

The Gerry MacNamara Memorial Award

The County Monaghan Motor Club is honoured to receive a memorial trophy presented by the family of the late Gerry MacNamara who had very close connections with this club for many years.

The committee of the club in deciding the criteria as to how and to whom the award would be made was anxious to accurately and worthily perpetuate Gerry MacNamara's memory, his interest in the club and involvement in the sport. Accordingly the following criteria have been agreed by the club:

The award shall be known as the Gerry MacNamara Memorial Award

The award shall be made to the person, who in the opinion of the club, made the most outstanding contribution to the club.

That person shall be one whose commitment and services have been consistent and over an appreciable period of time. One who has worked regularly for the general good of the club.

That person is one who makes himself/herself available for services that are behind the scenes and may at times be laborious as well as the more high profile appearances.

That person may have contributed greatly to promoting the club's best interests where and whenever the opportunity arises. That promotion might at times be outside the realms of events and of competing and of the immediacy of the club.

While an active competitor is not excluded the award is not won in recognition of achievements in events as this recognition is widely catered for already. Results in events will play no part for such person in the final decision.

The award is not exclusive to club membership but the successful recipient, if not a member, shall be one who has close and on-going connections with the life of the club and of the sport.

In being honoured by this award ship will replace the pattern practised over many years of acquiring some item on an ad hoc basis for a presentation in recognition of an individual's retirement or for some other meritorious situation.

No person may win the award a second time within a minimum of six years.

The Gerry MacNamara Memorial Award shall be seen as distinctive and different, if not in appearance certainly in the ethos underpinning it, from all the other awards.

The significance and promotion of the award shall be the subject of inclusion in the club's website, so that the nomination process is transparent and inclusive.

The person thus honoured by this award shall be identified by a panel of five persons; three of whom are committee members with an established record in the club and a further two from outside the committee who must also have an established record in the sport.

The five person panel will be appointed by the committee of the club.

The five person panel shall complete its work during the month of October each year and report to the committee of the club.

The successful person's identity must not be made public until ratified by the committee of the club.

The presentation of the award shall be made normally at the annual prize distribution but in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the committee may take place at another time and place.

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