



World Netball Service Award 2023

Citation for Annette Beckett , STE. Barbados Netball Association Inc.

Annette Beckett has won this prestigious Netball World Award for Barbados as one of the greatest administrators the sport can boast of both Nationally and Internationally.

Annette's introduction to netball started at Queen's College in 1964. Her love for the sport grew, as she played netball and umpired. Her love for the administrative side of the game challenged her to complete several courses on all aspects of administration offered by BOA and Americas Federation of Netball Association (AFNA).

Annette's Presidency of the Barbados Netball Association (BNA) spanned 15 continuous years, the longest in consecutive years in any sporting organization in Barbados. She was a member of the Caribbean Netball Association (CNA) Marketing Committee, member of the International WN Marketing Committee and sat on both the Board of WN as a Director and a regional representative for the Americas Region for 8 years. As Director she was on the committee which instituted and implemented the WADA Anti-doping policy. She was Barbados' representative at the CNA and AFNA General Meetings for 16 years.

Her leadership skills and knowledge of protocols were very apparent and widely recognized by many and her ability to be bold and candid in making hard decisions. She was accreditation Officer for WN Championships and had responsibility for fixturing the matches, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Sports Council for 4 years, a member of the Jury of Appeal at World Netball Championships and Commonwealth Games over 9 years, a member of the Accreditation Committee for 2007 Cricket World Cup, and a member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Barbados Anti-Doping Commission.

Annette received an Award of Merit for Sports Journalism from StarCom Network, an National Sports Council Appreciation Award for 4 years for Sports Journalism, and lifetime awards from the BNA & Barbados Association of Netball Umpires.

During Annette's netball presidency, the sport moved from recreational to being on the world stage. She re-organized the structure of the local competition which raised the standard of players, coaches, and umpires. She played an integral part at the World level in being a part of the process of the International Netball Umpires Award. Barbados attained its highest world ranking to date of 6th under her Presidency.

In 2022 the Barbados government awarded Ms. Annette Patricia Beckett a Silver Trident of Excellence for her stellar representation of Barbados in Netball internationally and for her efforts as an administrator to improve the sport.