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Club of the Year – Criteria Draft v2, March 24

To recognise the hard work of clubs and reward excellence in club management, recruitment, community engagement and increasing the visibility of the sport of model aircraft flying in their locality.

When considering a club for nomination the following points should be considered and covered in the citation.

Many clubs won't be that interested in becoming the club of the year. They are happy to just enjoy their flying of whatever discipline in a relaxed and informal manner. Alan Paul EA Area delegate.

Club management

- Robust club constitution
- Welfare Policy
- Inclusivity

Is the club actively seeking to recruit new members?

- Engagement in the local community.
- Engagement with local youth groups.

Does the club have a structured training program?

- Trial flights
- Novice to Solo and A Cert
- To B cert and beyond

This is somewhat biased towards RC clubs and clubs that actively promote the RC achievement scheme. Many clubs offer other disciplines or just help people get to a safe RC standard. It may be better to say do clubs offer help and training to new members to encourage them to get into the hobby in a friendly and relaxed way. Alan Paul EA Area delegate.

Does the club have a visible online presence?

- Website
- Social media presence

Nominations can be made by: –

- Fellows of the Society
- Area Committees
- Clubs – Clubs may not nominate themselves.
- Directors
- BMFA Staff members.

It may be better to allow clubs to self nominate. Clubs may have very little knowledge of how other clubs operate and may be unable to nominate them. If they feel their own club is worthy of nomination, let them do it. If we don't, there may be very few nominations. Alan Paul EA Area delegate.

Nominations to be made to the relevant Area committee via online submission form.

Each Area to select an 'Area Club of the Year'.

If the 13 areas identify their "area club of the year" the BMFA should also recognise and reward this club, then these go to the "grand final" for club of the year, as each area has totally different issues, challenges and geographical size areas. Tony Waters RADMAC.

The Area Clubs of the year to be reviewed by an Areas Council Sub-committee to select the '**BMFA Club of the Year**', the sub-committee to be comprised of the following: –

Members Director
Outreach Director
Club Support Officer
+ the 4 Non-executive directors