

# Sports Awards 2025 nomination guide



# Introduction



The City of Salisbury Sports Awards provide a way for Council and the community to acknowledge the contributions and community impact of individuals and groups involved in sport in our city.

With over 150 clubs in the City of Salisbury, community sport volunteers and staff dedicate countless hours to roles such as coaching, administration, and officiating, ensuring local sports run smoothly each week. Without their efforts, many sporting achievements would not be possible.

There are 10 award categories recognising the achievements of individuals, clubs and organisations between 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. As well as achieving outstanding on-field success in each category, award nominees must also be able to demonstrate outstanding success off-the-field. This includes a demonstrable positive, respectful and community minded approach in all dealings with other sporting clubs, Council staff and the general community.





# Submission period

Submissions are open from Monday 2 June to Sunday 31 August 2025.

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## Coach of the Year

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment and passion to sport in the City of Salisbury through coaching, attaining a level of performance excellence or an outstanding contribution and community impact that sets them apart from their peers during the nomination period.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award are only eligible if they contribute to local sporting clubs, events and/or programs that are based in the City of Salisbury.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee led their team to the finals, while mentoring assistant coaches and players.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Outline the coaching achievements and milestones of the nominee within the nomination period.</li><li>2. How has the nominee positively influenced their athlete/s development and wellbeing?</li><li>3. How does the nominee demonstrate leadership, impact and commitment to the City of Salisbury's sport and recreation community?</li></ol>



## Official of the Year

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment and passion to sport in the City of Salisbury as an official, attaining a level of performance excellence or an outstanding contribution that sets them apart from their peers during the nomination period.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award must officiate for a City of Salisbury based organisation or competition.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee officiated state level events to a high standard.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Describe the levels or competition the nominee has officiated at during the nomination period.</li><li>2. How has the nominee upheld fairness and integrity in their role?</li><li>3. How has the nominee supported other officials or contributed to improving officiating?</li></ol>





## Administrator of the Year

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the successful administration of their sport and sporting club in the City of Salisbury during the nomination period.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award are only eligible if they contribute to local sporting clubs, events and/or programs that are based in the City of Salisbury.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee implemented a culture that created a better environment for their members.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What roles or initiatives has the nominee led in club or association administration?</li><li>2. How have their efforts contributed to better governance or community outcomes?</li><li>3. How has the nominee demonstrated leadership and dedication?</li></ol>



## Club/Association of the Year

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises a community sporting club/association in the City of Salisbury that has demonstrated considerable commitment, community impact and passion to their sport, members, and the wider community, through their club and teams' performances, achievements, activities and broader City of Salisbury community participation both on and off the field.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award are only eligible if they are based and operate in the City of Salisbury.
<b>Example</b>	The club grew membership by 30%, hosted an inclusive sports day, and formed partnerships with local schools.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Outline the club's key achievements during the nomination period.</li><li>2. How does the club demonstrate strong leadership, governance, and inclusivity?</li><li>3. How has the club contributed to the broader community?</li></ol>





## Sports Volunteer of the Year

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises a sports volunteer who has made a significant contribution to their local sporting group on a voluntary basis in the City of Salisbury during the nomination period.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award are only eligible if they contribute to local sporting clubs, events and/or programs that are based in the City of Salisbury.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee volunteered time and positively impacted a club.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What roles or responsibility has the nominee undertaken as a volunteer?</li> <li>2. How has the nominee exceeded expectation in their role?</li> <li>3. What impact has their contribution had on the organisation or the community?</li> </ol>





## Active Inclusion Champion of the Year

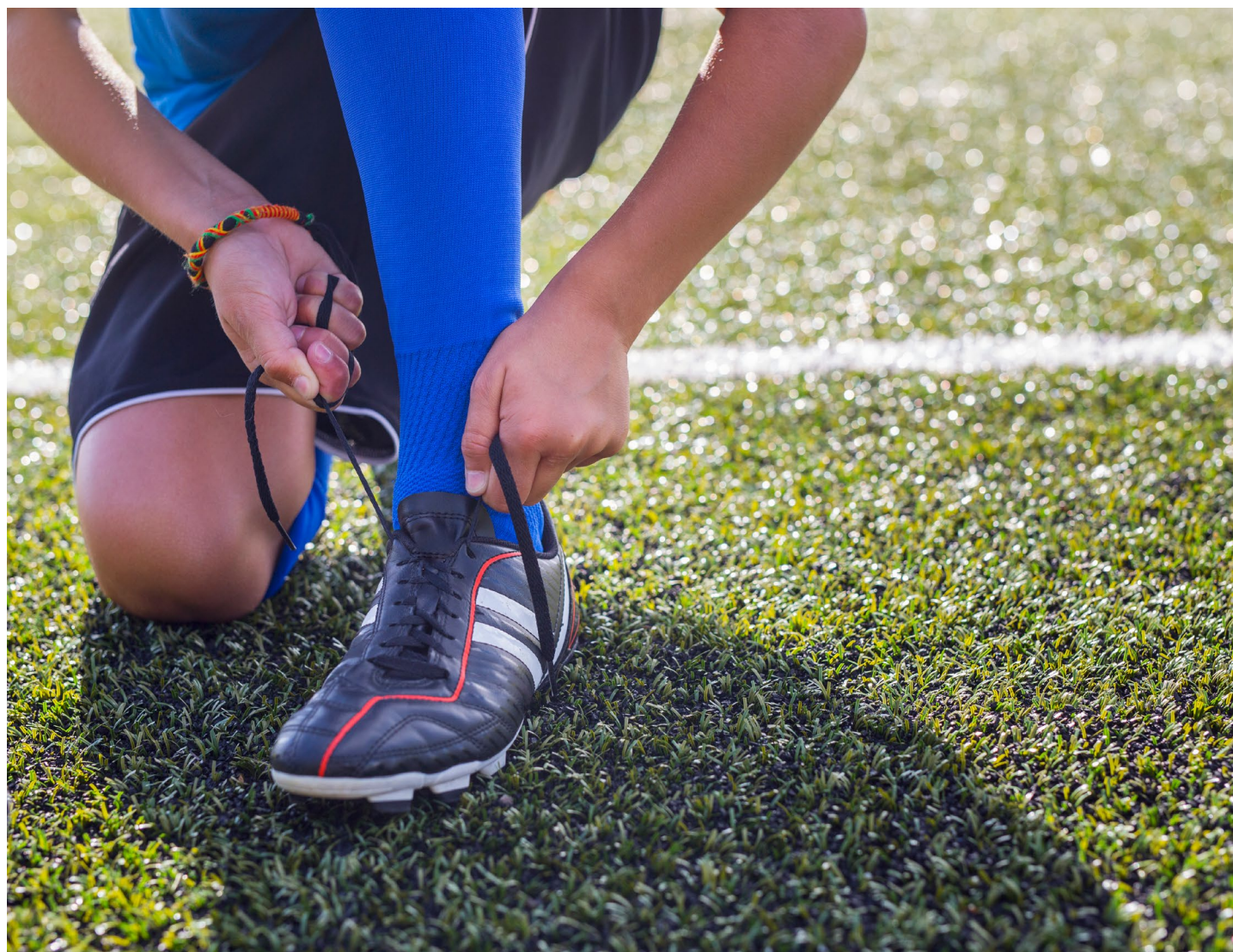
<b>Description</b>	This award recognises an individual, program, event or design that increases sport participation opportunities, embraces diversity, and creates opportunities for people with a disability or experiencing a disadvantage in a sport context within the City of Salisbury.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award must be involved in activities predominately based in the City of Salisbury.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee organised weekly sessions for people with disability or trained coaches in inclusive communication.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Describe how the nominee has created inclusive opportunities in sport or recreation.</li><li>2. Who has benefited from this work and how?</li><li>3. How has the nominee shown innovation or leadership in fostering inclusion?</li></ol>





## Senior Sporting Achievement of the Year

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises an outstanding achievement of an adult at a state, national or international level as a participant, coach or official.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award must be aged 18 or over (as of 31 August 2025) and compete within or for a City of Salisbury based organisation.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee medalled at a national championship and mentored emerging players in their club.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Outline the sporting accomplishments of the nominee.</li><li>2. What challenges did the nominee overcome?</li><li>3. How has the nominee contributed beyond competition (e.g. leadership or mentoring)</li></ol>





## Junior Sporting Achievement of the Year

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises an outstanding achievement of a junior at a state, national or international level as a participant, coach or official.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award must be aged 10 to 17 (as of 31 August 2025) and compete within or for a City of Salisbury based organisation.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee qualified for state representation and supported younger players at training.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Outline the sporting accomplishments of the nominee.</li><li>2. How has the nominee demonstrated sportsmanship and leadership?</li><li>3. What contribution has the nominee made to their team or sport community?</li></ol>





## Recreation/Physical Activity Group/Project of the Year

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises an outstanding recreation/physical activity group, activity or project that has delivered excellent value to the City of Salisbury community in combatting participation barriers. It could include groups, activities or projects that target an increase in physical activity, disengaged or marginalised groups or activate underutilised open spaces.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award are only eligible if the group, activity or project are predominately based and operate in the City Salisbury.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee group ran weekly free walks for seniors, increasing physical activity and social connection.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the purpose and aim of the group, activity or project?</li> <li>2. How did the initiative break down barriers to participation?</li> <li>3. What were the outcomes or impact on the community?</li> </ol>





## Lifelong Contribution to Sport

<b>Description</b>	This award recognises and acknowledges the unique and extraordinary achievements of an individual in the City of Salisbury over many years.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Nominees for this award must have provided 10+ years of service to their dedicated sport or club (or multiple clubs) on a voluntary basis as a participant, administrator, coach, official and/or volunteer.
<b>Example</b>	The nominee served in multiple voluntary roles for 10+ years and helped establish junior development pathways.
<b>Nomination questions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Outline the nominee's long-term involvement and achievements in sport.</li><li>2. What impact have they had over the years on individuals and the community?</li><li>3. How has the nominee demonstrated leadership and dedication?</li></ol>



# Conditions of nomination

- Nominations will only be considered from the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
- All nominations must be received via the online nomination form on the City of Salisbury website.
- Anyone can submit a nomination. Individuals can self-nominate, and people can also be nominated for multiple award categories (where eligible). However, a separate online nomination form must be submitted for each award under consideration.
- The Sports Volunteer of the Year category is only open to individuals who contribute their time and efforts on an unpaid, volunteer basis.
- Where a person, club, program, event, or design is nominated multiple times for the same award, we will accept the nomination that aligns best with the award criteria, for assessment by the judging panel. Nominations are assessed on their merits for quality, not quantity of nominations received.
- All nominations must be received by 10pm Sunday 31 August 2025 and meet the award criteria outlined above. Any nominations received after this time will not be considered eligible.
- As well as achieving outstanding on-field success in each category, award nominees must also be able to demonstrate outstanding success off-the-field. This includes a demonstrable positive, respectful and community minded approach in all dealings with other sporting clubs, Council staff and the general community.
- All nominations will be reviewed by the Council appointed judging panel who will select the shortlist of nominees to attend the awards ceremony and the overall winner in each category. The judging panel decision will be final, and no further communication will be entered into.
- You may be asked to provide a relevant photo/image of the nominee (i.e. individual, club, activity/program or event) for awards promotional purposes.
- Where suitable, winners and short-listed candidates will be put forward as nominees for the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards and the Sports SA South Australian Sports Awards.



# Assessment criteria

Nominations in each category will be considered based on the following criteria.

Assessment criteria	Consideration	Weighting
Achievement and impact	Clear, significant results and contribution to sport or recreation	60%
Leadership and values	Demonstrates inclusion, positivity, integrity and influence	20%
Community impact	Positive impact on the broader community and club members	20%

# Awards

All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition. Finalists will be invited to an awards ceremony in October 2025 and the winner of each category will be announced on the night.

