

OSCAs Criteria 2013

As another year passes, the cricket network becomes bigger and as a result, we have amassed more excellent volunteers working to ensure that cricket continues to thrive in a number of different formats and environments.

NatWest OSCAs aim to reward the contribution that these 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 remain the same and are as follows:

- 📄 **Behind the Scenes**
- 📄 **Building Partnerships**
- 📄 **Leagues and Boards**
- 📄 **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 stronger 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

Please respect the individual you are nominating and limit any sensitive data about them.

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

Behind the Scenes Criteria	Score
The nominee must show evidence of:	
The undertaking of a number of roles and tasks within the club/organisation when they are not fulfilled by others with little recognition	/10
An impact of their actions on the development of the club/organisation in a positive and lasting way	/10
A significant dedication of time and commitment to a cricket club/organisation	/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 / organisation	/10
WOW factor	/50
TOTAL POINTS	/100

Building Partnerships Criteria	Score
The nominee must show evidence of:	
Forging links and building bridges through cricket between diverse religious, ethnic, economic or gender groups	/10
Establishing economic or facility based legacy for the game through corporate and commercial partnerships	/10
Leadership, imagination and the ability to implement innovative ideas which bring together previously unconnected agencies to benefit cricket in their community	/10
The success that their partnership building has brought to theirs and/or other cricket clubs / organisations	/10
Using the partnerships as a way of bringing new players into the club or retaining the existing players	/10
WOW factor	/50
TOTAL POINTS	/100

<u>Leagues and Boards</u> Criteria	Score
The nominee must show evidence of:	
An increase in the quality and quantity of participation in umpiring, administration, communication, marketing at various levels of cricket	/10
Forward thinking. A proactive and sustainable approach to the development of the game and it's administration	/10
The introduction of new and innovative ideas to drive forward the development of cricket for men and women of all ages	/10
Support of an open agenda to engage directly with various social groups to extend the scope of cricket across cultural / ethical / gender / religious and disabled groups	/10
Understanding the needs of the players, and adapting a willingness to change, in order to maximise the players enjoyment of the game (format / travel / competition structure)	/10
WOW factor	/50
TOTAL POINTS	/100

<u>Lifetime Achiever</u> 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

NatWest CricketForce Criteria Score	
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
WOW Factor	/50
TOTAL POINTS	/100

Officiating – Umpires and Scorers Criteria Score	
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 ensure that as few a matches as possible are "self-officiated"	/10
Building a rapport with players to create a positive image of the modern Cricket Official	/10
WOW Factor	/50
TOTAL POINTS	/100

Young Volunteer (aged 16-25)	
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 for the benefit of others in different environments i.e. club, education, workplace	/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

