



2025
CBR SPORT AWARDS
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ACT GOVERNMENT MESSAGE

The CBR Sport Awards is the night of nights for the ACT sporting community, an event which recognises and celebrates the achievements of our home-grown sporting heroes and legends.

Our community has witnessed some brilliant results by local sports people over the last 12 months showcasing the wonderful talent produced within the ACT sporting ecosystem. These performances, alongside some outstanding results and stories that have emerged in Canberra sport, give us more than enough reason to recognise and again celebrate the CBR Sport Awards.

We are excited to host another annual gala event to announce and celebrate our finalists and winners in person.

At this time, we encourage you to pause and reflect on all that has been achieved this year and consider a nomination to this year's awards, including the Minister's Awards for Excellence.

Nominations will open on Wednesday 3rd September and close on Wednesday 8 October 2025. The ACT Sport Hall of Fame will welcome some new inductees and celebrate their exceptional contributions to Canberra sport.

We look forward to you being part of the CBR Sport Awards in 2025.

REBECCA KELLEY
EXECUTIVE BRANCH MANAGER
SPORT AND RECREATION







**WELCOME
TO THE 2025
CBR SPORT
AWARDS**

THE ACT GOVERNMENT IS PROUD TO PRESENT

THE 2025 CBR SPORT AWARDS

The Awards will celebrate the outstanding achievements of Canberra's top athletes and teams, while also recognising those behind the scenes special contributors that make our local sporting community so great.

The format for the CBR Sport Awards will include eight award categories with the annual ACT Sport Hall of Fame induction embraced within these Awards.

The Awards will recognise not only excellence at an individual and team level, but innovative and inclusive practices within our community clubs, as well as outstanding event management.

The CBR Sport Awards promises to be a fantastic celebration of our city's proud sporting culture, its champions and quiet achievers, and the passion Canberrans bring as players and supporters to their favourite sports.



CATEGORIES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

There are eight categories in the CBR Sport Awards and two categories for the ACT Sport Hall of Fame.

Each Award category will have up to three finalists but only one winner. The number of inductees into the ACT Sport Hall of Fame each year is not set and will be at the discretion of the selection committee.

Each category will have its selection criteria addressed in detail and available for download on the CBR Sport Awards website when nominations open. The categories in the Awards are:

Athlete of the Year – Men's Sport

Athlete of the Year – Women's Sport

Athlete of the Year – Para-Sport

Rising Star

Team of the Year

Minister for Sport and Recreation's Award for Inclusion

Minister for Sport and Recreation's Award for Innovation

Minister for Sport and Recreation's Award for Event Excellence

ACT Sport Hall of Fame Full Member

ACT Sport Hall of Fame Associate Member

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR — MEN'S SPORT

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR — WOMEN'S SPORT

These two awards represent the pinnacle of excellence for men's and women's sport in the ACT.

These prestigious awards will be presented to individuals who have attained a level of sporting excellence greater than others, or whose performance has been so exceptional that their achievements have identified them as being clearly outstanding from other athletes.

Nominee performances must be of such a standard of excellence, and achieved in an arena competitive enough, to warrant the athlete receiving this award.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR — PARA-SPORT

The Athlete of the Year – Para-Sport will be awarded to an individual athlete with a disability who has attained a level of sporting excellence greater than their peers, or whose performance has been so exceptional that their achievements have identified them as being clearly outstanding when compared to their peers.

Nominee performances must be of such a standard of excellence, and achieved in an arena competitive enough, to warrant them receiving this award.

The Athlete of the Year – Para-Sport will automatically be considered for Athlete of the Year. They will be assessed on comparative merit.

RISING STAR

The Rising Star Award will recognise a high achieving, up and coming junior athlete in the Canberra sporting community. This award will be presented to a young athlete who has attained a level of excellence greater than that achieved by their peers during the year, either at national or international competition, complimented by success in other areas of their life.

The Rising Star performance must be of such a standard of excellence and achieved in an arena competitive enough to truly warrant them becoming the recipient of this award.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

This award will go to the team that has achieved a level of excellence greater than other teams, or whose performance has been so exceptional that its achievements have identified it as being clearly outstanding when compared to other teams.

Nominee performances must be of such a standard of excellence, and achieved in an arena competitive enough, to warrant the team receiving this award.

ACT SPORT HALL OF FAME

The ACT Sport Hall of Fame recognises those people that through their achievements and contributions, have shaped the proud history of sport in the ACT. Membership of the ACT Sport Hall of Fame represents the highest level of sporting recognition in the ACT.

Membership of this prestigious body includes both athletes (Full Member) and others in non-sporting roles (Associate Member) such as coaches, officials and administrators.

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION'S AWARD FOR INNOVATION

This award, which includes a cash prize of \$3000, will be presented to a local sporting organisation or club that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to innovative practices aimed at improving accessibility to their sport, enhancing sustainability, promoting their activities and/or increasing physical activity participation. As a result of this commitment, they will have set such standards of excellence as to set themselves apart from their peers, and warrant receiving the award.

ACT peak sporting organisations, local associations and clubs may nominate themselves—or an affiliate—for this award.

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION'S AWARD FOR EVENT EXCELLENCE

This award, which includes a cash prize of \$3000, will be presented to a local sporting organisation or club that has demonstrated an outstanding achievement in the delivery of a sporting event, or series of events, in the year of nomination.

The recipient of this award will, above all, have set itself apart because of the impact of the event on the organisation's business, high standard of delivery and the resounding overall success of the event(s). This award is not only about 'big ticket' events, but the many smaller ones that help make Canberra Australia's sporting capital.

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION'S AWARD FOR INCLUSION

This award, which includes a cash prize of \$3000, will be presented to a local sporting organisation or club that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the principles of inclusion and diversity in their sport, within the year of nomination. As a result of this commitment, they will have set such standards of excellence as to set themselves apart from their peers, and warrant receiving the award.

ACT peak sporting organisations, local associations and clubs may nominate themselves—or an affiliate—for this award.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee for the Awards will comprise 8 people who have broad experience in elite and/or community sport.

The 3 Minister's Awards will be assessed by the ACT Government and shortlisted for final selection by the Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Nominees for the 2025 CBR Sport Awards will be assessed on their performance from one Award period to the next e.g. against the selection criteria.

ACT Sport Hall of Fame inductees will be assessed against the selection criteria but their performance will necessarily span a longer period of time.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for 2025 will open on Wednesday 3rd September and close on Wednesday 8 October 2025. Athlete performance must fall within the period 8 October 2024 to 8 October 2025.

Finalists will be announced in November with winners announced at the 2025 CBR Sport Awards event.

WHO CAN NOMINATE?

ACT peak sporting organisations, local associations and clubs may put forward nominations for the following awards:

- Athlete of the Year – Men's Sport
- Athlete of the Year – Women's Sport
- Athlete of the Year – Para-Sport
- Rising Star
- Team of the Year

ACT peak sporting organisations, local associations and clubs may nominate individuals or organisations – including affiliates – for:

- Minister for Sport and Recreation's Award for Inclusion
- Minister for Sport and Recreation's Award for Innovation
- Minister for Sport and Recreation's Award for Event Excellence.

ACT peak sporting organisations, local associations and clubs may nominate for:

- ACT Sport Hall of Fame Full Member
- ACT Sport Hall of Fame Associate Member

SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

To submit your nomination please refer to the relevant category on the Awards website. You will be able to download the selection criteria via the links available for each category.

Once you are certain your candidate meets the selection criteria, you need to enter the nomination via the Awards website along with any supporting information requested.

For further information please go to the CBR Sport Awards website at cbrsportawards.com.au once nominations open.

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LEGACY OF THE AWARDS

The CBR Sport Awards are Canberra's official and premier sporting awards. They are built on credibility, integrity and transparency.

The Awards will further build the profile of Canberra's sporting prowess and create an event our city loves to celebrate. These Awards offer kudos to both sports and athletes by creating some lasting legacies that help them celebrate and promote their success within the sport, publicly and with sponsors.

The CBR Sport Awards will celebrate the widely-held love of sport in Canberra, and honour those athletes who uphold the qualities we all expect on and off the sporting field.



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