



**WA SPORT  
AWARDS**  
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**AWARD CRITERIA**

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## ASSESSMENT PERIOD

Awards nominations are to be based on the period 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023 except for the Service to Sport Award – May Campbell Medal, which is assessed based on the long-term service to sport by an individual.

## WHO CAN LODGE NOMINATIONS AND WHEN?

Nominations can be lodged from Friday 20 October 2023 to 5:00pm Monday 20 November 2023. Nominations can only be lodged by SportWest Member organisations, or via the SportWest Member organisation with their endorsement for the nomination.

## JUDGING

The appointed selection panels will

- Will short list nominees to a group of finalists and choose a winner in each category.
- The decisions of the Awards Selection Panel are final.
- The panel considering nominees for performance awards reserves the right to nominate other performances not otherwise recognised through the nomination period to acknowledge outstanding results on the national or international stage of competition. Further, the panel may also wish to update the performance(s) noted in the nomination to accurately reflect the achievements of the nominee.

## WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION

- SportWest will inform all finalists within each category and the list of finalists will be publicly available via the SportWest website.
- SportWest anticipates that finalists will be made public in late December.
- The winners will be announced at the 2023 WA Sports Awards on Thursday 29 Feb 2023.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- WA Sports Star
- rebel Junior Sports Star of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- ActiveXchange Official of the Year

SportWest Members can submit up to TWO nominations for each category under the Performance Awards. Assessment of the nominations will be undertaken by the Performance Panel appointed by SportWest.

### COMMUNITY SPORT AWARDS

- Service to Sport – May Campbell Medal
- RSM Australia Volunteer of the Year
- revolutioniseSPORT Community Club of the Year – John Gilmour Medal
- Healthway Healthy Club Award
- Community Sporting Event of the Year

Assessment of the nominations will be undertaken by the Community Sport Panel appointed by SportWest, with the exception of the Healthway Healthy Club Award which will be assessed by an independent panel

### INDUSTRY AWARDS

- Dept. of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Sports Administrator of the Year
- Sport Initiative of the Year
- Organisation of the Year

Assessment of the nominations will be undertaken by the Industry Panel appointed by SportWest.



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## PERFORMANCE AWARDS

WA SPORTS STAR AWARD AND REBEL JUNIOR SPORTS STAR AWARD
<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Nominees must be eligible to represent WA and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a product of the WA sport system residing in WA.</li> <li>• Be a product of the WA sport system residing interstate or overseas and eligible to represent Australia.</li> <li>• Have relocated to the WA sport system and are resident in WA. The nominee must have been a resident for two years to be eligible.</li> <li>• Junior nominees may be of any underage restriction as defined by the sport but must be 18 years or under at the conclusion of the assessment period on 30 November 2023.</li> <li>• Shall not currently compete against WA or a WA-based team in a National League competition or event.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The following criteria will be considered for judging:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level of competition/s participated in</li> <li>• Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level)</li> <li>• Significance of achievements and contribution to their sport</li> </ul>
<p><b>Special Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpretation: 'Product of the WA sport system' – Contribution or participation in the WA sports system for a minimum of seven years (three years for juniors).</li> </ul>

TEAM OF THE YEAR	COACH OF THE YEAR	ACTIVEXCHANGE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An officially recognised State team or WA-based team competing at a national level.</li> <li>• A team representing Australia comprised solely of athletes eligible in either the Sports Star or Junior Sports Star categories.</li> <li>• A team registered and based in a WA club e.g. 1983 America's Cup crew.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A coach who resides primarily in WA; and</li> <li>• A coach of WA registered athletes or team; or</li> <li>• A coach of an Australian team who is registered with a WA State Sport Association.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An official who resides in WA.</li> <li>• Registered with a WA State Sport Association.</li> <li>• Officiates at any level e.g. State, National or International.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Criteria for the above categories:</b> The primary consideration in assessing nominees will be performance in sanctioned competition. Consideration will be given to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The level of each performance relative to international standards and rankings;</li> <li>• The level of competition e.g. regional, national, international;</li> <li>• The sport's restriction at international level e.g. Australian football;</li> <li>• The cultural significance of the sport to Australia; and</li> <li>• Its status within Australia and internationally</li> </ul>		

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## COMMUNITY AWARDS

### SERVICE TO SPORT – MAY CAMPBELL MEDAL

**Overview:** This Award seeks to recognise the contribution made by an individual to sport or their sporting organisation through long and outstanding service. The Community Sport Panel will give preference to those nominees who have contributed strongly across more than one field of endeavour as in the outstanding contribution of May Campbell to whom the award is dedicated.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be in good standing with State Sporting Association

**The following criteria will be considered for judging:**

- A proven record of achievement and/or performance in any of the following:
  - Competing, Officiating, Administration and Coaching.
- A long-term involvement in and commitment to their sport at a variety of levels.
- A demonstration of the legacy of the nominee's contribution.

**Special Notes:**

- An individual previously nominated but not receiving this award can be re-nominated

### RSM AUSTRALIA COMMUNITY SPORT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

**Overview:** This Award recognises a volunteer from community sport in Western Australia who has made a positive difference to the opportunities and experiences available to others during the assessment period. Nominees must be a volunteer with a SportWest Member organisation or an affiliated entity. Unlike the Service to Sport Award, this category is specifically in recognition of the efforts of the nominee during the assessment period

**Eligibility:**

- Must be in good standing with State Sporting Association

**The following criteria will be considered for judging:**

- Nominees must be a resident of Western Australia.
- Nominees must not receive remuneration for their contribution.
- Nominations should highlight the major achievements/contributions of the individual as a volunteer within their sport(s).

**Special Notes:**

- An individual previously nominated but not receiving this award can be re-nominated

## REVOLUTIONISESPORT COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR – JOHN GILMOUR MEDAL

**Overview:** This award acknowledges clubs who in the past 12 months have assisted members or the local community to positively overcome individual, family or community challenges or adversity; are leading the way in creating inclusive and safe environments for people to connect, inspire and achieve together and make a positive impact on the local community. With the launch of True Sport in 2023 by SportWest, consideration will be given to those nominees display the True Sport Principles.

- Support
- Protect
- Belong
- Respect
- Transform

### **Eligibility:**

- Nominees must be a sporting club affiliated to a member of SportWest and based in Western Australia.
- Nominations for this category can be made by SportWest Member organisations and sporting clubs with the endorsement their State Sport Association, who is a Member of SportWest.

### **The following criteria will be considered for judging:**

- How the club is leading the way in creating inclusive and safe environments for people to connect, inspire and achieve together.
- How the club embeds the True Sport Principles
- How the club has worked together to build resilience and overcome adversity, be it within the Club itself or the wider community;
- How the club has gone above and beyond to make a positive impact in the community.
- The outstanding achievements that have been made in and out of competition over the past 12 months.
- The nomination must have occurred in the 2023 nomination period.

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## COMMUNITY AWARDS (CONTINUED)

### HEALTHWAY HEALTHY CLUB AWARD

**Overview:** This award aligns to Healthway's commitment to improving the health of all Western Australians. The Healthway Healthy Club Award recognises a sporting club who is leading the way in delivering initiatives to improve the health of its members and the broader community

**Eligibility:**

- Clubs must be incorporated to be eligible for this category.
- Nominations for this category are to be endorsed by member organisations of SportWest. Clubs should contact their State Sporting Association to share eligibility stories for potential nominations.

**The following criteria will be considered for judging:**

- How the club has implemented healthy initiatives to help improve the health of its members/ participants and spectators. This may include:
  - Regular physical activity engagement programs including developing creative ways of engaging members and/or broader community in physical activity.
  - Connection and access for the broader community.
  - Training and education for club members and/or the broader community related to health and wellbeing.
  - The development and implementation of initiatives aimed at improving the mental health of club members and the club's ability to deal with mental health critical incidents.
  - The implementation of healthy eating choices, particularly through junior programs such as offering healthy food options during and after play.
  - The club is free from partnerships or sponsorships which promote alcohol, sugary drinks, quick service restaurant and gambling as per the Co-Sponsorship Policy.
  - Demonstration of an inclusive environment for club members.
- The nomination must reference activity undertaken in the period 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.

**Special Notes:**

Who can lodge a nomination?

- Healthway is to encourage recipients of Healthy Sports Grant funding to nominate for this award. Healthway can nominate clubs that have excelled in delivering healthy initiatives during the assessment period.
- Sporting clubs with the endorsement their State Sport Association who is a Member of SportWest.
- SportWest Member organisations.

## COMMUNITY SPORTING EVENT OF THE YEAR

**Overview:** This award recognises an outstanding sporting festival, event or exhibition that has been delivered successfully within Western Australia. The event demonstrated inclusive practices and provided benefit to, or had a positive impact upon, an individual sport (coaches/athletes/participants/officials etc) and the local community.

**Eligibility:**

- The Event must be delivered by a SportWest Member Organisation or an affiliated entity to the member
- The Event must be sanctioned by a State/National or International Sporting Body

**The following criteria will be considered for judging:**

- Exceptional event coordination and delivery
- The impact to participation in the local community as a result of the event with analytical evidence
- Demonstrated achievement to make the event environmentally, socially, economically and ethically responsible.
- Positive partnerships created within the local community with examples
- Lasting engagement and legacy within the sport and the local community
- Positive connection to the local community
- Innovative strategies implemented to enhance the experience for participants and community.
- Any other supporting documents or endorsements from stakeholders
- The nomination must be for an event that was delivered in the period 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.

**Special Notes:**

Who can lodge a nomination?

- Sporting clubs with the endorsement their State Sport Association who is a Member of SportWest.
- SportWest Member organisations.

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## INDUSTRY AWARDS

### DEPT. LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

**Overview:** This category acknowledges the hard work and dedication of sports administrators from across the WA sport industry.

The recipient's contribution will have provided benefit to, or had a positive impact upon, their individual sport as well as a contribution to the wider sporting industry, and their standards of excellence will have distinguished them from peers.

**Eligibility:**

- Be employed (in a paid position) at a State Sporting Association, National Sporting Organisation (WA-based), Associations, Leagues or in a Professional Sporting Team
- Nominated by a representative of a SportWest Member Organisation
- Can not be self-nominated

**The following criteria will be considered for judging:**

- Be employed (in a paid position) at a State Sporting Association, National Sporting Organisation (WA-based), Associations, Leagues or in a Professional Sporting Team.
- Outstanding achievement in the development and delivery of projects/initiatives to enable more West Australians to enjoy the benefits of sport.
- The impact of their contribution/initiative to the individual sport.
- The extent to which the individual has delivered beyond expectations.
- The contribution by the individual beyond their role for the benefit of the broader sport and recreation industry in Western Australia. This may include contributions through various reference groups and advisory panels convened by SportWest, DLGSC or other entities on behalf of the industry and should be clearly articulated with the nomination.



## SPORT INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

**Overview:** The Sport Initiative of the Year award recognises the work of individuals, clubs, teams, groups or organisations (including SSAs) who have succeeded in enabling more people to participate in sport activities within their community.

The initiatives are to be related (but not limited to)

- Participation recruitment and retention programs
- Innovative opportunities for inclusion of low participation groups
- Use of technology

### Eligibility:

- Initiative must be developed and delivered by a SportWest Member Organisation or an entity affiliated to the member

### The following criteria will be considered for judging:

- Evidence of benefits achieved of delivering this program to the targeted audience
- Positive partnerships created within the local community with examples
- Lasting engagement and legacy within the sport and the local community
- Positive connection to the local community
- Innovative strategies implemented to enhance the experience for participants and community.

### Special Notes:

Definition: Low participation groups

Low participation groups are those groups that face significant challenges and barriers to participate in sport and active recreation. The groups may include people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds, adolescent girls (10 to 19 years), Aboriginal people/s, people from the LGBTQI+ community, seniors and disengaged youth.

## ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

**Overview:** Awarded to an organisation for outstanding achievement and excellence in the nomination period.

### Eligibility:

- Organisation must be a SportWest Member as well as ONE of the following organisations.
  - WA State Sporting Organisation;
  - recognised Peak Body ;
  - Registered Not For Profit with the core focus of sport delivery/engagement

### The following criteria will be considered for judging:

- Key events and initiatives undertaken during the period (Eg Teamwork, Strategy, Leadership, Volunteers)
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusion and diversity in terms of:
  - Providing opportunity and seeking to address diversity in administration and governance of their sport ie. staff and board diversity
  - Developing programs to address equality for the inclusion and participation of all people ie. women, CALD communities, indigenous, disabled and the disadvantaged
- Business growth and diversification of revenue streams
- Analytical evidence to confirm organisational achievement and excellence
- Any other supporting documents or endorsements from stakeholders