



OFFICIAL COMPETITION RULES

MOST WANTED

Basketball Coach Award

Dutch 1st Edition · Season 2026 / 2027

ORGANISER ORANGE BALL UNITED ATHLETES · ZUIDLAND, NL · KVK 74520067
CONTACT CONNECT@ORANGE-ATHLETES.COM
COMPETITION PAGE ORANGEBALLUNITEDATHLETES.COM/EN/MWBCA/

Official Competition Rules

Most Wanted Basketball Coach Award — Dutch 1st Edition

1. Organiser

The Most Wanted Basketball Coach Award — Dutch 1st Edition, referred to below as the “Competition” or “MWBCA”, is organised by Dariusz Edward Lewandowski, trading as Orange Ball United Athletes, registered at Speerpunt 4, 3214 HB Zuidland, the Netherlands, with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce under number 74520067, referred to below as the “Organiser” or “OBUA”.

The Organiser can be contacted at connect@orange-athletes.com.

The EuroLeague Head Coaches Board, referred to below as “EHCB”, supports the initiative and provides the educational prizes specified in these Rules. EHCB is not the organiser of the Competition.

The Competition is conducted through orangeballunitedathletes.com/en/mwbca/.

2. Purpose

The Competition aims to recognise and reward basketball coaches who have a positive, long-term impact on players, teams and local basketball communities.

MWBCA is not an award for winning the most trophies or coaching at the highest level. It recognises coaches valued for their commitment, character, approach to players and contribution to basketball development.

Participation is voluntary and free of charge.

3. Dates

Nominations may be submitted until **20 December 2026**.

Voting opens on **26 September 2026** and closes on **31 January 2027** at 23:59, Dutch local time.

The results will be announced on **17 February 2027**.

A candidate enters the Competition when their nomination is published. The Organiser will not compensate for differences in the time available to candidates to collect votes.

4. Nominators

Anyone aged 16 or older may nominate a coach.

Anyone under 16 may ask an adult to submit a nomination on their behalf.

One person may nominate more than one coach.

Coaches may not nominate themselves.

A nomination does not count as a vote. A nominator may later vote for the coach they nominated.

5. Candidate eligibility

At the time their nomination is approved, a candidate must be coaching a team participating in an official basketball competition in the Netherlands.

The competition level, age category and gender of the team are irrelevant.

Coaches working in 3x3 basketball, wheelchair basketball or another officially organised form of basketball are eligible, provided that their team participates in an official competition in the Netherlands.

A candidate must be at least 18 years old by the date on which the results are announced: 17 February 2027. Anyone who will not have reached the age of 18 by that date cannot participate as a candidate.

The owner, employees and contractors of OBUA, as well as anyone directly involved on behalf of the Organiser in preparing or running the Competition, cannot participate as candidates, even if they are coaches and otherwise meet the eligibility requirements.

A candidate who stops coaching after their nomination has been approved may remain in the Competition, provided that they met the eligibility requirements when their nomination was approved.

6. Submission and approval of nominations

Nominations must be submitted through the form on the Competition page.

The nominator must provide the required details about themselves and the candidate and confirm that the information is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

If the nominator does not have the coach's contact details, the Organiser may contact the coach through their club.

Every nomination is subject to preliminary verification.

The Organiser will contact the nominated coach and, where necessary, their club to verify the nomination and obtain the coach's agreement to participate.

A nomination will be published only after successful verification and the coach's agreement.

A coach who does not respond, declines to participate or does not meet the eligibility requirements will not be added to the candidate list.

The Organiser may reject an incomplete, inaccurate or ineligible nomination.

If the same coach is nominated more than once, they will be listed only once. Additional nominations do not count as votes or affect the candidate's position.

7. Candidate list and ranking

The approved candidate list will be available on the Competition page from **26 September 2026**.

Candidates will be displayed alphabetically.

A current ranking based on valid votes will also be available.

The ranking is provisional and may change following verification or the removal of invalid votes.

The Organiser may correct the ranking if a technical error, incorrect vote count or breach of these Rules is identified.

8. Voting

Anyone aged 16 or older may vote, regardless of their country of residence.

Anyone under 16 may ask a parent or guardian to vote on their behalf.

Each person may cast only one vote during the entire Competition.

An email address may be used to vote only once.

Having multiple email addresses does not entitle anyone to cast multiple votes.

A person may vote for a coach from their own club, a family member or a coach they previously nominated.

Once submitted, a vote cannot be changed, transferred to another candidate or withdrawn.

A valid vote must be cast within the voting period through the official form, contain the required information and comply with the “one person – one vote” rule.

9. Invalid voting and manipulation

The following are prohibited:

- a.** casting votes through different email addresses by the same person;
- b.** using bots, scripts, automated systems or fake accounts;
- c.** providing false information;
- d.** buying, selling or coercing votes;
- e.** taking any other action intended to artificially increase a candidate's vote total.

The Organiser may verify votes using available information, including email addresses and IP addresses.

Invalid, duplicate, automated or otherwise non-compliant votes may be removed.

Email addresses and IP addresses associated with abuse may be blocked.

In the event of serious or repeated violations, the Organiser may remove all votes connected to a particular person or source.

10. Selection of winners

First, second and third place will be awarded to the three candidates who receive the highest number of valid votes after verification.

The results will be published on the Competition page and may also be announced through OBUA's social media channels.

The Organiser will contact the winners using the available contact details.

11. Tie

If a tie affects first, second or third place, the order will be decided through a free-throw contest between the tied candidates.

The Organiser will determine the rules, location and date. The contest will be broadcast live.

All tied candidates will participate under the same conditions.

A candidate who refuses to participate or fails to attend at the agreed time will lose the tie-break by default.

If the free-throw contest cannot take place for reasons outside the Organiser's control, the Organiser will determine another fair method of resolving the tie.

12. Prizes

The first-place winner will receive:

- a. a full scholarship for the EHCB Coaches Academy — 8th Generation, provided by EHCB;
- b. participation in the 2027 EHCB Coaches Congress, provided by EHCB;
- c. flights and accommodation connected with participation in the 2027 EHCB Coaches Congress, paid for by OBUA.

The second- and third-place winners will receive:

- a. participation in the 2027 EHCB Coaches Congress, provided by EHCB;
- b. flights and accommodation connected with participation in the Congress, paid for by OBUA.

The exact date and location of the 2027 EHCB Coaches Congress depend on EHCB and have not yet been confirmed.

OBUA will select and book suitable flights and accommodation after discussing the practical details with each winner. OBUA retains the final decision regarding the carrier, route, travel times, booking class, hotel and number of nights.

The part of the prize funded by OBUA covers only the flights and accommodation booked by the Organiser.

The prize does not include meals, local transport, travel to and from airports, insurance, travel documents, visas, additional baggage or personal expenses.

Winners are responsible for holding valid travel documents and meeting applicable entry requirements.

A prize cannot be transferred or exchanged for cash.

If a winner cannot or does not wish to use the prize, they forfeit it and the prize passes to the next person in the final ranking.

If EHCB cancels, postpones or materially changes the Congress or Coaches Academy, the Organiser will decide how the prize will be handled, taking account of the circumstances and available options.

OBUA is not responsible for the actions or decisions of EHCB, an airline, hotel or another independent party, except where such liability cannot legally be excluded.

13. Withdrawal or disqualification

A candidate may withdraw from the Competition at any time.

After withdrawal, the candidate will be removed from the list. Votes cast for that candidate will not be transferred.

The Organiser may disqualify a candidate if:

- a.** it becomes apparent that they did not meet the eligibility requirements when approved;
- b.** they provided false or misleading information;
- c.** they manipulated the vote or knowingly benefited from manipulation;
- d.** the Organiser receives credible information concerning a criminal offence or conduct seriously inconsistent with the responsibilities of a coach;
- e.** continued participation could seriously damage the purpose, credibility or reputation of the Competition.

Where circumstances allow, the candidate will be given an opportunity to respond before a decision is made.

The final decision will be made by the Organiser after reviewing the available information.

14. Personal data

The controller of personal data collected in connection with the Competition is Dariusz Edward Lewandowski, trading as Orange Ball United Athletes, registered at Speerpunt 4, 3214 HB Zuidland, the Netherlands, under Dutch Chamber of Commerce number 74520067.

Personal data will be processed only as necessary to receive and verify nominations, contact candidates and clubs, conduct and protect the vote, prevent abuse, determine and announce the results, provide the prizes and handle questions or complaints.

A candidate's name, club, team, vote total, ranking position and final result may be published.

The personal data of nominators and voters will not be published.

Email addresses and technical information, including IP addresses, may be used to verify votes and prevent abuse.

Data will be retained for as long as necessary to conduct the Competition, provide the prizes, handle complaints and meet legal obligations, after which it will be deleted or anonymised.

Submitting a nomination or vote does not automatically subscribe anyone to a newsletter. Marketing messages will be sent only after separate consent has been given.

Further information is available in OBUA's Privacy Policy. Questions may be sent to connect@orange-athletes.com.

15. Image rights and promotion of the Competition

By agreeing to participate in the Competition, the candidate agrees that OBUA may use their first name, surname and image without additional payment for the purposes of organising, documenting, reporting on and promoting MWBCA.

This permission includes, in particular, the publication of:

- a.** information about the candidate's nomination and participation;
- b.** the candidate's profile and materials encouraging people to vote;
- c.** current rankings and Competition results;
- d.** information about the winners and prizes awarded;
- e.** materials reviewing the current edition and promoting future editions of MWBCA.

Materials may be published on OBUA's website, social media channels, in newsletters, press materials and unpaid or paid materials promoting MWBCA.

This permission applies to photographs, video recordings and audio recordings:

- a.** provided to OBUA by the candidate;
- b.** created by OBUA or on its behalf during events connected with the Competition;
- c.** created while the prizes are being used, to the extent agreed with the candidate.

OBUA may adapt materials to publication requirements, including by cropping, shortening, resizing and adding logos, text, music or graphic elements. Materials may not be used in a misleading or offensive manner or in a way that damages the candidate's reputation.

The candidate will not receive additional payment for the use of their personal data or image within the scope described in this section.

A candidate may withdraw permission for the use of their image in future publications by contacting connect@orange-athletes.com. Withdrawal does not affect the lawful use of materials published before the withdrawal or materials whose continued retention is justified for documenting the course and results of the Competition.

16. Liability and technical issues

The Organiser will make reasonable efforts to keep the website, forms and voting system operating correctly.

The Organiser is not responsible for interruptions, delays or technical problems outside its reasonable control.

If a failure may have materially affected the Competition, the Organiser may extend a deadline, restore correct data or apply another proportionate solution.

The Organiser may correct obvious clerical, technical or calculation errors where this does not change the essential nature of the Competition.

17. Changes or cancellation

The Organiser may change the Rules, schedule or method of running the Competition for an important reason, including a change in law, technical or security issues, abuse, changes to EHCB events or force majeure.

Material changes will be published on the Competition page.

If continuing the Competition becomes impossible or unreasonable, the Organiser may suspend, shorten or end it and will explain the reason.

18. Questions and complaints

Questions or complaints may be submitted to connect@orange-athletes.com.

A complaint should include the sender's name, a description of the situation and sufficient information to allow it to be reviewed.

The Organiser will review the matter within a reasonable period and respond by email.

19. Final provisions

Submitting a nomination or casting a vote constitutes acceptance of these Rules.

A candidate confirms acceptance of these Rules and agreement to participate by replying to the message sent by the Organiser.

Matters not covered by these Rules will be decided by the Organiser in accordance with applicable law, fairness and the purpose of the Competition.

The Competition is governed by Dutch law.

If any provision is invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in force.

In the event of a conflict between these Rules and promotional material, these Rules prevail.