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Finalists announced for 2018 CBR Sport Awards

Outstanding achievements have been recognised in teams and individual athletes from 15 sports, ranging from tennis and soccer through to roller derby.

Once again, our selection committee chaired by Rob de Castella were overwhelmed by the quality of nominations and the caliber of athletes and community members that have been nominated.

The awards highlight the vibrant sport and recreation community we have in Canberra, which nurtures athletes from the grassroots all the way to the elite level, as demonstrated by the range of athletes and volunteers recognised as finalists for this year's awards.

It was particularly exciting to see so many nominees for our inaugural Rising Star Award, which celebrates outstanding achievements from an emerging athlete. The response to the award just goes to show that the future is bright for sport in Canberra.

Whilst the winners in each category will be formally announced at the Awards Night on 30 November 2018, I'd like to congratulate all finalists for their remarkable achievements. We had nearly 100 nominations this year and I am told the Judging Panel had a tough job. Recognition as a finalist is a great achievement in itself.

I hope to be joined by all finalists, their families and supporters at the Awards Night, being held at the National Arboretum on 30 November. Tickets are now on sale to the event which will include guest speaker Australian Boxing legend Danny Green and acclaimed journalist Samantha Lane as the Master of Ceremonies. Tickets can be purchased from the event website at www.cbrsportawards.com.au.

The People's Sporting Champion presented by Canberra Milk will again be decided by a popular vote. Until midnight Monday 5 November, any member of the Canberra community can vote and one lucky

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school or sporting club will be in the running to win \$5,000 of sporting equipment, courtesy of Canberra Milk. Vote now at: <http://cbrsportawards.com.au/peoples-sporting-champion/>

The award finalists, in no particular order, are:

Athlete of the Year – Men’s Sport

- Matthew Floros (Indoor Cricket)
- Nick Kyrgios (Tennis)
- Caleb Antill (Rowing)

Athlete of the Year – Women’s Sport

- Penny Slater (Triathlon)
- Laura Peel (Snowsports)
- Chloe Hosking (Cycling)

Athlete of the Year – Para Sport

- Nikki Ayers (Rowing)
- Cameron Crombie (Athletics)
- Emily Tapp (Triathlon)

Team of the Year

- ACT Rockets (Indoor Cricket)
- CBR Brave (Ice Hockey)
- Vice City Rollers (Roller Derby)

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Outstanding Service to Sport

- Marie Hart (Indoor Cricket)
- Andrew and Judy Dean (Ice Hockey)
- Robyne Houston (Netball)

Rising Star

- Adam Thorp (Golf)
- Ryan Lonergan (Rugby Union)
- Keely Small (Athletics)
- Karly Roestbakken (Soccer)
- Annerly Poulos (Tennis)

Minister for Sport and Recreation Award for Event Excellence

- Table Tennis ACT
- Tennis ACT
- Uni-Norths Junior Rugby Union Club

Minister for Sport and Recreation Award for Inclusion

- Capital Football
- Capital Lakes Rowing Club
- North Woden Tennis Club

Minister for Sport and Recreation Award for Innovation

- Volleyball ACT
- Capital Football
- Tennis ACT

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