

Annual Awards Proposal

- I) **Ann Gibbons Memorial Sportsmanship** – Presented to a person who has demonstrated honesty, integrity, and fairness during racquetball play, tournaments and all other aspects related to the sport.
- II) **Male Athlete of the Year** – Awarded to a male player that has demonstrated significant improvement in performance and demonstrated good sportsmanship on and off the court.
- III) **Female Athlete of the Year** - Awarded to a female player that has demonstrated significant improvement in performance and demonstrated good sportsmanship on and off the court, in the sport of racquetball.
- IV) **Junior Male Athlete of the Year – Under 13-** Awarded to the male player that is under 13 years old that has demonstrated significant improvement in his performance. Demonstrated good sportsmanship on and off the court.
- V) **Junior Male Athlete of the Year - Age 13-18-** Awarded to the male player that is 13 or over and under 18 that has demonstrated significant improvement in his performance. Demonstrated good sportsmanship on and off the court.
- VI) **Junior Female Athlete of the Year – Under 13-** Awarded to the female player that is under 13 years old that has demonstrated significant improvement in her performance. Demonstrated good sportsmanship on and off the court.
- VII) **Junior Female Athlete of the Year - Age 13-18-** Awarded to the female player that is under 13 or over and under 18 that has demonstrated significant improvement in her performance. Demonstrated good sportsmanship on and off the court.
- VIII) **Bob Sullins Outstanding Racquetball Contributor** – Presented to a male or female that has demonstrated commitment to the sport and has volunteered time above and beyond to enhance the sport of racquetball in Texas.

These awards are for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Awards will be presented at Regional's Competition in San Antonio, Texas.

Please email your nominations by March 1, 2017 to Mike Grisz at mgrisz@aol.com

Eligibility Criteria:

- A. Candidates must be current TXRA/USRA members in good standing and must have participated in sanctioned events for a minimum of two years.
- B. Candidates must currently reside in Texas for the past two years.
- C. Candidates must have participated in a minimum of four sanctioned tournaments during the past calendar year and one of those to include State Singles, State Doubles and/or Regional Competition.
- D. Candidates may also include TXRA Board, Committee, and At large members who exhibit extraordinary selfless service beyond that of his or her current position and/or meets the performance criteria.

Nominations:

- A. Any current TXRA member in good standing may nominate a candidate or themselves.
- B. Nomination forms will be made available via the TXRA newsletter and an electronic form will be available for download on the TXRA website. These forms should be submitted to the TXRA Awards Chairperson via regular mail or email as noted on nomination form.

Award Selection Procedure:

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

Selection/Voting Procedure

- A. Selection Process - The Awards Committee Chairperson having been appointed by the TXRA Board of Directors shall oversee preliminary submitted nominations and the compilation of support documentation for each qualified candidate. After nominations have been reviewed, the Chairperson / Committee may contact the Nominee, the person who made the nomination and/or tournament directors, coaches, etc...., to request any additional information necessary to verify individual achievements. Any additional supporting documentation will be consolidated by committee Chairperson and submitted through the Annual Awards Committee.
- B. Awards Committee Voting Process – All voting is to be conducted via email to the Annual Awards Committee Chairperson and kept confidential. 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. Once the recommended award recipients are determined, it will be presented to the TXRA Board of Directors for ramification.
- C. Awards Ramification – A favorable vote of a majority of the Board is required to ratify the awards selection of each candidate.

Notification and Announcements:

Once official results are tallied, the Awardees will be contacted via email and congratulatory letters will be sent via email. Awardees will be identified on the TXRA Website and the TXRA Newsletter.

Recognition:

The Awards will be presented at a time and place chosen by the TXRA Board of Directors and Annual Awards Committee. This event may occur at the State Championships, 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 Annual Award recipients on the TXRA website and a permanent written record of the Award recipients shall be maintained and archived in the TXRA records.