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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – THE TIM BATES AWARD

The 'Tim Bates Award' – is an annual award recognising and rewarding an outstanding APF member for their passion, ability, input, excellence and contribution to the sport of Skydiving. Nominations are therefore being sought from any APF member and must be received by 5pm on 15th April 2011.

This award celebrates the spirit and skills of skydiver Tim Bates, who unexpectedly died from the effects of Diabetes in 2005. His family wished the Award to embrace the attributes that Tim brought to the Skydiving Sport. Hence, nominees will be evaluated in the following areas:

- A passion for the sport, and for developing the sport
- Demonstrated ability to, at times, put the sport before individual ambition
- Willingness to help and nurture others in the sport, and to work towards inclusiveness
- Desire and ability to excel within their chosen area(s) of endeavour within the sport
- Ability, skill and desire to put more back into the sport

Evidence to support these attributes in the context of the individual's contribution and commitment to the sport should be submitted with the nomination. Names of referees and their contact details may also be supplied.

The Selection Panel will include a member of the Bates family and APF members representative of the AVU and the previous year's Tim Bates Award winner (subject to availability)

Presentation of the Award will be made at the APF Annual Conference dinner. The recipient of the Tim Bates Award receives a trophy and a \$500 cash prize.

The winner of this award will follow in the footsteps of an esteemed group of Australian Skydivers who have equally demonstrated an amazing record of achievement and contribution to this sport.

2008 Inaugural winner – Michael Vaughan

2009 – Jules McConnel

2010 – Isobel Dore

Whilst there are no strict rules for the entry form and nomination process, you may find the [general guidelines for APF Awards](#) are a good starting point in relation to the evaluation criteria outlined above. All applications will be acknowledged,