Volunteers are not paid — not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!

Behind every sporting game, event and recreational activity, there are volunteers making it happen. They provide the lifeblood of our industry.

On behalf of the industry, Sport & Recreation ACT together with ACTSPORT, take pleasure in saying thank you to your valued volunteers through annual volunteer recognition awards. Nominations are now being called for the 2006 thanks Awards.

The thanks Awards provide vital recognition of significant volunteer contributions and your organisation is encouraged to be involved. Peak organisations are invited to nominate an individual for award consideration. Ideally, liaison with affiliate clubs will identify worthy nominees who have made outstanding volunteer contributions.

The thanks Awards will be formally presented at the thanks Awards function on Wednesday 6 September 2006 by the ACT Minister for Sport. Award recipients receive a framed personal profile of their volunteer contributions and achievements.

Steps to being involved:

1. Start thinking now and talk to your affiliate clubs to identify an individual who has made an outstanding volunteer contribution to your sport or activity.

2. Complete the attached form and nominate up to three volunteers for award consideration. Please note: while their contributions remain valued, previous award recipients will not be considered.

3. Return the form to Sport and Recreation ACT by 5.00pm Friday 4 August 2006.

2006. Additional information

This program will be using the following definition of volunteering:

Formal volunteering is an activity which takes place in not for profit organisations or projects and is undertaken:

• to be of benefit to the community and the volunteer;
• of the volunteer’s own free will and without coercion;
• not for financial payment; and
• in designated volunteer positions only.

(www.volunteeringaustralia.org)

These awards are open for recognition of all volunteer roles in the sport and recreation industry. The awards aim to recognise volunteers in sport, recreation and fitness organisations who have made an outstanding contribution to the management and operation of the organisation, or have contributed to the quality of participation in physical activity in the ACT community.

Nominations will be accepted from peak organisations only.

Nominations close 5.00pm Friday 4 August 2006.

Please forward nominations to:

“thanks” Awards
Sport & Recreation ACT
PO Box 147
Civic Square ACT 2608

For further information please contact:

Sport & Recreation ACT
Ph: 02 6205 4701
Email: ashley.synnott@act.gov.au
www.sport.act.gov.au
www.actsport.com.au
# NOMINATION FORM

**Nominating Organisation:**  
**Contact:**  
**Position:**  
**Postal Address:**  

**Suburb:**  
**Postcode:**  
**Telephone:**  
**Mobile:**  
**Fax:**  
**Email:**  

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**Name of Volunteer:**  
**Postal address:**  

**Suburb:**  
**State:**  
**Postcode:**  
**Telephone:**  
**Email:**  

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**Highlights of contribution as a volunteer:**

- timing us
- helping us
- scoring us
- marking us
- feeding us
- starting us
- training us
- cheering us
- supporting us
- transporting us
- teaching us
- fundraising for us
- motivating us