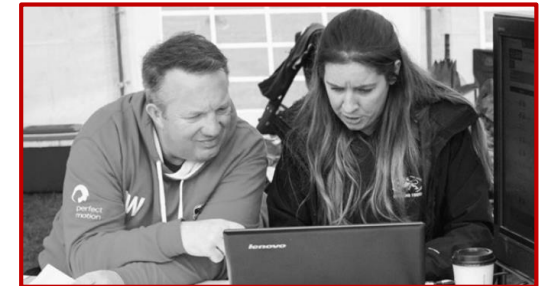
Throughout the year, hundreds of volunteers work thousands of hours to grow our sport, locally, regionally and nationally and we want to recognise the hard work and achievement of those involved in sport across the country.

2019 will see nine awards and we are looking for you to nominate in the following categories:

- + *Coach of the year*
- + *Club of the year*
- + *Referee of the year*
- + *Volunteer of the year*
- + *Sports achiever of the year*
- + *Young leader of the year*
- + *Inspiring others award*
- + *Unsung hero award*
- + *Special recognition award*

Awards Dinner

2019 will see the **#OneEngland** Awards on Saturday 9th November, as we look to celebrate in style at **Twickenham**. The evening will also recognise winners from the domestic and international Touch scene.



#OneEngland WORKFORCE AWARDS CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged against the criteria below for achievements in 2019. Nominators are encouraged to provide as much information and evidence as possible to show how the nominee meets one, more or all of the criteria.

COACH OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the achievements of an outstanding coach at club, regional, national or international level. Do you know an outstanding coach who:

- + *Has achieved particular success through their efforts with their teams?*
- + *Has had a positive impact on participants, a club, coaching programme or the local community?*
- + *Delivers high quality, inclusive coaching programmes that engage with new and existing club members from all ages and backgrounds?*
- + *Supports other coaches and young people and has been successful at getting more people playing Touch?*
- + *Has adopted an athlete/player-centred approach to coaching and made a difference to the performance of an athlete or team based on resources available to them*

CLUB OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the achievements of an outstanding club and is open to England Touch Member Clubs (whether longstanding or a new kid on the block). We have clubs with social teams, elite teams, men's, women's or mixed focused clubs, clubs with masters and junior sections and everything in between. Do you know an outstanding club that can show:

- + *Achievements by the team(s)?*
- + *Excellent organisation, value for money and an inclusive and welcoming environment?*
- + *High quality, inclusive programmes that engage with new and existing club members from all ages and backgrounds?*
- + *Impact on participants and/or community from the work the club does?*



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REFEREE OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the much valued commitment referees make to the game, particularly in ensuring the successful running of competitions and events across the country. Do you know of an outstanding referee who has:

- + *Committed to refereeing at a large number of events?*
- + *Assisted in the training, development and support of referees?*
- + *Inspired new referees and can be a role model and an ambassador for England Touch?*

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This award is to recognise the outstanding contribution volunteers make to our sport, with a huge range of activities across the country. Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their ongoing voluntary work within Touch? Is there a volunteer within your region who really drives the Touch programmes forward in your area, or a volunteer at your club who has been instrumental in ensuring your club programmes are thriving? Is there someone you know who has:

- + *Developed, organised or supported Touch?*
- + *Organised and implemented programmes and activities to encourage growth and improve standards?*
- + *Had significant impact in Touch on a local, regional or national level?*
- + *Shown exceptional commitment and dedication to Touch activities*



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YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

This award is to be presented to a young person (aged 14 to 21) who is an excellent and positive role model in touch related activities at school, in the community, at your club, in your region or national level. Do you know of a young leader who has inspired people around them, driven forward touch and deserves recognition for developing themselves as a young leader? Is there someone you know who has:

- + *Developed, organised or supported touch? Encouraged growth and improved standards?*
- + *Made a difference to touch on a local, regional or national level? This includes all participants, players, coaches, referees and volunteers.*
- + *Developed themselves as a young leader? What steps have they taken to develop their leadership skills (this doesn't just have to be formal learning (qualifications & training), this could be working with other coaches, researching session ideas online or through social media etc)?*

INSPIRING OTHERS AWARD

This award recognises the individual who motivates and encourages others to be and do their best. Someone who leaves their ego behind and are passionate about the growth of our sport. They set great examples, trust in others and give more than just responsibility, they stimulate confidence in others, too. They bring people together, helps to create a positive and inspirational environment, through encouragement and support, enabling others to improve their performances and inspiring them to reach their goals. Do you know someone who has:

- + *Contagious enthusiasm, who truly cares about the growth of individuals as well as the sport?*
- + *Aimed high, not being afraid to fail by reaching for the stars and has ambitious goals they look to help others accomplish?*
- + *Been inclusive, actively promoting opportunities to the greatest number of people possible, getting them to take up our great game?*



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UNSUNG HERO AWARD

This award will be presented to an individual who consistency goes over and beyond their activities. Do you know someone in your touch set-up that you simply couldn't do without? Help put the spotlight on their hard work and hours of time these volunteers put into touch that might get overlooked. Can you tell us:

- + *What makes this person stand about from the rest and so special?*
- + *What has this person done for touch?*
- + *About their commitment, length of time involved, how many hours per week they give and whether they work alone or in a team?*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

This award will be presented to an exceptional candidate to recognise their achievements. We know there are many people whose dedication deserves recognition. Do you know someone whose achievements in developing, supporting or leading the game deserve this special recognition because they:

- + *Are an inspirational role model?*
- + *Provide opportunities for more people to play, watch, support, volunteer or coach Touch?*
- + *Have created a legacy in a club, community or within England Touch as a whole?*



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SPORTS ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

This award is for some of the most talented performers across the country, who show exceptional dedication to their sport and have the potential to perform at the highest level. This person has shown great sportsmanship, motivation and determination in touch. This player will have displayed an outstanding level of personal achievement at a local, regional, national or international level. It cannot be underestimated the countless hours that have enabled them to reach this level of sporting talent, and this award acknowledges both their ability and commitment. Is there someone you know who has:

- + *Been an exceptional and consistent performer across the whole season?*
- + *Excelled in Touch over the past 12 months, making significant developments to their performance within their club/region?*
- + *Strived for excellence both on and off the field, displays a willingness to learn, copes with both winning and losing and could be considered as a role model for other players?*



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OTHER AWARDS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED

Along with the nominations for those who have contributed to the further development of England Touch, we will also be recognising winners and other achievements from across the season too:



Club and Regional

- + MVP Elite NTS
- + MVP Elite Men's and Women's NTS
- + MVP Development NTS
- + MVP Emerging Men's and Women's NTS
- + MVP Uni NTS
- + Overall Elite NTS Winners
- + Overall Elite Men's/Women's NTS Winners
- + Overall Development NTS Winners
- + Overall Emerging Men's/Women's NTS Winners
- + Overall Uni NTS Winners
- + Junior Nationals Winners
- + Opens Nationals Winners
- + Masters Nationals Winners
- + Overall Nationals Winners

England Representation and referee upgrades (L3+)

- + Touch World Cup, Malaysia
- + European Junior Touch Championships, Paris
- + Challenge Trophy, Spain
- + Senior Cup, Portugal

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WORKFORCE AWARDS NOMINATIONS



Nominate Now

Nominate and help us recognise the excellent work volunteers do for the sport!



Book to attend

Click here to book your table at this year's awards ceremony



Previous Winners

Take a look back at the previous winners at our 2018 inaugural awards



#OneEngland Workforce

Find out more about our workforce and how you can get involved at all levels

Please nominate before 18th October 2019 by completing all sections of the [nomination form](#)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Nominations will open **28th June 2019**.
- B. All entries must be received by **18th October 2019**.
- C. Nominated referees, coaches and clubs must be valid members of England Touch
- D. Nominees can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else.
- E. All sections of the electronic nomination form must be completed.
- F. The nominations will be judged by a panel made up of England Touch Board Representative(s), external representative(s) and the Head of Volunteers.
- G. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- H. The judging process will result in a shortlist for each award category:
 - + *Coach of the year*
 - + *Club of the year*
 - + *Referee of the year*
 - + *Volunteer of the year*
 - + *Sports achiever of the year*
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- I. If you are nominating somebody else, England Touch will ensure they are happy to be nominated should they be shortlisted.
- J. The names of the shortlisted nominees will be published on www.Englandtouch.org.uk within one week of the nomination closing date.
- K. The category winners will be invited to the Awards Dinner on November 9th, at Twickenham.
- L. The information you have provided about your nominee will only be used in connection with the **#OneEngland** Workforce Awards 2019 and not for any other purposes.
- M. The nominee may be contacted by an England Touch representative during the nomination process and prior to the awards events regarding the use of their story.
- N. Information from the nomination form may be used for publicity purposes with the nominee's permission. A nominee's story will not be used for any other purpose, and their details will not be passed on without their permission. We will let the nominee approve any version of their story we publicise.
- O. Entry via this nomination form implies acceptance of these terms and conditions.



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