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# Sports Star Awards

Home to over 100 sports clubs, Rockingham has many opportunities for our community to be involved in sport, whether as an athlete or volunteer. The City of Rockingham recognises the achievements and contributions of local sportspeople and volunteers through the annual Sports Star Awards, and the value that sport brings to the community.

This year's Sports Star Awards will be held on **Wednesday 16 September 2026**.

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## Nominations

Nominations open on Friday 1 May 2026 and must be received by 4pm on **Wednesday 1 July 2026**.

Nominations are in recognition of achievements that took place from **Tuesday 1 July 2025** to **Tuesday 30 June 2026**.

Nominations can be submitted in a variety of ways, including email or by mail, however completion of the online nomination form is strongly encouraged.

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## Categories

Nominations are invited for the following categories:

### Group Categories

- Club of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Inclusion Program or Event of the Year
- Club Governance Award

### Individual Categories

**For juniors, aged under 18 years of age at 30 June 2026:**

- Junior Sports Star of the Year
- Junior Volunteer of the Year

**For seniors, aged 18 years or over at 30 June 2026:**

- Senior Sports Star of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

**For masters, aged 50 years of age or over at 30 June 2026:**

- Masters Sports Star of the Year

**Nominees of all ages are invited in the following categories:**

- Keren Ugle (Senior) Indigenous Sports Star of the Year Award\*
- Sports Person of the Year with Disability
- John Brown Lifetime Achievement Memorial Award

\*open to First Nations nominees only.

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## Eligibility criteria

### Who can submit nominations?

Anyone can submit a nomination. Self-nominations are not accepted.

## Nominating a club or team

- Nominated clubs and teams must be based in the City of Rockingham.
  - Team of the Year nominees can include sportspeople of all ages.
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## Nominating individuals

- Individual nominees must:
    - be a current resident of the City of Rockingham, or
    - have lived in the City of Rockingham during the assessment period, or
    - have parents who reside in the City of Rockingham (junior nominees only) and
    - be a member of a City of Rockingham club, group, association or school
  - Parent/guardian consent must be provided for junior nominations prior to submission.
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## Making multiple nominations

When nominating a club, team or individual in more than one category, you will need to complete a nomination form for each category.

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## Selection Criteria

### Club of the Year

This category is judged on:

- overall on-field club achievements during the assessment period
- the level of competition in which these achievements took place

### Team of the Year

This category is judged on:

- overall on-field local/regional/state/national/international sporting achievements
- off-field recognition or achievements (i.e. volunteering, fundraising, supporting the club, community involvement, setting examples for other teams/clubs, etc.)

### Club Governance Award

This category is judged on:

- the club's commitment to governance practices, including strategic planning, financial management, volunteer recruitment and overall sustainable club management
- actions and initiatives taken to make the club welcoming, safe and inclusive

### Inclusion Program or Event of the Year

This category is judged on:

- commitment to inclusivity through programs or events designed for minority groups
- the impact of the program or event on individuals, that enables their participation in active recreation initiatives and/or sport

### Individual categories

- Senior Sports Star of the Year
- Junior Sports Star of the Year
- Masters Sports Star of the Year
- Keren Ugle (Senior) Indigenous Sports Star of the Year Award
- Sports Person of the Year with Disability

All nominations for individual categories are judged on:

- individual results and performance on the field
- the level of competition in which these results and performances took place

### **Volunteer of the Year/Junior Volunteer of the Year**

All nominations for the volunteer categories are judged on:

- the volunteer position held within the club/association/state sporting association/regional sports assembly
- the impact of the volunteer work completed within their organisation
- the level of competition associated with the volunteer work

### **John Brown Lifetime Achievement Memorial Award\***

Nominees will be judged on their service and contribution to the Rockingham sport and recreation community over a long period of time. Examples of service and contribution include acting as a coach, official, committee member, umpire, volunteer etc.

\*previous John Brown Lifetime Achievement Memorial Award winners cannot be re-nominated in this category.

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## **General conditions**

Nominations are assessed on contribution, performance and achievements that took place during the assessment period of **Tuesday 1 July 2025** to **Tuesday 30 June 2026**.

- Nominations will not be accepted after the closing date of **Wednesday 1 July 2026**.
- Incomplete nominations will be ineligible for consideration and will not proceed to the assessment stage.
- Supply two photos with each nomination form at time of submission. The nominee will need to provide permission for public use and evidence of this permission must be provided with the submitted nomination form.

Please contact the City of Rockingham for a Photography and Video Release Form.

#### **For individuals:**

- one portrait, head and shoulders photo
- one action shot of them participating in their sport

#### **For clubs/teams/programs:**

- one club/team photo
- one action shot of the club participating in their sport
- Photos are to be submitted in JPEG format between 1 – 3MB.
- City of Rockingham employees or Councillors cannot be nominated.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.

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## **Notification of outcomes**

### **Finalists**

- Five finalists will be selected in each category.
- Team or club category finalists will receive three invitations to the awards night.
- If a nominee is selected as a finalist, notification will be sent to:
  - the individual who made the nomination
  - the finalist.

### **Unsuccessful nominations**

If a nomination is unsuccessful, notification will only be sent to the individual who made the nomination. Notification of the outcome of judging will be completed by **Friday 31 July 2026**.

**The judging panel's decision is final.**

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