



Sports Foyer

NSW COMMUNITY SPORTS AWARDS

2024 GUIDELINES



Sport NSW
*NSW Community
Sports Awards*

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 2024 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, not-for-profit organisations such as Regional Academies of Sport or Non Voting 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.
- 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/team and one action image (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 Monday, 6 May 2024 at 11.59pm and must be completed online at this link: [**COMPLETE AND SUBMIT NOMINATIONS HERE**](#)

Nominations are for achievements / contributions from 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024.

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. Once your State /Peak Sporting Organisation has endorsed the nomination, complete all sections of the online nomination form at: [**COMPLETE AND SUBMIT NOMINATIONS HERE**](#)

LIST OF AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominations are invited for twelve annual awards plus the Distinguished Long Service Awards for those that have given exceptional long service to their sport. The judging criteria for each award category is outlined further along in this document.

CATEGORY		CATEGORY	
1	Community Official of the Year	8	Community Club of the Year
2	Young Official of the Year	9	Local Council of the Year
3	Community Coach of the Year	10	Community Event of the Year
4	Young Coach of the Year	11	Inclusion Achievement of the Year
5	Community Sport Administrator of the Year	12	Innovation of the Year
6	Volunteer Director of the Year	13	Distinguished Long Service Award
7	Community Team of the Year		

JUDGING

- The NSW Community Sports Awards Judging Panel will consist of at least five 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 **Wednesday, 19 June 2024** at **CommBank Stadium**.

Nominations close at MIDNIGHT on MONDAY, 6 MAY 2024

For further information, please contact:

Sport NSW

Claire Dale, Operations & Events Manager

Ph: (02) 8736 1239 or

E: info@sportnsw.com.au



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.

T: 1300 VALOUR

E: info@valoursport.com.au

W: valoursport.com.au

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.

***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.**



YOUNG OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**SPONSORED BY REVOLUTIONISE SPORT**

 revolutioniseSPORT

revolutioniseSPORT is the official technology partner of Sport NSW, and is leading 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

W: 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 2024

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.

***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.**



COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR**SPONSORED BY ICARE**

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

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

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

YOUNG COACH OF THE YEAR

SPONSORED BY ICARE



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

Awarded to a young 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.
- Nominee must be no older than 21 years of age as at 30 April 2024

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Level of competition/s coached
- Success of coached individual / team
- Shows leadership amongst peers and promotes a healthy culture in a fair, safe and inclusive environment.

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

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

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)

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



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

W: 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.

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.

T: +61 2 9385 1000

E: www.unsw.edu.au/contacts

W: www.unsw.edu.au

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.

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



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

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.



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

W: 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



COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

SPONSORED BY SPORT NSW



Sport NSW
The Voice of Sport

Sport NSW is the peak industry body for sport in the state. An independent not-for-profit organisation, representing NSW sporting organisations as The Voice of Sport to raise and respond to issues that impact on all levels of sport and to foster the future development of sport in New South Wales.

T: (02) 8736 1239

W: www.sportnsw.com.au

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.

**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.*



INCLUSION ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR**SPONSORED BY MULTICULTURAL NSW**

Multicultural NSW promotes community harmony and social cohesion in one of the most culturally diverse states in the world.

Multicultural NSW aims is to provide people from all backgrounds the opportunity to fully participate in our social, economic and political system, knowing it enriches NSW overall. With a vision for a stronger NSW, using our cultural diversity as a vehicle to achieve cultural and economic prosperity.

T: (02) 8255 6767

W: <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/>

Awarded to an individual, club or organisation that has made a significant contribution to inclusive sport. They have demonstrated how they have been inclusive to groups such as different genders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, LGBTQ+, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) and/or people with a disability to increase participation and engagement in sport.

Conditions of Entry:

- Nominee must be a sporting club or association, or an individual who is a member of a sporting club or association affiliated to a member of Sport NSW
- 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:

- Significance and scale of inclusion initiative.
- Positive impact on club / organisation eg. Membership growth, new program implemented, events conducted etc.
- Positive impact of this inclusion initiative on diverse groups.



INNOVATION OF THE YEAR**SPONSORED BY VAILO**

VAILO is an Australian advanced technology company specialising in manufacturing ultra-high-performance LED sports lighting and as a premier solutions provider of LED digital displays tailored to sporting venues and major outdoor events. VAILO is a solutions provider of LED digital displays, and has completed several LED lighting and digital display installs across Australia.

T: 1300 153 338

W: www.vailo.com

Awarded to a club or association in recognition of introducing an innovative program/initiative that has improved the experience of their participants.

Conditions of Entry:

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

The following criteria will be taken into account for judging:

- Scope and scale of innovative program/initiative.
- Positive impact on club / organisation eg. Membership/participant satisfaction, financial viability, new program implemented, major events conducted etc
- Significance of program/initiative to participants and/or wider sporting community

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