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CBR Sport Awards finalists announced

The finalists of the 2017 CBR Sport Awards presented by Geocon have been revealed, with the winners to be announced on 1 December at the National Arboretum.

These awards are a celebration of our city's proud sporting culture, its champions and quiet achievers, and the passion Canberrans bring to their favourite sports as players and supporters.

Canberra is Australia's most active community and we're home to an incredible number of high achievers, from top athletes and sporting teams to volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes, developing innovative and inclusive practices within our community clubs and demonstrating outstanding event management.

The People's Sporting Champion presented by Canberra Milk will again be decided by a popular vote. Until midnight this Friday, any member of the Canberra community can vote and go into the draw to win the ultimate prize for sports fans: the Golden Ticket. This Golden Ticket gives free entry for two people to every home game of the Raiders, Brumbies, GWS Giants, Canberra United, UC Capitals, the Brave and the Canberra Cavalry over the coming year.

Vote now at: <http://cbrsportawards.com.au/peoples-sporting-champion/>

Selection Committee Chair and legendary local athlete Robert de Castella said:

"It makes me proud as a Canberran to see the incredible talent and diversity of our athletes and our teams, and the great impact they're having across the community.

"There's such a depth of contributors to sport in the ACT – you don't need to be starring on the back page of the paper – and this is a great way for us to acknowledge and recognise those contributions, in the Awards and in the Hall of Fame.

"It was wonderful to be part of the selection committee and we're thrilled with the finalists being announced today." The award finalists, in no particular order, are:

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Athlete of the Year – Men’s Sport

- Nick Kyrgios – Tennis
- Michael Matthews – Cycling
- Harry Bink – Motorcross

Athlete of the Year – Women’s Sport

- Laura Peel - SnowSports
- Caroline Buchannan – Cycling BMX
- Ashleigh Sykes – Football

Athlete of the Year – Para Sport

- Cameron Crombie – Athletics
- Scott Reardon – Athletics
- Jayden Sawyer – Athletics

Team of the Year

- Canberra United Football
- ACT 89er’s – ACT Open Men’s Softball Team
- ACT Schoolboys Rugby Union

Outstanding Service to Sport

- Raynie McNee – Cycling
- Carmel Weatherburn – Netball
- Marie Hart – Cricket

Ministers Award – Innovation

- CBR Brave
- Basketball ACT
- Broulee Surf Life Saving Club

Ministers Award – Inclusion

- Tuggeranong Bulldogs Football Club
- Tennis ACT
- Canberra District Rugby League

Ministers Award – Event Excellence

- Orienteering ACT
- Tennis ACT
- Capital Football

The category winners will be announced in a glittering ceremony at the National Arboretum on Friday 1 December, and stay tuned for the announcement of the 2017 inductees to the ActewAGL ACT Sport Hall of Fame, which will also occur at the gala dinner. Tickets are available until Friday through the [CBR Sport Awards website](#).

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