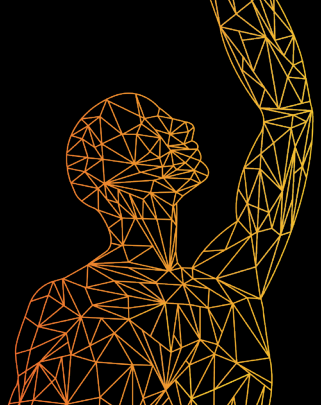

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Assessment Period

Awards nominations are to be based on the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026 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 a nomination and when?

Nominations can be lodged from Tuesday 27 October 2026 to 11:59pm Tuesday 1 December 2026.

Nominations can be lodged by SportWest Member organisations (SportWest Members do not need to complete a Endorsement form when completing a nomination).

Clubs may nominate via their State Body or SSA, but must complete the Endorsement Form and have it signed and Endorsed by a SportWest Member Organisation.

Endorsement Form.

Judging

The appointed selection panels:

- Will short list nominees to a group of finalists and choose a winner in each category.
- 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.
- The SportWest Board will endorse all category finalists before being announced publicly.

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 2026.
- The winners will be announced at the 2026 WA Sports Awards presented on Thursday 25 February 2027.

Award Categories

Performance Awards

- WA Sports Star
- Junior Sports Star
- 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
- revolutioniseSPORT Community Club of the Year - John Gilmour Medal
- Community Sporting Event of the Year
- Road Safety Commission Best on Road Award
- Camera House Leederville Sport Image of the Year
- Healthway Healthy Club Award

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

Community Sport Awards

- Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport Administrator of the Year
- Hyundai 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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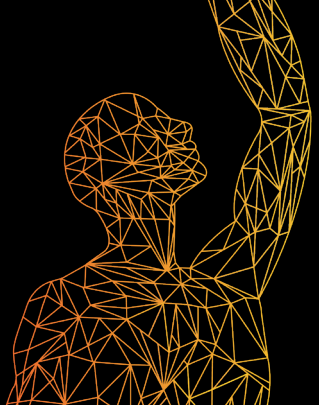

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WA SPORT STAR
Eligibility Nominees must be eligible to represent WA and: • Be a product of the WA sport system residing in WA. • Be a product of the WA sport system residing interstate or overseas and eligible to represent Australia. • Have relocated to the WA sport system and are resident in WA. The nominee must have been a resident for at least two years to be eligible.
The following criteria will be considered for judging: • Level of competition/s participated in. • Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level). • Significance of achievements and contribution to their sport.

Questions for Consideration

- Indicate the highest level of competition possible for your sport during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.
- Indicate the nominee's highest level of performance during the selection period.
- Indicate the nominee's highest status of competition during the selection period.
- Detail the nominee's most outstanding achievement on which the nomination is based.
- Please give Nominee's current ranking (if applicable).
- Please give Australia's world ranking (if applicable).
- Please rank (in order from the highest) the possible international events for your nominee to have competed in the nomination period. e.g. Olympic Games, World Cup, Grand Prix etc.

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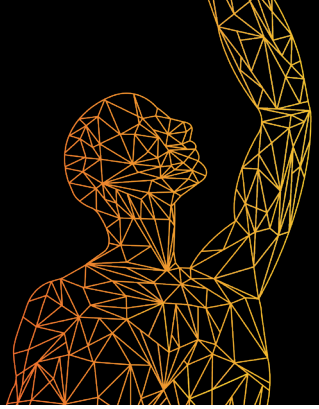

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JUNIOR SPORT STAR

Eligibility

Nominees must be eligible to represent WA and:

- Be a product of the WA sport system residing in WA.
- Be a product of the WA sport system residing interstate or overseas and eligible to represent Australia.
- Have relocated to the WA sport system and are resident in WA. The nominee must have been a resident for at least two years to be eligible.
- Performances for which an individual can be nominated must take place before their 19th birthday and within the nomination period of 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026. (*example: a person turning 19 years old on 30 September 2026 could have any performance from 1 December 2025 up to and including 29 September 2026 presented for consideration. Any performance after this date is ineligible for consideration*).

The following criteria will be considered for judging:

- Level of competition/s participated in.
- Outstanding achievement/s during the nomination period (at State, National and / or International level).
- Significance of achievements and contribution to their sport.

Special Notes:

Interpretation: 'Product of the WA sport system' – Contribution or participation in the WA sports system for a minimum of three years.

Questions for Consideration

- Indicate the highest level of competition possible for your sport during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.
- Indicate the nominee's highest level of performance during the selection period.
- Indicate the nominee's highest status of competition during the selection period.
- Please give Nominee's current ranking (if applicable).
- Please give Australia's world ranking (if applicable).
- Detail the nominee's most outstanding achievement on which the nomination is based.
- Detail the nominee's significant performances and achievements in the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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COACH OF THE YEAR

Eligibility

- A coach who resides primarily in WA; and
- A coach of WA registered athletes or team; or
- A coach of an Australian team who is registered with a WA State Sport Association

The following criteria will be considered for judging:

The primary consideration in assessing nominees will be performance in sanctioned competition. Consideration will be given to the following:

- The level of each performance relative to international standards and rankings.
- The level of competition e.g. regional, national, international.
- The sport's restriction at international level e.g. Australian football.
- The cultural significance of the sport to Australia; and
- Their status within Australia and internationally.

Questions for Consideration

- List the most outstanding achievement for which the nominee was responsible during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.
- Coaching Level.

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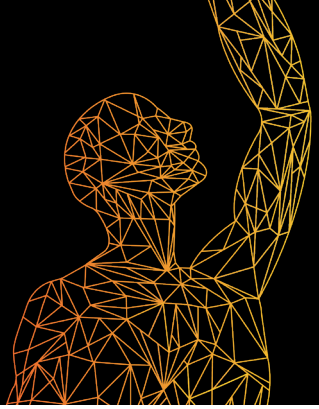

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TEAM OF THE YEAR
Eligibility • An officially recognised State team or WA-based team competing at a national level. • A team representing Australia comprised solely of athletes eligible in either the Sports Star or Junior Sports Star categories. • A team registered and based in a WA club e.g. 1983 America's Cup crew.
The following criteria will be considered for judging: The primary consideration in assessing nominees will be performance in sanctioned competition. Consideration will be given to the following: • The level of each performance relative to international standards and rankings. • The level of competition e.g. regional, national, international. • The sport's restriction at international level e.g. Australian football. • The cultural significance of the sport to Australia; and • Its status within Australia and internationally

Questions for Consideration

- Indicate the team's most outstanding achievement(s) during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026 under the following headings;
  - Competition(s)
  - Team Achievements
  - Other teams participating
  - Team's ranking prior to this competition

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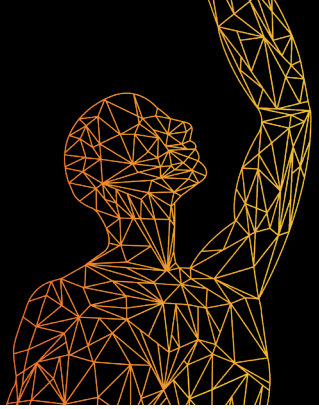

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ACTIVEXCHANGE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Eligibility

- An official who resides in WA.
- Registered with a WA State Sport Association.
- Officiates at any level e.g. State, National or International.

The following criteria will be considered for judging:

The primary consideration in assessing nominees will be performance in sanctioned competition. Consideration will be given to the following:

- The level of each performance relative to international standards and rankings.
- The level of competition e.g. regional, national, international.
- The sport's restriction at international level e.g. Australian football.
- The cultural significance of the sport to Australia; and
- Their status within Australia and internationally.

Questions for Consideration

Indicate highest level of competition possible for your sport during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

- Indicate the nominee's highest level of performance during the selection period.
- Indicate the nominee's highest status of competition during the selection period.
- Detail the nominee's highest officiating achievement. Please include a description of the duties of the nominee in the event/s in which he/she officiated.
- Performance/Achievement Details;
  - Competition
  - Number of Participating Countries
  - Events Contested
  - Number of Official Entries
  - Achievements

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DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, TOURISM AND SPORT 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), Association, League 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), Association, League 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, Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) or other entities on behalf of the industry and should be clearly articulated with the nomination.

Questions for Consideration

- Describe the achievements and contributions of the nominee as guided by the Award criteria, during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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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 their 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

Questions for Consideration

- Describe the achievements and contributions of the nominee as guided by the Award criteria.

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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.

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 True Sport.
- 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 nomination period.

Questions for Consideration

- Describe the achievements and contributions of the nominee as guided by the Award criteria, during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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HYUNDAI 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 initiative must have been delivered, implemented or substantially active during the eligibility period of 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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), First Nations people/s, people from the LGBTQIA+ community, seniors and disengaged youth.

Questions for Consideration

- Describe the achievements and contributions of the nominee as guided by the Award criteria.

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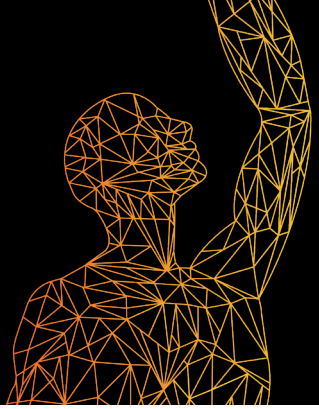

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ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

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 (e.g. 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.

Questions for Consideration

- Describe the achievements and contributions of the Organisation as guided by the Award criteria.
- Detail the Organisation's significant performances and achievements in the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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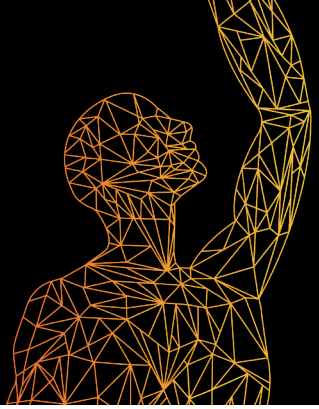

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COMMUNITY SPORTING EVENT OF THE YEAR

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 or socially 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 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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.

Questions for Consideration

- Description of the Event as guided by the Award criteria, during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION BEST ON ROAD AWARD

Overview

This award aligns to the Road Safety Commission's commitment to reducing road trauma on Western Australian roads. The Road Safety Commission Best on Road Award recognises any State Sporting Association (SSA), sporting club or individual demonstrating leadership in promoting behaviour change and road safety culture to the sporting community to support the education of road safety and safe driving practices within the community and broader WA population.

Eligibility

- Individuals must be a member of a SportWest member organisation or club affiliated to a SportWest member organisation.
- Organisations and clubs must be incorporated to be eligible for this category.
- Nominations for this category are to be endorsed by member organisations of SportWest. Individuals/clubs should contact their State Sporting Association to discuss eligibility for potential nominations.

The following criteria will be considered for judging:

- An individual or club that has exceled in promoting road safety by:
  - Engaging people or organisations in positive behaviour change with a focus on increased adherence to road safety practices.
  - Creating higher awareness and knowledge of road safety issues among community sports members.
  - Community engagement via participation rates in road safety initiative/s.
- The nomination must reference activity undertaken in the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

Special Notes:

- Who can lodge a nomination?
  - Sporting clubs with the endorsement of their State Sporting Association who is a Member of SportWest.
  - Individuals who are a member of a club affiliated with their State Sporting Association who is a Member of SportWest.
  - SportWest Member organisations.
- Each finalist will receive a $1000 reward, and the award winner will receive an additional $2000
  - If the finalist/winner is an individual, their club/SSA will receive any financial rewards

Questions for Consideration

- Summarise the nominee's contribution that deserves recognition during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.
- How did the nominee contribute to behavioural change, focused on increasing adherence to road safety practices (e.g., wearing seat belts, obeying speed limits, not driving under the influence)?
- How did the nominee contribute to higher awareness levels of road safety issues among community sports members?
- Detail the community engagement in the initiative/s of the nominee.

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CAMERA HOUSE LEEDERVILLE SPORT IMAGE OF THE YEAR

Overview

The Sport Image of the Year celebrates powerful photography that captures the passion, people and places of sport in Western Australia. Open to all photographers, this award recognises images that showcase athletes, teams, coaches, volunteers or venues that reflects the spirit of WA sport.

Eligibility

This award is open to photographers of all experience levels who meet the following criteria:

- The entrant must currently reside in Western Australia.
- The subject of the image must be a West Australian (see criteria below) participating in Local, Regional, State, National, or International-level sport.
- There are no age restrictions for entrants.

The following criteria will be considered for judging:

Eligible image subjects must fall into one of the following categories:

1. Sportsperson (amateur or professional currently residing in WA)
2. Sport Team
3. Coach
4. Volunteer
5. Venue

Images must be captured during the selection period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026. Maximum of three (3) images per entrant. The image must clearly reflect the theme of West Australian Sport.

Submission Requirements:

- Image title and brief caption.
- Entrant's full name.
- Subject Type (person, team, coach, volunteer, or venue).
- Date photo taken.
- Location.
- Event name (if applicable).
- Consent Form (for subject image Under 18 years).

Considerations

The photograph does not need to be taken in Western Australia, but the subject must meet the above WA-based criteria.

- All images must be free of watermarks, logos, or identifying marks.
- Minimum resolution: 3000 pixels on the longest side.
- Entries must be submitted directly by the Entrant and must be their own work.
- The entrant consents to SportWest's ongoing use of their images to promote WA sport, with appropriate credit given to the image owner.
- Images must ethically portray the subject with minimal post-processing.
  - Acceptable: Cropping, colour correction, exposure adjustments
  - Not acceptable: Digital object removal or addition, composite imagery, AI-generated content

Questions for Consideration

- Description of the Image as guided by the Award criteria, during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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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 indelivering 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 andNwellbeing.
  - 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 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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.

Questions for Consideration

- Describe the nominee's contribution that deserves recognition during the period 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026.

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