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**SPORTS STAR  
OF THE YEAR**

*A Celebration of Sport*



# HORIZON POWER SPORT STAR AWARDS CRITERIA

1. Nominations will be accepted from any member of the public by completing a nomination form online here.
2. Applications will be accepted on the following residential criteria:
  - The nominee will reside in the Shire of Esperance;
  - The nominee will participate predominantly in sporting activities conducted within the Shire of Esperance;
  - The nominee shall be a member of an Esperance & Districts Club or Association (EDRA); and
  - The nominee's club or association must be affiliated with EDRA.
3. Nominations will be accepted for individual achievement or where individual achievement has been recognised from within a team and in the case of the Team Award on the basis of the team's performance. With nominations for individual awards, team achievement can apply as supporting evidence to an application.
4. The Sports Star committee is responsible for confirming that the received nomination has been endorsed by the club or association to which the nominee belongs.
5. There are five categories:
  - Sports Star of the Year: An annual award for any sports person based on the level of sporting achievement and other contributions to the sport/s including coaching, officiating and administration. The judging period is from 30 September 2023 to 29 September 2024. This is an open category and players of any age may nominate.
  - Veteran's Sports Star of the Year: An annual award for persons of Veteran or Masters Age, based on the level of sporting achievement and other contributions to the sport/s including coaching, officiating and administration. The judging period is from 30 September 2023 to 29 September 2024. This is an age category as specified by the club/association's State body's current Competition Rules and Guidelines. It will include senior aged classifications for example 'Masters' or 'Veterans'.
  - Junior Sports Star of the Year: An annual award for any junior sports person based on the level of sporting achievement and other contributions to the sport/s including coaching, officiating and administration. The judging period is from 30 September 2023 to 29 September 2024. This is an age category and will include junior age categories as specified by the club/association's State body's current Competition Rules and Guidelines (for most, not all, associations a junior is under 18 years of age).
  - Volunteer Service to Sport Award: An annual award for the 'sports personality' based on their overall contribution to sport/s over a long period of time. The award takes into account any notable achievement of the 'sports personality' during their involvement with the sport as a volunteer, coach or other sporting official. May only be presented once to any one individual.
  - Sports Team of the Year: An annual award for any sporting team whose level of sporting achievement has been exceptional during the judging period (from 30 September 2023 to 29 September 2024). This is an open category and a team of any age may nominate.

6. With the exception of the Service to Sport Award nominees shall be selected on their achievements from 30 September 2023 to 29 September 2024.
7. In some years awards may not be presented if the calibre of the nominations does not meet the standards set by the Awards Criteria.
8. Nominations close 5pm Friday 11 October 2024. LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
9. The judges have the discretion to make decisions with a unanimous vote of the judges' panel and will have the final decision and no other correspondence will be entered into. All correspondence will be addressed to: The Sub-Committee of EDRA; Sports Star of the Year Awards; Hand delivered to the Shire Administration Building or emailed to [clubs@esperance.wa.gov.au](mailto:clubs@esperance.wa.gov.au)

# PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

## SPORTS STAR AWARD

You are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible to help support the nominee's achievements. You should assume that the judges are not familiar with the nominee's sporting event.

At the "local level" some things to cover include –

- How many participants/teams play in the sport
- What grade/division/age group
- What awards/competitions have been won

At higher levels (e.g. representing an Association, State Country, State etc.)

- What was the process for getting to this level (e.g. trials, "made your own way" etc.)?
- How many athletes trialed/how many times?
- What grade/division/age group did the athlete/team compete in?
- Where did the athlete/team compete (e.g. Perth, interstate etc.)?
- How many competitors/teams in the competition?
- What were the results
- Were there any extra awards (e.g. Fairest and Best, All Stars selection etc.)?

You are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible to help support this nomination. You should assume that the judges are not familiar with the nominees activities.

## SERVICE TO SPORTS

An annual award for the 'sports personality' based on their overall contribution to sport/s over a long period of time. The award takes into account any notable achievement of the 'sports personality' during their involvement with the sport as a volunteer, coach or other sporting official. You are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible to help support this nomination. You should assume that the judges are not familiar with the nominee's activities. Many volunteers carry out duties that are behind the scenes. Please include multiple examples of the nominees contribution to local sport/s.