

2026 SBA Representative Awards

Each year, SBA takes the opportunity to recognise members of the Tigers community who have positively impacted SBA's culture and operations, and/or achieved success as athletes beyond SBA's domestic program.



You are invited to nominate one person for each of the awards below:

- Junior Representative Male and Female Player of the Year
- Senior Representative Male and Female Player of the Year
- Representative Coach of the Year
- Representative Team of the Year | The Ryan Walsh Memorial Trophy
- Representative Aspiring Coaching of the Year | Scott Balsar Memorial Trophy
- Representative Referee of the Year

Please note that these awards are evaluated by the criteria below and assessed by an independent panel. The panel may request additional information to assist with decision-making. Nominations will only be considered where the nominator's name is provided and the criteria are addressed.

These awards are open to all members of SBA's Representative Program and will be presented at the annual SBA Representative Presentation event.

Nominations close 5pm, Monday 20 August 2026.

Submit your nominations using the [Google Form](#) or email to enquiries@shoalhavenbasketball.com.au

Name of person completing this nomination form: _____

Junior Representative Male and Female Player of the Year

This award recognises junior representative players who achieve selection to represent beyond SBA during the current season.

The criteria for this award are, but not limited to:

1. Selection for BNSW development opportunities such as D League, Country Tour/Slam, TAP, NITP, IAS, or state team.
2. Selection for a South Coast or NSW school representative team.
3. The player must demonstrate good sportsmanship and model the Tigers' values.
4. Players of all ages will be considered, but players in the U16/18 divisions will be given priority.
5. Endorsement by a 2026 representative coach. This will be based on commitment to the team, attendance at training and games.

Note:

- The event or program selected must fall within the current representative season (typically September-August for BNSW, calendar year for school selections).
- If the competition is close, commitment and contribution to SBA will be considered.
Examples of this include, but are not limited to, coaching a younger representative or domestic team, helping with activities such as fundraising BBQs, or supporting the domestic competition by doing bench duty and refereeing.
- If no SBA players have been selected to represent beyond SBA in the current year, this award may be awarded based on the other criteria, or not awarded in this year.

MALE Junior Player Name _____

Address the criteria to explain why you are nominating this player using the [Google form](#) or in an email or new document attached to an email.

FEMALE Junior Player Name _____

Address the criteria to explain why you are nominating this player using the [Google form](#) or in an email or new document attached to an email.

Senior Representative Male and Female Player of the Year

This award recognises senior representative players who achieve success within the current season.

The criteria for this award are, but not limited to:

1. Selection for a BNSW Waratah League Award, such as All Star 5, Players of the Year, Top Point Scorer, etc.
2. The player must demonstrate good sportsmanship and model the Tigers' values.

Note:

- The WL award or program selected must fall within the current representative season.
- If the competition is close, commitment and contribution to SBA will be considered. Examples of this include but are not limited to coaching a younger representative or domestic team, helping with activities such as fundraising BBQs, or supporting the domestic competition by doing bench duty, and refereeing.
- If no SBA players have been recognised beyond SBA in the current year, this award may be awarded based on exceptional commitment and contribution to SBA, or not awarded in this year.

MALE Senior Player Name _____

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FEMALE Senior Player Name _____

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Representative Team of the Year | The Ryan Walsh Memorial Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the representative team that displays true team spirit. By working together to create a supportive team culture and a commitment to the game, this team has fostered an environment that helps them reach their potential.

The criteria for this award are:

1. Displays an impressive commitment to train, stay, and play together.
2. Demonstrates a supportive and collegiate team culture.
3. Displays positive behaviour and sportsmanship when playing.
4. Shows improvement in their cohesiveness over the season, but does not necessarily have to win their competition.

TEAM of the Year _____

Address the criteria to explain why you are nominating this team using the [Google form](#) or in an email or new document attached to an email.

Representative Coach of the Year

The award recognises a Representative Coach for their commitment, passion, and good sportsmanship to achieve success for their team. The recipient is a leader who always models the Tigers' values.

The criteria for this award:

1. Minimum three years of coaching SBA representative teams. Head and Assistant Coaches are eligible for nomination.
2. Active involvement in local SBA basketball programs and initiatives that promote Tigers' values within the community.
3. Efforts in promoting an inclusive environment for all players within the team.
4. Models high standards of conduct and respectful, positive behaviour toward officials and participants when representing SBA.
5. Seeks development opportunities and demonstrates a commitment to building their coaching qualifications.

COACH of the Year _____

Address the criteria to explain why you are nominating this coach using the [Google form](#) or in an email or new document attached to an email.

Aspiring Representative Coach of the Year | The Scott Balsar Memorial Trophy

The Scott Balsar Memorial Trophy will be awarded to an aspiring basketball coach who is beginning their coaching career. This trophy will serve not only as recognition of their dedication and potential, but also as motivation for coaches to strive for excellence in their roles.

The criteria for this award:

1. Maximum three years coaching SBA representative teams (can be non-consecutive seasons). Head and Assistant Coaches are eligible for nomination.
2. Active involvement in local SBA basketball programs and initiatives that promote Tiger's values within the community.
3. Recognition for implementing creative strategies that enhance player performance.
4. Models high standards of conduct and respectful, positive behaviour toward officials and participants when representing SBA.
5. Seeks development opportunities and demonstrates a commitment to building their coaching qualifications.

ASPIRING COACH of the Year _____

Address the criteria to explain why you are nominating this coach using the [Google form](#) or in an email or new document attached to an email.

Representative Referee of the Year

This award recognises a referee of any age who has succeeded as a representative referee in that year.

The criteria for this award are:

1. Shows commitment to pursuing the referee pathway by seeking development opportunities and progressing their grading.
2. Selection to referee at a representative level beyond SBA, such as BNSW and Basketball Australia competitions or school representative state/national tournaments.
3. Selection for finals games at a representative competition such as BNSW and Basketball Australia competitions or school representative state/national tournaments.
4. The Referee must demonstrate good sportsmanship and model the Tigers' values.

REFEREE of the Year

Address the criteria to explain why you are nominating this referee using the [Google form](#) or in an email or new document attached to an email.

Submit your nominations via the Google form:

<https://forms.gle/LdC7W8ShCLZs8hEA6>

Not using the Google form?

Due to the detail required to demonstrate that your nomination meets the criteria, this form is not designed to be completed as a hard copy.

Please start a new document or email, and provide as much information as possible to give your nominee the best chance. Ensure that the document includes the following information:

- Your name
- Name of person you are nominating and the award you are nominating them for
- Detailed nomination that addresses the criteria above