SAY GOLD BALL AWARD

**Nominee**
Any individual, organization, group, or other entity who is not a SAY member or directly affiliated with SAY.

**Eligibility Criteria**
For any singular or continuous contribution(s), meritorious service and/or other beneficial acts that are instrumental to the enhancement of the overall SAY National Program.

**Ineligible Nominee**
Any Administrative, Participating, Playing or Associate member of SAY as defined in the SAY Constitution.

Anyone who’s status (past or present) brings disrepute to SAY shall be ineligible to be nominated for this Award.

**Nominator**
Any individual, organization, group or other entity who is directly affiliated with SAY at the National or local SAY Area level.

The Nominator must be acutely aware of the contribution(s) for which the Nominee is being proposed.

The SAY Awards Committee of the NBOD may also independently submit a Nominee(s) for consideration.

Name and contact information of the person/entity making the nomination must be included.

Relationship to the Nominee (family member, fellow coach, player, administrator, etc.) is to be included in the nomination submittal.

**Nominations**
All nominations for the Gold Ball Award are to be submitted to the SAY National Office no later than January 1.

Nomination shall include the name of the Nominee exactly as it is to appear on the Award.
Submittal is to include a detailed description for which the nomination is being made, along with the related impact on the SAY National program.

**Selection of Recipient**

Any number of nominations may be submitted annually to SAY National for consideration by the NBOD. A nomination for an unsuccessful Gold Ball Award candidate may be resubmitted in its entirety in the future.

All nominations will be forwarded in a timely manner to the SAY Awards Committee of the NBOD for review in order to determine if the Nominee’s submitted qualifications warrant consideration for the Award.

Names of any nominees selected by the Committee for consideration as a Recipient of the Award will be forwarded to the SAY Executive Director for investigation/validation of the Nominee’s qualifications.

If the Nominee’s qualifications are validated, the Committee will then present the potential Recipient to the SAY National Board of Directors for consideration and vote at the next scheduled NBOD meeting.

All NBOD members shall be eligible to vote on the acceptance (or not) of a proposed Recipient of the Gold Ball Award.

The Awards Committee will provide the inclusion of its recommendation(s) when submitting to the NBOD a potential Recipient’s credentials for approval.

The criteria for approving a Gold Ball Award requires that a proposed Recipient must receive at least 75% acceptance of the votes cast.

It is preferred that only one (1) Recipient shall be selected for the Gold Ball Award in any given year.

It is not a mandate nor an expectation that a Gold Ball Award be provided or even considered annually if there are no viable candidates.

**Recipient Recognition**

The selected Recipient(s) shall be presented the Gold Ball Award at the SAY Annual General Meeting.

A Recipient should be notified at least 60 days prior to the date of the AGM.

A short descriptive statement with respect to the nature of the achievement that the Award is being bestowed shall also be included.
The Recipient's name, the year that the Gold Ball Award was received, and a notation of the achievement shall be inscribed on a metal tag fastened to the Gold Ball Award plaque, which is on display in the SAY Wall of Fame at the SAY National office.

The Gold Ball Award Recipient shall be recognized as such in the AGM minutes, as well as being included in any SAY National material being sent or posted to its membership.

**Example of Gold Ball Award Notation**

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SAY SOCCER GOLD BALL AWARD

Is Presented to

(NAME)

For Your Continuing Contributions to SAY Soccer

2022
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