

5.9 Sports Membership, Sports Member Badge and Club Awards

Sports Membership

To recognise outstanding contributions to CSMA Motorsport either as a competitor or as an organiser, the Sports membership was introduced in 1956. Since then, awards have been presented to nearly a thousand members.

From the introduction of the award in 1956, the design of the badge has been unchanged. It has a green outer ring, green being the English racing colours, derived from the English countryside. In the centre is a gold star, which is the title of the award given by the ACU to the best trials rider of the year. The inner plaque is the same design as the well-known CSMA plaque, in red, white and blue

A list of the recipients of the numbered badges is maintained in the Book of Honour shown on the Boundless website.

Process

Sports Membership entitles the recipient to receive an individually numbered vehicle badge and representative vehicle sticker. Details of the recipient are recorded at Boundless Head Office and on the website in the Book of Honour. A presentation is usually made at a function or other group event and undertaken by a Club Officer or other group or committee leader.

The award of Sports Membership should be available to any member who has helped promote motorsport by competing on a regular basis with Boundless as their specified Club or been a member of a Boundless named team on a National or International event. The award should also be open to non-competitors who have helped to a large extent with organising or marshalling events to the significant benefit or promotion of Boundless. These parameters are not final and any member who has demonstrated any involvement with motorsport to the benefit of Boundless should also be considered.

Investiture of Sports Membership will rest with the Club Council and as such will be the final judge as to whether or not any application is approved.

Nominations

Nominations for Sports Membership should be made by third parties, not the individual member, to the Club Council and all such nominations will be considered at their next meeting. The nomination should include full details of the reasons for the award of Sports Membership with any additional evidence also being supplied.

Club Award Scheme

For many years there have been various ways and means within the Association for recognising the achievements and service of individual members. For the general membership there is the honour of Life Membership which is, understandably, reserved for very special cases. For the motorsport recognition there is the Sports Membership Award detailed above. In recognition of the need for a similar award for members of Local and non-Motorsport Interest Groups the idea of the 'Club Award' was born.

Process

A recommendation for an award under the Club Award Scheme may be made by a Boundless Group Committee, the CSMA Board, the Club Council or an individual Member. Any recommendations for an award should, in the first instance, be submitted to the Member Communities team, or exceptionally directly to the Club Council. The award is intended to recognise outstanding service to Group activities over a substantial period of time and is not intended to be made for one-off occasions or events. Likely reasons for recommending a member for a Club Award include long service on a Group Committee or a long-standing involvement with a Group event, however an award may also act as a means of recognising the efforts of a member on retiring or standing down from a particular post after a 'worthwhile' period in office. Very occasionally, a recommendation may be made for non-members who have provided outstanding support to Boundless Groups through their efforts, again generally over a period of a number of years.

In order to maintain an element of special achievement and surprise, any Group making a recommendation should endeavour to keep the submission from the nominee. As it is not envisaged that the award will be made as a matter of course, this will avoid unnecessary disappointment by the nominee in the event of an application being rejected.

Member Communities Manager will be tasked with the initial consideration of all recommendations, which, if approved, will then be put to the next available Club Council meeting for ratification. An award of a special clock or similar item with an engraved nameplate will be made to all recipients of the Club Award.

Any questions in relation to the Club Award nomination process should be forwarded to the Member Communities Team:

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