

PLAYER OF THE YEAR-CRITERIA AND EVALUATION

The FCB awards is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our players and our sport. In considering the sportsperson and junior sportsperson, one naturally expects local and international performance to be considered, but, based on a review of FCB's nomination form it is clear that contribution to the sport must also be a factor. Given the foregoing the following criteria were used to compare candidates:

Proposed criteria –

Criteria	Explanation	Relative Weight
Local Dominance ¹	This looks at the degree to which a player dominated chess locally. Dominance is reflected in winning tournaments and relevant categories, strong placings, but also high participation. 5=high participation & winning "everything"; 4=at least basic participation (2-3 tournaments) & winning some 3=high participation & strong placings 2=basic participation & strong placings 1=high participation only	4
International performance	This looks at best performances but also bears in mind the difficulty of comparing players who did not have the same opponents or even did not play in the same category 5=Earning a major title of IM or GM 4=Earning top 3 position in an international tournament 3=Earning top 3 position in a regional tournament 2=Earning a title of CM or FM ² 1=Performing in top 60% or scoring at least 40-50% of points	3
Service to the Sport	This looks at leadership, giving back through coaching, assisting in running tournaments, service on national or club level, etc Service to the sport is important to TTCA as it is important to FCB, and it is important to developing the sport. All great athletes build their team-mates. 3=Leading a contingent abroad & service at national / club level 2=Serving at national / club level & at least one other service 1=at least one service offered by athlete (no club / national service)	2
Advancing The Image Of The Sport	This category reflects on the impact of the player on the image of the sport: discipline is considered, use of banned substances, cheating, etc. This category has no weight but it is a go-no go criterion.	

¹ Dominance should be compared in categories: for women it should be winnings in women sections; same for juniors. Open sections will also be considered.

² Earning the Candidate Master or FIDE Master titles weigh below top 3 performances because

- Such titles will probably be earned by a top 3 performance (if not then as in the case of Subzonal where % score was the criterion for earning the title, then the title must count for less than the top 3 performance)
- Some players who are candidates for FCB awards already possess a title hence they cannot earn the same regardless of a top 3 performance.