



CRITERIA FOR AFC SPECIAL ELITE YOUTH AWARDS 2019

1. YOUTH ACADEMY OF THE YEAR (BOYS AND GIRLS)

An academy with an outstanding record in developing talented players.

- As a minimum, the academy must fulfil the one-star criteria as per the AFC Elite Youth Scheme.
- The academy can be either a national or club-based centre.
- The academy should be nominated because of outstanding performance in player care, technical development, recruitment and talent production.
- Evidence will be required to support the above.

2. YOUTH COACH OF THE YEAR (MAN & WOMAN)

An active male or female coach who has produced outstanding results in youth football during the last 2 years.

- The youth coach can work at club or national team level.
- He or she should be nominated for outstanding achievements in talent development and/or youth team performance at top-level.
- Evidence will be required to support the above.

3. YOUTH LEAGUE OF THE YEAR

A domestic youth league which provides an outstanding environment for teenage player development.

- The season-long league can be organised on a national, regional or local level.
- The teams may represent schools, youth clubs or academies.
- Key elements will be administration (including leadership, regulations, budget, schedule, etc.), player protection, infrastructure, referees, coaching requirements, disciplinary matters and communications (including results, tables, special events, web page, etc.).
- Evidence will be required to support the above.