



# The search is on for volunteers of the year

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Do you know a dedicated volunteer who devotes their time and energy so others can enjoy table tennis?

Whether they are a coach, committee member, umpire, unofficial taxi driver, or chief cook and bottle-washer, they are the unsung heroes who keep our sport going.

And now is the time to say thanks by nominating them for a Table Tennis England Volunteer Award.

Nominations are open for the awards, which will be presented at our flagship event – the Senior National Championships – at Hatfield Sports Village in Hertfordshire in March 2016.

There are several categories, encompassing coaches and volunteers, adults and young people, and the closing date is January 17.

The categories for which we are seeking nominations are:

## **Young Volunteer of the Year**

To recognise a person under 18 years of age for their dedication, commitment or impact on a club or project on a voluntary basis.

## **Adult Volunteer of the Year**

To recognise a person over 18 years of age for their dedication, commitment or impact on a club or project on a voluntary basis.

## **Unsung Hero**

To recognise the outstanding yet unrecognised contribution to table tennis this person gives through their time and talents which enables others to participate and succeed – it is open to any age.

## **Equality Award**

Awarded to an individual for outstanding volunteering with under-represented groups ie disabled players, black & ethnic minorities or women and girls.

## **Coach of the Year**

This recognises the outstanding contribution of a coach to get more people starting to play, and developing players to reach their potential in table tennis. The nomination evidence should identify the impact the coach has had in delivering carried programmes that engage with all ages and abilities. Evidence should also be provided to show that the person is continuously looking to improve their skills and knowledge.

## **Young Coach of the Year**

This award recognises the important work carried out by up and coming coaches through their coaching achievements to date. Nominees must be 25 years or under and meet the same criteria as the Coach of the Year.

[Click here to download a nomination form](#)

The nominations period has been extended to 11.59pm on Sunday January 17.

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