

AFC Special Grassroots Awards

1. Criteria

The four AFC Special Grassroots Awards are as follows:

1.1 Best Grassroots Leader:

“An individual (a volunteer) who has done outstanding work in grassroots football”

- A leader who deals with players in clubs, NGO, school, etc (not a Member Association official/employee)
- For current work (not just efforts in the past)
- Focus on:
 - Achievement (created/expanded a club, project or other activity)
 - Longevity
 - Impact (influence on a large number of players)

1.2 Best Grassroots Project:

“An outstanding grassroots football project run by a regional association, amateur club, agency or school”

- Not regular MA business
- Evidence of support for AFC’s Grassroots Philosophy and AFC Grassroots Charter criteria
- Focus on:
 - Innovation
 - Social responsibility
 - Impact (involving a large number of participants, specific groups and special activities)
 - A wide range of participants (age, gender, skill level, disability, etc.)

1.3 Best Grassroots Club:

“An amateur club which does outstanding grassroots work”

- Clubs having a holistic grassroots approach
- Evidence of growth and retention
- Focus on:
 - A wide range of participants (age, gender, skill level, disability, etc.)
 - Partnership (with schools or other local bodies)
 - Activities (trainings, projects, events, competitions, Fair Play, child protection policy, etc.)

1.4 Best Grassroots Competition:

- Only children's or youth competitions considered
- Regular competition, not a one-off festival
- At least one round of matches per week
- Focus on:
 - Quality of organisation, refereeing and facilities
 - Standard of leadership/ coaching
 - Code of Conduct and Data Collection

AFC Special Grassroots Awards – Points System

Points are awarded to nominations based on the following areas of achievement and corresponding scoring indicators, as assessed through the information and supporting evidence provided by the nominees.

1. Best Grassroots Leader:

Maximum points available: 100

| | Areas of achievement | Scoring Indicators |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Achievement (created/ expanded a club, project or other activity) 0-30 points | The number of festivals, projects competition participation (annually) during his/her grassroots career; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 – 6 points ▪ 10 – 12 points ▪ 15 – 18 points ▪ 20 – 24 points ▪ More than 20 – 30 points |
| 2 | Longevity 0-20 points | The longevity of volunteer work in grassroots football; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 to 2 years – 4 points ▪ 3 to 5 years – 8 points ▪ 6 to 10 years – 12 points ▪ 11 to 20 years – 16 points ▪ More than 20 years – 20 points |
| 3 | Impact (influence on a large number of players) 0-50 points | 3.1 The current number of players involved in his/her clubs/projects; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 to 100 – 5 points ▪ 101 to 200 – 10 points ▪ 201 to 500 – 15 points ▪ 501 to 1,000 – 20 points ▪ More than 1,000 – 25 points <p>-----</p> <p>And,</p> <p>3.2 The increase rate of participants in his/her clubs/projects in the past 2 years;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1-5% - 5 points ▪ 6-10% - 10 points ▪ 11-15% - 15 points ▪ 16-20% - 20 points ▪ Over 20% - 25 points |

2. Best Grassroots Project:

Maximum points available: 100

| | Areas of achievement | Scoring Indicators |
|---|--|---|
| 1 | Achievement (created & implemented the project) 0-25 points | The duration of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 week – 5 points ▪ 1 month – 10 points ▪ 1 year – 15 points ▪ 2 years – 20 points ▪ More than 2 years – 25 points |
| 2 | Impact (involving a large number of participants, specific groups and special activities) 0-45 points | 2.1 The number of participants involved in the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 to 100 – 5 points ▪ 101 to 200 – 10 points ▪ 201 to 500 – 15 points ▪ 501 to 1,000 – 20 points ▪ More than 1,000 – 25 points <hr/> And, 2.2 The number of special activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 – 4 points ▪ 2 – 8 points ▪ 3 – 12 points ▪ 4 – 16 points ▪ More than 4 – 20 points |
| 3 | A wide range of participants (age, gender, skill level, disability, etc.) 0-30 points | Five points are given for each category of participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than two age groups – 5 points ▪ Male & female – 5 points ▪ People with various skill levels – 5 points ▪ People with disability – 5 points ▪ Disadvantaged communities (e.g., economically deprived, refugees) - 5 points ▪ All the categories – additional 5 points |

3. Best Grassroots Club

Maximum points available: 100

| | Areas of achievement | Scoring Indicators |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Evidence of growth and retention 0-20 points | The number of participants at the club (boys & girls): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100 to 200 – 4 points ▪ 201 to 500 – 8 points ▪ 501 to 800 – 12 points ▪ 801 to 1,000 – 16 points ▪ More than 1,000 – 20 points |
| 2 | A wide range of participants (age, gender, skill level, disability, etc.) 0-30 points | Five points are given for each category of participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than two age groups – 5 points ▪ Male & female – 5 points ▪ People with various skill levels – 5 points ▪ People with disability – 5 points ▪ Disadvantaged communities (e.g. economically deprived, refugees) - 5 points ▪ All the categories – additional 5 points |
| 3 | Partnership (with schools or other local bodies) 0-10 points | The number of partnerships with schools or other local bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 – 5 points ▪ 2 or more – 10 points |
| 4 | Impact: Activities (teams, projects, events, competitions, Fair Play, child protection policy, etc.) 0-40 points | <p>4.1 The number of activities involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 to 5 – 4 points ▪ 6 to 10 – 8 points ▪ 11 to 20 – 12 points ▪ 21 to 50 – 16 points ▪ More than 50 – 20 points <p>-----</p> <p>And,</p> <p>4.2 The increase rate of participants in the past 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1-5% - 4 points ▪ 6-10% - 8 points ▪ 11-15% - 12 points ▪ 16-20% - 16 points ▪ Over 20% - 20 points |

4. Best Grassroots Competition

Maximum points available: 100

| | Areas of achievement | Scoring Indicators |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | Quality of organisation, refereeing and facilities 0-75 points | <p>1.1 The number of matches on a regular basis per team per year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 – 5 points 18 – 10 points 22 – 15 points 26 – 20 points More than 26 – 25 points <p>-----</p> <p>And,</p> <p>1.2 The number of participating teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 – 5 points 10 – 10 points 12 – 15 points 14 – 20 points More than 14 – 25 points <p>-----</p> <p>And,</p> <p>1.3 Evidence of a system to identify and register the referee for each game in the league - 5 points</p> <p>-----</p> <p>And,</p> <p>1.4 The number of games refereed by a qualified referee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% - 4 points 60% - 8 points 70% - 12 points 80% - 16 points Over 90% - 20 points |
| 2 | Standard of leadership/coaching 0-25 points | <p>2.1 Evidence of a system to identify and register the coach with each team in the league - 5 points</p> <p>-----</p> <p>And,</p> <p>2.2 The number of teams with a recognised MA/ AFC coaching qualification;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% - 4 points 60% - 8 points 70% - 12 points 80% - 16 points Over 80% - 20 points |