

OSCAs Criteria 2016

To compliment the Get the Game on campaign a few of the categories have been altered to reflect the importance of retaining and increasing participation levels in cricket. You will see from the below that we still have 7 categories that we will be accepting nominations against, a few have changed, and also there are a few alterations to the criteria.

The 2016 NatWest OSCA's will be held at Lords cricket ground on Tuesday 4th October. All nominations will be due by August 19th and invites will go on August 26th once the panel has met. Invites will all be sent electronically this year, so please ensure there is an e mail address on the nomination form. If your event is after the 25th August and you would therefore like your invites going later please advise us of this ASAP.

The NatWest OSCAs aim to reward the contribution that volunteers make to the game. We welcome nominations for volunteers from the traditional cricketing environments (clubs, leagues, boards) but in addition to this, we would like to recognise volunteers from emerging environments such as Higher and Further Education, Community Programmes, Workplaces and Recreational Park Leagues.

The 7 NatWest OSCAs nomination categories for 2016 will be:

- **Heartbeat of the Club**
- **Get the Game On**
- **Leagues**
- **Lifetime Achiever**
- **NatWest CricketForce**
- **Officiating – Umpires and Scorers**
- **Young Volunteer**

Following on from this page is the judging criteria for all of the above categories; the characteristics and achievements that separate some nominees from the others. You will note that there are some slight changes to the criteria to reflect the importance of retaining and increasing participation levels in cricket, and also the points system to make sure the 'wow factor' is given a strong weighting. The criteria differs within each category but a minimum standard that all of the nominations must show is outlined below:

Evidence in the nomination form of the criteria having been achieved

Evidence that the person has had a positive and sustainable impact on their club/organisation

A demonstration of the volunteer going 'beyond the call of duty' and exceeding expectations for the good of the club/organisation/game of cricket

Evidence that the actions of the volunteer have aided the recruitment / retention of players within the game

An on-going commitment to the club/organisation and its members

Scoring

There is a scoring system for all of the categories. In each of the first five criteria for each category there is a score of up to 10 to be given which is to the discretion of the judging panel. The last criterion in each of the categories is a 'WOW' factor; this refers to something which is extraordinary and catches the eye and up to 50 marks can be awarded for this. Essentially the nominees with the highest score (out of 100) at the end would be the winner but further discussion may be necessary for close point allocations

Heartbeat of the Club Criteria		Score
The nominee must show evidence of:		
The undertaking of a number of roles and tasks within the club when they are not fulfilled by others		/10
An impact of their actions on the development of the club in a positive and lasting way		/10
A significant dedication of time and commitment to a cricket club		/10
An outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty for the sake of the club and its members		/10
An overriding desire to recruit or retain players within the club		/10
WOW factor		/50
TOTAL POINTS		/100
Get the Game On Criteria		Score
The nominee must show evidence of:		
Their contribution having a positive impact on the number of players especially young players being retained		/10
Show significant dedication of time and commitment to their cricket club and undertaking a number of different roles on match days		/10
An outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty to ensure that matches and games are played and completed		/10
Being an active member of the clubs management committee		/10
Motivate players to uphold the spirit of cricket and act as an outstanding ambassador for club cricket both on and off the field		/10
Act as an advocate to help promote the Get the Game On campaign to other volunteers and players within their club and league		/50
TOTAL POINTS		/100

Heartbeat of the Club – This award is for that special volunteer that your club simply couldn't do without, often the roles they carry out are behind the scenes. They often undertake a number of different roles, and are always there to lend a hand.

Get the Game On – Is designed to highlight the “game day” contribution that is made by a key volunteer at your club. They are often the proactive person who is instrumental in going the extra mile to ensure the game is played rather than than it being called off.

Lifetime Achiever Criteria		Score
The nominee must show evidence of:		
A commitment to their cricket club, league, board or local cricket community spanning a number of years		/10
Having an impact on the development of the cricket club/league/board/community and its members i.e. implementation of junior section, women’s section, ground improvements, increase in participation levels, improved administration processes etc		/10
Embracing change and evidence of moving the club/league/board/community forward		/10
Providing a legacy for the organisation and providing for regeneration in the future		/10
Building partnerships with external organisations and embracing programmes for the benefit of the club/league/board/community i.e. NatWest CricketForce, Chance to Shine, other NGBs etc		/10
WOW factor		/50
TOTAL POINTS		/100
Leagues Criteria	Score	
The nominee must show evidence of:		
Supporting their clubs to adopt and actively implement the Get the Game On campaign		/10
Go beyond the call of duty and support key volunteers within clubs to help reduce the number of cancelled and conceded games throughout the season		/10
Understand the needs of their players, and have a willingness to change and adapt rules and regulations to increase player satisfaction to get more games played during the 2015 season		/10
Positively increase the quality and quantity of participation in umpiring and groundsmanship within all levels of the game		/10
The introduction of new ideas and rules which will help and support Club Captains and players on and off the field		/10
Demonstrate an overall reduction in the amount of conceded fixtures and increase the amount of scorecards which are uploaded onto play-cricket.com		/50
TOTAL POINTS		/100

Leagues - This award is aimed at recognising the outstanding contribution made by leagues which help and support an increase in participation and getting more people playing more.

Lifetime Achiever – This individual will have made an outstanding difference to their cricket club, league, board or local cricket community over a significant number of years.

NatWest CricketForce Criteria	
The nominee must show evidence of:	
Understanding of the ethos of NatWest CricketForce and galvanising the members of the club into showing a similar understanding	/10
A legacy coming out of the project – not just a short term effect but also leaving a base for future stability and growth	/10
The use of initiative in gathering the support of local and national businesses, and community partners including Schools, Scouts and Guides etc to help the club’s project	/10
A significant amount of volunteers from the local community helping out and an effort by the club to retain these volunteers for the longer term	/10
A willingness to think ‘outside the boundary’ during the project i.e. green projects, fundraising and long term volunteer recruitment drives	/10
High quality project management throughout the clubs NatWest CricketForce event	/50
TOTAL POINTS	/100

NatWest CricketForce -A club who has galvanised their members to support NWCF, gained support from local and national business, as well as linking with the local community in the recruitment of volunteers for club.

Officiating -This award is looking for an official who has visibly increased the quality of officiating and standard player satisfaction of the cricket within their own Club, League or County.

Officiating – Umpires and Scorers Criteria	
The nominee must show evidence of:	
Raising the profile of good officiating within the County (Leagues/Competitions / Board)	/10
Drive and enthusiasm displayed when recruiting / training / mentoring new officials	/10
Building long term sustainable partnerships with Clubs/Leagues/Schools	/10

Going beyond the call of duty to support and advise Captains and Players in matches that are “self-officiated”	/10
Building a rapport with players to create a positive image of the modern Cricket Official whilst ensuring that the Spirit of Cricket is upheld	/10
Acting as an advocate and helping to promote Get the Game On to other club umpires, Captains and players	/50
TOTAL POINTS	/100

Young Volunteer – This award is designed to highlight and show the fantastic contribution that young volunteers can make within the game.

Young Volunteer (aged 14-25) Criteria	
The nominee must show evidence of:	
Being responsible, dependable and enthusiastic by providing leadership, use of initiative and being prepared to think outside the boundary.	/10
Having a positive effect on their club/group/organisation and other members by creating and delivering new initiatives	/10
A willingness to use their volunteering experience to help recruit more young people into volunteering roles within cricket	/10
A willingness to learn from experience, undertake training and learn from others	/10
Displaying enthusiasm and drive to increase participation in cricket by recruiting and /or retaining players within their environment	/10
WOW factor	/50
TOTAL POINTS	/100