



WA Football

Facility of the Year Award

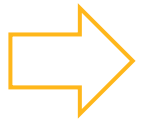
2026 Guidelines

The WA Football Facility of the Year Award annually recognises best practice in community football facility development across the state.

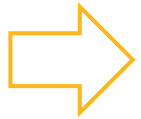
The award aims to promote and celebrate the provision of well positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit for purpose football facilities that support our growing game's strategic priorities. Western Australia's winning project will be nominated for the National AFL Ken Gannon Community Football Facilities Awards.

PROJECT CRITERIA

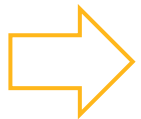
Matching supply of venues for our growing game's needs is one of our sport's biggest challenges and is a key part of our WA Football Strategic Facilities Plan 2020-2030. Three overarching facility pillars have been developed to guide our resourcing in terms of infrastructure:



Sustainability - Deliver inclusive and sustainable facilities that respond to demand and are operationally viable.



Partnerships - Partner with all levels of government, clubs and other sports to improve our network of industry stakeholders.



Investment - Continue to highlight the needs and benefits of investment in football infrastructure, in particular the social, economic and wellbeing benefits football provides to the community.



2025 WA Facility of the Year Finalist – VC Mitchell Park, Donnybrook



Projects should deliver one or more of the following WA Football Strategic Facility Targets:



Lighting – Provide a minimum 100 lux lighting at all primary club ovals.



Gender Neutral Amenities - All venues to provide suitable amenities for all participants.



New Facilities - Partner with government to deliver new ovals and amenities in growth areas.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible the project must have direct links and benefit to an Australian Rules Football club in Western Australia. Eligible nominating organisations are:



Community Football & Sporting Clubs



Schools and Universities



Local Government Organisations



WAFL Clubs

The project works must have been completed within the past twelve (12) months, with the venue accessible for the 2026 season.

LODGEMENT INFORMATION

Applications open on Wednesday 5th August and close on Sunday 6th September 2026.

Applications are to be submitted via WA Football's online application portal (SmartyGrants) at <https://wafc.smartygrants.com.au/2026WAFFOTY>

WA Football will assess your application and may contact you in the event we require any additional information or clarification.

WA Football will contact all applicants via email to notify you of the outcome by no later than 11th September 2026.

PRIZE

The winning submission will receive the following:



Award presented at the 2026 WAF Community Awards – 20th September 2026



Plaque/certificate for venue



WA Football website story outlining the project



The project will also be nominated by WA Football as the WA finalist for the 2026 AFL Ken Gannon Community Facility Awards.



2025 WA Facility of the Year Finalist – UWA Sports Park, Mt Claremont

MORE INFORMATION

For more information visit wafootball.com.au/about-us/facilities/
or contact Facilities team on facilities@wafootball.com.au



2025 Facility of the Year Finalist – Hands Oval, Bunbury