



TEXAS RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION Special Awards

BY-LAWS, POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the Texas Racquetball Association (TXRA) Awards is to honor those past or present members of the TXRA who have made significant contributions or accomplishments in racquetball either as a highly skilled competitor, true sportsmanship, and/or as a dedicated and skilled volunteer leadership person who has given of their time and talents to the growth of quality programs and activities of the TXRA and all other aspects related to the sport.

A. TYPES OF AWARDS

1. Annual Awards

- a. Ann Gibbons Memorial Sportsmanship Award – Presented to a person who has demonstrated honesty, integrity, and fairness in racquetball tournaments and all other aspects related to the sport.
- b. Most Improved Male Player - Presented to a male player that has demonstrated significant improvement in their game over the past year; may be evidenced by a change in skill level divisions in tournaments.
- c. Most Improved Female Player - Presented to a female player that has demonstrated significant improvement in their game over the past year; may be evidenced by a change in skill level divisions in tournaments.
- d. Outstanding Racquetball Supporter – Presented to a person that has demonstrated commitment to the sport and has volunteered time to enhance the sport of racquetball in Texas.
- e. Annie Muniz Racquetball Scholarship – Presented to a junior member exhibiting sportsmanship, integrity, and exceptional racquetball skills. This is a monetary award to be used for a college scholarship.



2. Hall of Fame Awards

a. Player Competitor Performance

A superior player; having demonstrated outstanding player performance skills and desire, exemplary sportsmanship and fair play qualities; accompanied by numerous TXRA state medal winning performances

b. Outstanding Volunteer Service Leader

A dedicated individual; exemplifying long standing volunteer service contributions to the TXRA; that supported the development of significant program, operation and membership activities. These contributions of time and talent have directly and indirectly impacted the organization, thus leading to the high quality and growth of the TXRA.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Annual Awards

Candidates must be a TXRA member in good standing for a minimum of one year.

2. Hall of Fame Awards

a. Membership: Candidate must be a TXRA member in good standing (unless deceased) and must have been a member of the TXRA for at least seven years.

b. Age: Candidate must be at least 40 years old.

c. Player Competitor Performance:

- a. TXRA Performance as a competitor over no less than five years. Performance is measured only for participation in TXRA tournaments.
- b. Exemplary Sportsmanship
- c. Minimum of TEN TXRA Medals, of which THREE medals are Gold Medals.
- d. Top 10 ranking for a minimum of 3 years

d. Outstanding Volunteer Service Leader:

The individual must have made significant and outstanding noteworthy contributions to the TXRA programs and operations; along with special leadership to the game of racquetball through volunteer leadership.

e. Exceptions. In the case of special circumstances (death, career-ending injury, or illness) a person may still be eligible for a nomination, even though specific criteria (7 years in the sport; top ranking) may not have been met. Other exceptions may be granted by the TXRA Board of Directors.



C. NOMINATIONS

1. Any TXRA member can nominate a candidate.
2. Nomination forms will be made available at TXRA sanctioned tournaments and an electronic form will be available on the TXRA web site. These forms should be submitted to the TXRA board.
3. Nominations for the OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP SERVICE LEADER category require a pertinent resume.

D. AWARD SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Awards Committee Composition

The Awards Committee Chairperson will be designated by the TXRA Board of Directors. The Awards Committee will be composed of the following:

- a. Awards Committee Chairperson
- b. Three TXRA Board members
- c. Three (3) TXRA at-large members not affiliated with any other group above selected by the Chair, and respecting geographic and gender diversity.

2. Selection / Voting Procedure

a. Selection Process

The Awards Committee Chairperson having been appointed by the TXRA Board of Directors shall oversee preliminary nominations and the compilation of support documentation for each qualified candidate. After nominations have been submitted, the chairperson may contact the nominee, or the person who made the nomination, to request any additional information necessary to verify individual achievements. After compiling supporting documentation, the Awards Committee Chairperson submits the supporting document to the Awards Committee and prepares the ballot.

b. Awards Committee Voting Process

All voting is to be conducted in secret. The award recipient must receive over 50% ratification by the Awards committee. In the event that there are multiple candidates for one award, the two candidates receiving the most number of votes will be selected for a final ballot and vote. Only one candidate shall be selected per year for an Annual Award. Number of candidates for the Hall of Fame Award is determined by the Awards Committee. Once the recommended award



recipients are determined, it will be presented to the TXRA Board of Directors for ratification.

c. Awards Ratification

A favorable vote of a majority of the Board is required to ratify the awards selection of each candidate. The board will also designate the amount of the award for monetary awards, e.g., Annie Muniz Scholarship Award.

E. NOTIFICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Once official results are tallied, the recipients will be contacted and congratulatory letters will be sent followed by announcements in the TXRA website.

F. RECOGNITION

The Awards will be presented at a time and place chosen by the TXRA Board of Directors. This event may occur at the State Championships, but the TXRA, at its discretion, may choose to present the honorees at another appropriate time and place.

The TXRA shall provide for permanent recognition of all Hall of Fame members. Brass plates will be engraved with the names of the individuals and the year in which they were inducted and mounted on a suitable plaque.

A permanent written record of the Award recipients shall be maintained in the TXRA records.