

Coach Recognition Awards Fact Sheet

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Coach Recognition Awards (CRA) is an annual event organized by the Singapore Sports Council to recognize outstanding coaches for their coaching efforts, sacrifices, coaching standards, contributions and professionalism at the various niche coaching levels, ranging from developmental to elite.
- 1.2 The CRA was staged for the sixth time at The Legends, Fort Canning Park, on **8 September 2007**.
- 1.3 Athletes and employers of coaches had the opportunity to nominate deserving coaches for CRA2007 from 9 Apr – 30 Jun 2007.

2 Background

- 2.1 The CRA was introduced in 2002. In its inaugural and second year, the awards saw coaches being nominated for three categories:
 1. Coaching Commendation Award
 2. Talent Development Coaching Award
 3. Coaching Excellence Award
- 2.2 However, based on feedback gathered from various stakeholders and with the increasing awareness of the awards, the award categories were revised in 2004 to better mirror the various levels of coaching. The awards were thus revised to include the following six categories:
 1. Development Coaching Award (Schools)
 2. Development Coaching Award (Clubs)
 3. Development Coaching Award (NSAs)
 4. Talent Development Coaching Award
 5. High Performance Coaching Award (Junior Competitions)
 6. High Performance Coaching Award (Senior Competitions)
- 2.3 In 2005, foreign coaches were eligible for the CRA in the High Performance Coaching Award (Senior Competitions) category for the first time.
- 2.4 In 2006, three significant enhancements have been made to the CRA.
 - Eligibility of foreign coaches has been extended to all Award categories.
 - All national athletes are eligible to nominate coaches for the Talent Development Coaching Awards.
 - \$200 worth of vouchers has been included as part of the Award.

3. Eligibility Criteria & Requirements

- 3.1 Coaches must fulfill the following criteria and requirements to be eligible for the Awards.

- Be actively coaching sports in Singapore at the time of nomination and is currently residing in Singapore.
- Have a minimum of 5 years of coaching experience in Singapore.
- Have a recognised coaching qualification.
- Should have made a significant impact on their athlete's performance within the 12-month qualifying period (1 Jan – 31 Dec 2006) under consideration.
- Although active coaching is a key consideration for the Awards, outstanding contributions in the field of coaching may also be considered. These include:
 - A distinguished career as a coach.
 - Educating or mentoring other coaches
 - Development of coaching materials such as books, videos etc
 - Promotion of character development and ethical sport
 - Service to disadvantaged groups
 - Pioneering new training or competition methods

4 Award Categories

4.1 There are 3 distinct categories with various levels of awards within each category, corresponding to the various niche levels of coaching, from developmental to elite.

I Development Coaching Awards

(i) Schools

This Award recognises coaches who have been working tirelessly with school athletes or teams that have participated in competitions sanctioned by the Singapore Schools Sports Council.

(ii) Clubs and National Sports Associations (NSAs)

This Award recognises coaches who are responsible for athletes or teams that have represented the various NSAs or NSA-affiliated clubs at competitions organised or sanctioned by the NSA.

II High Performance Coaching Awards

(i) Junior Competitions

This Award salutes coaches who primarily work with athletes or teams that compete at the international age-group or youth competitions level and have consistently attained success at these competitions.

(ii) Senior Competitions

This Award salutes coaches who primarily work with athletes or teams that compete at the international level and have consistently attained success at these competitions.

III Talent Development Coaching Awards

This Award pays tribute to coaches of national athletes who have helped them to realise their sporting potential to achieve current sporting success. Current and past national athletes from both Junior and Senior levels, recognised by the respective NSA, are eligible to submit nominations for this category.

5 The Award

5.1 All CRA 2007 winners will receive the following:

- SSC Coach Recognition Award Trophy
- Certificate
- \$200 worth of vouchers

6. Selection Process

6.1 All eligible nominations for each category will be shortlisted and presented to the relevant governing bodies (i.e. NSAs, CCAB etc) for comments before they are presented to the Coaching Advisory Committee (CAC) for their recommendations. The Coaching Advisory Committee comprises of representatives from various National Sports Associations and educational agencies.

6.2 Nominations will be accessed based on a set of criteria. These include the coaches' achievements, relevant awards and commendations received, efforts to adopt best coaching practises such as displaying ethical coaching behaviour, the pursuit of continuous upgrading in coaching capabilities, the quality of their training programmes as well as their efforts to develop and support their charges over-and-above their duties on the field.

7 Milestones

7.1 CRA2007

7.1.1 307 nominations were received. 146 coaches were nominated for CRA2007.

7.1.2 41 awards were presented:

- 20 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (Schools)
- 10 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (Clubs/NSAs)
- 5 were awarded the Talent Development Coaching Award
- 2 were awarded the High Performance Coaching Award (Junior Competitions)

- 4 were awarded the High Performance Coaching Award (Senior Competitions)

7.1.3 35 sports were represented among the nominations.

7.2 CRA 2006

7.2.1 195 nominations were received. 106 coaches were nominated for CRA 2006.

7.2.2 41 awards were presented:

- 20 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (Schools)
- 10 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (Clubs/NSAs)
- 5 were awarded the Talent Development Coaching Award
- 2 were awarded the High Performance Coaching Award (Junior Competitions)
- 4 were awarded the High Performance Coaching Award (Senior Competitions)

7.2.3 30 sports were represented among the nominations.

7.3 CRA 2005

7.3.1 207 nominations were received. 102 coaches were nominated for CRA 2005.

7.3.2 25 awards were presented:

- 10 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (Schools)
- 4 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (Clubs)
- 4 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (NSAs)
- 2 were awarded the Talent Development Coaching Award
- 2 were awarded the High Performance Coaching Award (Junior Competitions)
- 3 were awarded the High Performance Coaching Award (Senior Competitions – Local and Foreign)

7.3.3 28 sports were represented among the nominations.

7.4 CRA 2004

7.4.1 266 nominations were received. 123 coaches were nominated for CRA 2004.

7.4.2 26 awards were presented:

- 10 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (Schools)
- 5 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (Clubs)
- 5 were awarded the Development Coaching Award (NSAs)
- 2 were awarded the Talent Development Coaching Award
- 2 were awarded the High Performance Coaching Award (Junior Competitions)
- 2 were awarded the High Performance Coaching Award (Senior Competitions)

7.4.3 32 sports were represented among the nominations.

7.5 CRA 2003

7.5.1 110 nominations were received. 90 coaches were nominated for CRA 2003.

7.5.2 30 awards were presented:

- 20 were awarded the Coaching Commendation Award
- 7 were awarded the Talent Development Coaching Award
- 2 were awarded the Coaching Excellence Award

7.5.3 27 sports were represented among the nominations.

7.5.4 A CRA 2003 Trophy Design Competition was organised by the SSC to create a unique trophy that embodies the qualities of our remarkable coaches. The customised winning trophy, designed by Nanyang Polytechnic was thus produced for the awards.

7.6 CRA 2002

7.6.1 111 nominations were received. 71 coaches were nominated for the inaugural CRA 2002.

7.6.2 32 awards were presented:

- 20 were awarded the Coaching Commendation Award
- 9 were awarded the Talent Development Coaching Award
- 2 were awarded the Coaching Excellence Award

7.6.3. 24 sports were represented among the nominations.

8. About the Coaching Programmes & Technical Development Department of the Singapore Sports Council (SSC)

8.1 The Coaching Programmes & Technical Development (CPTD) Department of the Singapore Sports Council (SSC) works closely with National Sports Associations (NSAs) and other stakeholders to produce competent coaching personnel and leadership.