



**Sport NSW**  
*NSW Community  
Sports Awards*

# **NSW COMMUNITY SPORTS AWARDS**

## **2021 GUIDELINES**

## BACKGROUND

In NSW, more than 500,000 people voluntarily dedicate their time every year through their involvement in sporting clubs and organisations. Put simply, sport would not exist without them.

The NSW Community Sports Awards, presented by Sport NSW, recognise outstanding achievements and contributions to community sport in NSW – largely carried out by a volunteer workforce. Nominations for the 2021 Awards are now open.

## NOMINATIONS

*Conditions of entry for all award categories.*

Nominations are to be endorsed by a Sport NSW member organisation, such as; State Sporting Organisation, State Sporting Organisation with a Disability, regional not-for-profit organisations such as Regional Academies of Sport or Associate Members of Sport NSW (ie. Local Councils).

Please note that only one nomination per award category can be lodged by each member organisation, with the exception of those who represent more than one sport.

- All mandatory fields must be completed on the online nomination form; additional documents submitted will not be considered.
- For 2021 only, an additional non-mandatory field has been included to provide opportunity to detail activities relating to COVID-19 specific circumstances.
- All fields have a 200 word limit.
- Each nomination is to be accompanied by two high resolution images (jpeg or png file format, 1MB or larger). One portrait and one action (if applicable).
- Sport NSW retains the right to add nominations and may cancel a category if insufficient nominations are received.
- Staff and directors of Sport NSW during the nomination period are not eligible for nomination in any category.
- Sport NSW may use information provided within the nomination including imagery for publicity purposes and as best practice case studies. This may include traditional and social media as well as email communications for which you assign rights to Sport NSW for this purpose.
- Nominations close **Sunday, 2 May 2021 at midnight** and must be completed online at [www.sportnsw.com.au/2021nswcommunitysportsawards](http://www.sportnsw.com.au/2021nswcommunitysportsawards)

Nominations are for achievements / contributions from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021.



## LOCAL COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS

Local clubs are encouraged to recognise volunteers, however please remember to:

1. Contact your State / Peak Sporting Organisation initially to discuss prospective nominations.
2. Complete all sections of the online nomination form at [www.sportnsw.com.au/2021nswcommunitysportsawards](http://www.sportnsw.com.au/2021nswcommunitysportsawards) indicating whether the submission has been endorsed by your State / Peak Sporting Organisation.

## LIST OF AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominations are invited for ten annual awards plus the Distinguished Long Service Awards for those that have given exceptional long service to their sport.

CATEGORY		CATEGORY	
1	Community Official of the Year	7	Community Team of the Year
2	Young Official of the Year	8	Community Club of the Year
3	Community Coach of the Year	9	Local Council of the Year
4	Young Coach of the Year	10	Community Event of the Year
5	Community Sport Administrator of the Year	11	Distinguished Long Service Award
6	Volunteer Director of the Year		

## JUDGING

- The NSW Community Sports Awards Judging Panel will consist of at least four people including representatives from, but not limited to:
  - Sport NSW
  - Sports Industry
  - Office of Sport
  - NSW Volunteering
  - Media
- The panel will short list nominees to a group of finalists and choose a winner in each category.
- The decisions of the Awards Judging Panel are final.

## WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION

- Sport NSW will inform the finalists (if contact details have been made available) and the nominating organisation. The full list of finalists will be publicly available via the Sport NSW website.
- The NSW Community Sports Awards will be presented on **Thursday, 17 June 2021** at **NSW Parliament House** pending COVID-19 restrictions on events at that time.

## AWARDS CATEGORIES - Conditions of Entry and Criteria

**Nomination Period – 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021**

## COMMUNITY OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

**SPONSORED BY VALOUR SPORT**

# VALOUR

Valour is the Official Clothing Partner of Sport NSW. Valour design and manufacture premium sportswear for professional athletes, grass roots sports clubs and schools.

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Awarded to an umpire/referee/official at club, association, regional or state level for outstanding achievements and contributions in the nomination period.

### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must not receive significant remuneration
- Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Level of competition regularly officiated
- Major tournaments / championships officiated
- Shows leadership including mentoring / education of other officials
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

**\*Please note that this is for community sport officials only. Professional and international officials are recognised under the 'Official' category in the NSW Sports Awards program.**



## YOUNG OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

SPONSORED BY REVOLUTIONISE SPORT

revolutioniseSPORT

revolutioniseSPORT is the official technology partner of Sport NSW, and led the revamp of the Sport NSW website, membership eNewsletter and event management systems. With over 170 governing bodies and 11,000 clubs on board across Australia, they bring their successful 'whole-of-sport' platform to Sport NSW.

**T:** (02) 9746 5389

**E:** [info@revolutionise.com.au](mailto:info@revolutionise.com.au)

**W:** [www.revolutionise.com.au](http://www.revolutionise.com.au)

Awarded to a young umpire/referee/official at club, association, regional or state level for outstanding achievements and contributions in the nomination period.

### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must not receive significant remuneration
- Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state
- Nominee must be no older than 21 years of age as at 30 April 2021

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Level of competition regularly officiated
- Major tournaments / championships officiated
- Shows leadership amongst peers and is active in developing their sport
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

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## COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR

### SPONSORED BY ICARE



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icare proudly delivers insurance and care services to the NSW community, including providing return to work solutions, injury protection and care for people who have been severely injured in the workplace, on the road or during sporting activities. icare's Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme is unique to NSW and provides affordable insurance to over 125 sporting organisations across 65 sports.

**T:** 02 7922 5392

**W:** [icare.nsw.gov.au](http://icare.nsw.gov.au)

Awarded to a coach at club, association, regional or state level for outstanding achievements and contributions in the nomination period.

#### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must not receive any remuneration other than reimbursement of expenses or honorarium
- Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Level of competition/s coached
- Success of coached individual / team
- Shows leadership (including mentoring / education of other coaches) and promotes a healthy culture in a fair, safe and inclusive environment
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

**\*Please note that this is for community sport coaches only. Professional coaches are recognised under the 'Coach' category in the NSW Sports Awards program.**



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- Nominee must be no older than 21 years of age as at 30 April 2021

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- Level of competition/s coached
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- Shows leadership amongst peers and promotes a healthy culture in a fair, safe and inclusive environment
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

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## COMMUNITY SPORT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

### SPONSORED BY SPORTSCOVER



Sportscover is Australia's leading specialist underwriting agency, providing a full-service underwriting and claims function to sports organisations and leisure operators across liability, personal accident, property, travel and contingency insurance.

Sportscover, backed by Lloyd's security, has built strong brand recognition and a loyal and stable customer base with an 84% historical client retention rate. Despite the volatility in global insurance markets, Sportscover continue to look after the insurance needs of more Olympic and Commonwealth Games sports than any other provider and to invest heavily in the development of the sports industry in Australia.

**T:** (02) 9268 9100

**W:** [www.sportscover.com](http://www.sportscover.com)

Awarded to a community sport administrator at club, association or regional level for outstanding achievements and contributions in the nomination period.

#### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must not receive any remuneration other than reimbursement of expenses or honorarium
- Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Level of administration
- Positive impact on club / organisation eg. membership, financial viability, new program implemented, major events conducted etc.
- Examples of initiatives, teamwork, innovation and leadership (including mentoring of new administrators)
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

**\*Please note that this is for community sport administrators only. Professional administrators are recognised under the 'Administrator' category in the NSW Sports Awards program.**





## VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS

**Australian Institute of  
Company Directors**

Over the last 40 years, the AICD has been helping organisations and sporting associations to improve their governance practices, enabling clubs to enhance their performance. For more information on the AICD's Sporting Governance course amongst many others, please visit their website.

**T:** (02) 8248 6600

**E:** [advisoryservices@aicd.com.au](mailto:advisoryservices@aicd.com.au)

**W:** [www.companydirectors.com.au/sportNSW](http://www.companydirectors.com.au/sportNSW)

Awarded to an individual who has displayed outstanding leadership in the governance of their sport and / or organisation in the nomination period.

### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must not receive any remuneration other than reimbursement of expenses or honorarium
- Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Positive impact on the organisation and contribution to the sport
- Organisation's sustainability and growth
- Promotes a healthy culture providing a fair and inclusive environment, ethical behaviour, leadership and community engagement
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

## COMMUNITY TEAM OF THE YEAR

### SPONSORED BY UNSW



UNSW Sydney is one of Australia's leading research and teaching universities. At UNSW, we take pride in the broad range and high quality of our teaching programs. Our teaching gains strength and currency from our research activities, strong industry links and our international nature; UNSW has strong regional and global engagement.

In developing new ideas and promoting lasting knowledge we are creating an academic environment where outstanding students and scholars from around the world can be inspired to excel in their programs of study and research.

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Awarded to a team for outstanding performance at state championships, regional, association or club level in the nomination period.

#### Conditions of Entry:

- Team members must not receive any remuneration other than reimbursement of expenses or honorarium
- Team must be based in NSW

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Achievement of a team at state championships, regional, association or club level
- Significance of their achievements in their sport and wider community
- Displays a positive culture which is fair, safe and inclusive
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

**\*Please note that this is for community and amateur teams only. Professional teams are recognised under the 'Team' category in the NSW Sports Awards program.**



## COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR

SPONSORED BY NSW COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE



NSW Communities and Justice (DCJ) works with children, adults, families and communities to improve lives and help people realise their potential by supporting clients to create the futures they want for themselves and their communities. DCJ will use the organisation's capabilities and influence in child protection, housing, homelessness and community inclusion.

**T:** (02) 9377 6000

**W:** [www.dcj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au)

Awarded to a club for outstanding achievements and excellence in the nomination period.

### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must be a sporting club affiliated to a member of Sport NSW
- Club must be based in NSW

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Performance in competition by athletes / teams
- Key events run during the period
- Innovative volunteer leadership and management, including recruitment, retention, recognition and reward
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusion and diversity in terms of, club administration and participation of all people ie. Women, CALD communities, indigenous, disabled and the disadvantaged
- Business growth and diversification of revenue streams
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*

## LOCAL COUNCIL OF THE YEAR

SPONSORED BY NSW OFFICE OF SPORT



The Office of Sport works with key sector partners to develop a vibrant and valued sport and active recreation sector that enhances the lives of the people of NSW.

The Office is responsible for planning, managing and delivering high quality venues, facilities and sport and active recreation development programs, high performance sport and sports integrity and safety. They are also the driver for NSW sport policy and strategy, formation and dissemination of insights and information, and the promotion of partnerships.

**T:** (02) 13 13 02 or (02) 9006 3700

**E:** [sportrec@sport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@sport.nsw.gov.au)

**W:** [www.sport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au)

Awarded to a Local Council for excellence and innovation in the promotion of sport and active recreation within the nomination period.

### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must be a Local Council Member of Sport NSW
- Council must be based in NSW

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Excellence and innovation within the local community in promoting a wide variety of sports, active recreation and healthy living
- Sport and / or active recreation events run during the nomination period
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusion and diversity in terms of:
  - Providing opportunity and seeking to address diversity in the local community through sport and active recreation programs
  - Providing equitable access to sport and recreation facilities to all members of the community
- *Any other activities, contributions or initiatives undertaken due to COVID-19 specific circumstances*



## COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

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Awarded to an outstanding community sporting event in the nomination period.

### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must have conducted a community sporting event held within the state of NSW.

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Scope and scale of event (including logistical arrangements, economic return and calibre of athletes attending)
- Partnerships with local councils, state government as well as local business and the community
- Media exposure
- Promoted a healthy culture providing a fair, safe and inclusive environment
- *How were all activities and initiatives achieved successfully within COVID-19 specific circumstances*

*\*Please note that this is for community events up to state championship level only. Other professional, national and international events are recognised under the 'Event' category in the NSW Sports Awards program.*



## DISTINGUISHED LONG SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to an individual at club, association, state, national or international level for outstanding service to their chosen sport.

### Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must have a demonstrated record of service for a minimum of 25 years and has not previously received a Distinguished Long Service Award from Sport NSW (previously NSW Sports Federation)
- Nominee must be primarily based in NSW and / or consider NSW to be their home state
- Restricted to one nominee per State Sporting Organisation or State Sporting Organisation with a Disability per year

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Distinguished service in a particular area that has been of significant benefit to the sport / organisation and community
- Demonstrated leadership and development of others within the sport

**Nominations close at MIDNIGHT on SUNDAY, 2 MAY 2021**

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