



The Wellington Regional Sports Awards 2024 Nominations criteria

Each nomination has to be relevant to a specific category, for which the criteria are listed below. Please note that these awards are regional for the **Greater Wellington Region (including the Wairarapa, Kapiti, Porirua, Hutt Valley and Wellington City)**. Nominees under consideration for the awards must be from the region as per the criteria (a), (b), or (c) below:

(a) Through residency in the Greater Wellington Region during the qualifying period.

(b) Through representing a Wellington region-based club/group in their chosen discipline during the qualifying period.

(c) Through being commonly acknowledged as a Wellingtonian (including the Wairarapa, Kapiti, Porirua and Hutt Valley) although not regularly resident in the region due to the demands of their sporting career.

A nominee can be nominated in more than one category e.g. Officials of the Year (Community level) and Rangatahi of the Year (Performance level). Please make sure to fill in a separate form for each nomination.

1. Club of the Year

Open to any sports club that displays outstanding impact in/on/for the community. Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024. Strong clubs could be exhibiting the following characteristics:

- Having a club/business plan
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- Alignment to the national/regional bodies program
- Evidence of volunteer management strategies (attract, develop, retain)
- Evidence of financial sustainability/viability
- Sound leadership (role descriptions for committee and key club roles, robust governance practices, key policies in place)
- Community engagement (e.g. with other clubs, schools, sponsors, external stakeholders or community groups)
- Coach development processes in place
- Diversity & Inclusion considerations

- Integrity & Safeguarding Any awards achieved (recognition of best practice)
- Competition outcomes (across the entire club structure)
- Retention, range and growth of membership

2. Coach of the Year (Community & Performance)

This award recognises the achievements of 2 sports coaches, who may have coached an individual athlete, sports team, club, or organisation on a community or performance-based level.

Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024.

- This category is eligible to all age groups and gender identities.
- Only individual nominations will be accepted (no teams of coaches or co-coaches).
- Volunteers/amateurs and paid staff/professionals are eligible
- Nominees will not have coached provinces or clubs outside the Greater Wellington Region during the judging period, where there have been opportunities to coach provinces or clubs at the same level within the Greater Wellington Region
- **Performance** level is considered to be a sport played at a competition level nationally or internationally.
- **Community** level is considered to be a sport played locally, regionally, competitively (as an amateur), or socially. It can be within a registered club or an unaffiliated sports group or team.
- Judges will also take into account involvement and commitment to the sport on and off the field. Any relevant examples of the nominee going above and beyond within their sport will be considered.

3. Community Impacts

Open to community/health organisations, physical activity providers or sports clubs or groups who have undertaken a physical activity initiative (play, active rec, sport) that has contributed to and resulted in positive impact or change in the community. Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024. Up to four finalists will be recognised and there won't be a winner for this category.

4. Disabled Sportspeople of the Year (Community & Performance)

Open to any athlete who has excelled as an individual or in a team in one or more sports as a disabled sports person within the qualifying period. This award recognises two athletes - one on a community-based level and one on a performance-based level. Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024.

- Only individual nominations will be accepted (teams are eligible for the Teams category)
- This category is eligible to all gender identities and age groups.
- **Performance** level is considered to be a sport played at a competition level nationally or internationally.
- **Community** level is considered to be a sport played locally, regionally, competitively (as an

amateur), or socially. It can be within a registered club or an unaffiliated sports group or team.

- Judges will also take into account involvement and commitment to the sport on and off the field. Any relevant examples of the nominee going above and beyond within their sport will be considered.

5. Leadership Award

Open to any individual who has provided outstanding leadership in the sports sector within the qualifying period. Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024.

- Only individual nominations will be accepted
- This category is eligible for all age groups and gender identities
- The nominee may be an administrator, coach, official, player, or combination of these
- Volunteers/amateurs and paid staff/professionals are eligible
- The nominee will have demonstrated leadership qualities that 'made a difference'
- Qualities such as developing the culture of the team they are part of building trust and relationships, modelling the team's values and providing clear direction and purpose through their leadership are all factors that will be considered by the judges

6. Sports Legends of Wellington

This category recognises icons of sport who have made an outstanding contribution as an athlete. The criteria are that the Legend must:

- Have a close allegiance to the Greater Wellington Region (including the Wairarapa, Kapiti, Porirua, Hutt Valley and Wellington City)
- Be an athlete (as distinct from a coach or administrator)
- Be retired at least 10 years from top competition at the time of their induction
- Be acknowledged icons who have made an indelible impact on our community through their accomplishments.

7. Lifetime Contribution

This award is attributed to someone who has had significant lifelong involvement and impact in the sporting community for the Greater Wellington Region. No nominations are required for this award as a panel of judges chooses the individual to be celebrated.

8. Official of the Year (Community & Performance)

Open to an outstanding referee/umpire/judge within the qualifying period. This award recognises two athletes - one on a community-based level and one on a performance-based level.

Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024.

- Referee/umpire nominations are open to all on-field / off-field / court officials e.g. referees, umpires, sideline assistants, score bench officials, road marshals, commissaries
- Only individual nominations will be accepted
- Volunteers, paid staff, amateurs and professionals are eligible
- This category is eligible to all age groups and gender identities
- **Performance** level is considered to be within a sport played at a competition level nationally or internationally.
- **Community** level is considered to be within a sport played locally, regionally, competitively (as an amateur), or socially. It can be within a registered club or an unaffiliated sports group or team.
- Judges will also take into account involvement and commitment to the sport on and off the field. Any relevant examples of the nominee going above and beyond within their sport will be considered.

9. Rangatahi of the Year (Community & Performance)

Open to any athlete who has excelled as an individual or in a team in one or more sports within the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024. This award recognises two athletes - one on a community-based level and one on a performance-based level. Nominees must be under the age of 20 as at 1 April 2024 (end of achievement period).

- Nominees will not have represented provinces, schools or clubs outside the Greater Wellington Region during the judging period, where there have been equal opportunities to represent provinces, schools or clubs at the same level within the Greater Wellington Region
- Only individual nominations will be accepted (teams are eligible for the Teams category)
- This award can only ever be won once by an individual
- This category is eligible to all gender identities.
- **Performance** level is considered to be a sport played at a competition level nationally or internationally.
- NB: Must not have achieved success at elite international level or have represented New Zealand as part of a national **open team/senior grade**. Success at an elite international level is defined as having medalled at the Olympic Games or Senior World Championships (or that sports equivalent competition).
- **Community** level is considered to be a sport played locally, regionally, competitively (as an amateur), or socially. It can be within a registered club or an unaffiliated sports group or team.
- Judges will also take into account involvement and commitment to the sport on and off the field. Any relevant examples of the nominee going above and beyond within their sport will be considered.

10. Sportspeople of the Year (Community & Performance)

Open to any Sportsperson who has excelled as an individual or in a team, in one or more sports whose level of achievement represented the Greater Wellington region. This award recognises two athletes - one on a community-based level and one on a performance-based level. Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023

to 1 April 2024. Key considerations in the judging process are:

- Only individual nominations will be accepted (teams are eligible for the Teams category)
- This category is eligible to all gender identities and age groups.
- **Performance** level is considered to be a sport played at a competition level nationally or internationally.
- **Community** level is considered to be a sport played locally, regionally, competitively (as an amateur), or socially. It can be within a registered club or an unaffiliated sports group or team.
- Judges will also take into account involvement and commitment to the sport on and off the field. Any relevant examples of the nominee going above and beyond within their sport will be considered.

11. Teams of the Year (Community & Performance)

Open to an outstanding club team of two or more persons within the qualifying period. This award recognises two athletes - one on a community-based level and one on a performance-based level. Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024.

- Clubs/franchises with volunteers, paid staff, amateurs and professionals are eligible for this award
- Clubs/franchises will not have represented another province outside the Greater Wellington Region during the qualifying period
- The nominee or nominees during the qualifying period must be a member of and have competed for a local or regional sporting team e.g. club team, school team, representative team or franchise that is aligned to or part of the wider Wellington Region
- **Performance** level is considered to have partaken in a national or international level competition.
- **Community** level is considered to have participated in a local, regional level (as an amateur), competitively or socially. It can be within a registered club or an unofficial sports group or team.
- Judges will take into account involvement and commitment to the sport on and off the field. Any relevant examples of the team going above and beyond within their sport will be considered.

12. Volunteer of the Year

Open to a volunteer who has displayed outstanding commitment and dedication within the qualifying period. The Volunteer of the Year award is designed to recognise the valuable contribution that volunteers make. Achievements by nominees will only be considered if they have occurred during the qualifying period of 1 April 2023 to 1 April 2024.

- This category is eligible to all age groups and gender identities
- Any volunteer in the Greater Wellington region sport and recreation community is eligible
- Does not receive remuneration for their volunteer contribution

- This nominee will have presented a positive image for their sport, club and activity in the Greater Wellington Region
- The impact of the nominee's efforts on the community or recipients of the volunteer's time must be demonstrated
- Flair, innovation or initiative i.e. a new initiative vs. working within existing programmes
- Significant contribution – time (hours per week / over the qualifying period), or commitment to extraordinary service to Greater Wellington Club or Sport over the qualifying period)