



World Rugby Awards Voting Criteria

World Rugby Men's Player of the Year

Two panel members are assigned to vote on every international match in 2016. Panellists award three points for the person who played the best during the year in their eyes and then two points and one point. Points are collated and a shortlisted is determined in November. The panel then convene to determine a winner based on points and form.

World Rugby Women's Player of the Year

Panellists watch and review matches throughout the season and at the end of the season they will award three points for the player who has performed the best during the year in their eyes and then two points and one point. Points are collated to determine a shortlist and winner.

World Rugby Coach of the Year

This award to open to coaches of then men's, women's, seven's and 15s game. Panellists award three points for the coach who has performed the best during the year in their eyes and then two points and one point. Points are collated in November to determine a winner.

World Rugby Team of the Year

This award to open to men's, women's, seven's and 15s teams. Panellists award three points for the team who has performed the best during the year in their eyes and then two points and one point. Points are collated in November to determine a winner.

World Rugby Referee Award

This award to open to current and retired referees. Panellists award three points for the referee or retired referee whom they feel should be honoured for their refereeing services and then two points and one point. Points are collated in November to determine a winner.

IRPA Try of the Year

Panellists nominate their favourite try following each test window. A shortlist is determined and the panel vote to determine the winner.

World Rugby Breakthrough Player of the Year

This award to open to men's, women's, sevens and 15s players who have played no more than year of international rugby. Panellists award three points for the person whom they feel has burst onto the rugby scene in the past year and then two points and one point. Points are collated to determine a shortlist and winner.

World Rugby Men's Sevens Player of the Year in association with HSBC

Panellists watch and review matches throughout the season and at the end of the season they will award three points for the player who has performed the best during the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series season in their eyes and then two points and one point. Points are collated to determine a shortlist and winner.

World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year in association with HSBC

Panellists award three points for the player who has performed the best during the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series season in their eyes and then two points and one point. Points are collated to determine a winner.

Award for Character

The Award for Character honours an individual, union or group who, have shown an outstanding display of character which embodies the true values of rugby: integrity, respect, solidarity, passion and discipline.



Vernon Pugh Award for Distinguished Service

The Vernon Pugh Award for Distinguished Service honours an individual, union or group, male or female, who has given outstanding service to their country and contributed to the international game in as many as possible of the following areas: playing, coaching, management, training, administration, media and broadcast.

IRPA Special Merit

The IPRA Special Merit Award is presented to a player by fellow players in recognition of outstanding contribution to the professional game on and off the field.