



Galway Crystal WSI Volunteer of the Year Award

1 Introduction

Water Safety Ireland relies on the efforts and hard work of its committed volunteers – those who again and again willingly contribute their time and skills so that others learn the skills of swimming, lifesaving, Rescue, Risk Assessment and Lifesaving Sport.

2 Purpose of the Award

The WSI Volunteer of the Year award is a recognition of continuous outstanding dedication, commitment and contribution by an nominee to the successful delivery of vision and mission statements laid down in WSI Strategic Development Plan.

3 Eligibility,

- A WSAC Chairperson may nominate one person who, is a paid up member of WSI with at least five years service, for this prestigious award.

4 Nomination and Selection Process

The nomination and selection process shall be as follows:

- Nominations should be submitted on the attached nomination form to arrive at WSI HQ no later than Monday 19th October

5 2009 Judging Panel

- A judging Panel shall be approved by the WSI Council consisting of the CEO and three Life Governors. See Annex A for the names of the Judging Panel.
- The Judging Panel can only take into consideration what is written on the submission.
- The Judging Panel's decision is final, no appeals will be considered.
- 75% Judging Panel attendance is required to consider the nominations.

6 Presentation of the Award

The award will be presented at the Annual WSI Awards Ceremony

7 Guidance for the WSAC Chairman completing the Nomination form

The WSAC Chairman should consider the following headings when completing the Nomination Form

1. Number of classes organised by the nominee
2. Number of classes instructed by the nominee
3. Number of classes examined by the nominee
4. Number of certificates entered by the nominee
5. Number of presentations on prevention campaigns made at Schools and or Exhibitions
6. Number of synergies developed with at risk groups
7. Quantify achievements under the following: Sponsorship, monetary or in kind; amount of fundraising; good will, contacts established
8. Media Coverage achieved by the nominee, radio, TV interviews, articles
9. Administrative work completed by the nominee
10. Service on a WSAC, Commission, Council, working group. Support to the National Office
11. Dissemination of WSi information updates within the WSAC e.g. Bulletin
12. Assistance in developing lifesaving sport
13. Assistance in arranging National Events e.g. Courses, seminars, conferences, meetings & AGM's
14. Development work with neighbouring WSAC's
15. Other Criteria that may be considered relevant to this Award.
16. Time\Commitment of the nominee

The WSAC Chairman should note that it is not necessary for to fulfil ALL of the above elements in order to qualify. Two or three of these may suffice dependent on the volume of work and the commitment given to the WSI aims and objectives.



Water Safety Ireland Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Part 1 – Nominee Information

Name

Gender Male Female

Address

Phone

Email

Part 2 – Chairperson Information

Name

WSAC

Address

Phone

Email

Office Use Only: Nominee is a full member of Water Safety Ireland

Part 3 – Information on the Nominee’s Achievements

Summarise the nominee’s achievements and the rationale behind their nomination. **Sections 1 to 4 must be completed. Each section has abbreviated guidance notes which may be helpful. Additional information may be submitted i.e. General Assessment with this Nomination. (An up to date CV may be helpful when considering the individual)**

1. Background Record (WSI and other) - years of service, positions held and experience within the WSI organisation and management structure – local committees, county committee, national committees and commissions

2. Skills and Competencies, Specialised Expertise - qualifications obtained, knowledge of WSI purpose & function, judgement, reliability

3. Recent and Past Achievements, Drive and Commitment - application of skills and competencies and behaviour, competitions, other activities, industry and zeal, anticipation and planning, training, managing and developing children

Part 4 - Qualifications

Please tick the candidate's qualifications:

Instructor <input type="checkbox"/>	Examiner <input type="checkbox"/>	Lifeboat Inspector <input type="checkbox"/>	Lifeboat Instructor <input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraiser <input type="checkbox"/>
Asst. Swim Teacher <input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessor <input type="checkbox"/>	National Referee <input type="checkbox"/>	Lifeboat Tutor <input type="checkbox"/>	Organiser <input type="checkbox"/>
Swim Teacher <input type="checkbox"/>	Swim Tutor <input type="checkbox"/>	Sports Coach <input type="checkbox"/>	AED Tutor <input type="checkbox"/>	AED Instructor <input type="checkbox"/>

International Referee **Please state type:**

Send your completed form (and attachments) to:

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