

## ***School Sport ACT Excellence in Sport Awards***

The Excellence in School Sport Awards are presented in recognition of sporting excellence by ACT school students who have competed at a Regional, State, National or International level.

The awards are the highest school sporting honour presented to ACT school students, with the recipients invited to attend an awards ceremony and are presented with an award and memento of the occasion.

The awards are divided into;

- Four individual categories; School Sport ACT Achievement Award, School Sport ACT Leadership Award, School Sport ACT Sportsmanship Award and School Sport ACT All Rounder Award
- One Team Category – School Sport ACT Team Achievement Award
- One Official Category – School Sport ACT Official of the Year
- One School Category - School Sport ACT Participation Award

The top four nominees in each category, determined by the ACT School Sport Council, will receive an invitation to attend the awards ceremony, to be conducted in March of the following year. Nominees will also receive a certificate congratulating them on their nomination.

Students who achieved All Australian Team or Shadow Player selection at their respective School Sport Australia Championship will also be invited and acknowledged at the awards ceremony.

### **Nomination Guidelines**

- Principals, School Sport Coordinators, Regional School Sport Advisory Group members or Regional or State Team Officials may submit nominations.
- Sporting achievements are to be restricted to achievements in school sport teams and/or events, including Primary SSACT endorsed calendar events.
- Students sporting conduct needs to meet with principles outlined in the *School Sport Australia Fair Play in School Sport policy*, specifically in relation to displaying appropriate qualities of sportsmanship.
- Sporting achievements in most instances would need to be at National, State or Regional level.
- Students must be enrolled at an ACT School. All nominations must carry the endorsement of the Principal of the school attended.
- A maximum number of two females and two males in the 12 years and under category, and two females and two males in the 13 and over category, will be awarded in each category, in any one year.
- Nominations for Para Athletes can be entered across all 4 of the individual categories and will be considered alongside Able Bodied Athlete Nominations.

<b>School Sport ACT Excellence in Sport Award Categories</b>
<b>School Sport ACT Achievement Award</b>
Awarded to a student who has achieved outstanding results at State or National level in their chosen sport. The sport needs to be a part of the School Sport ACT/School Sport Australia representative pathway.
<b>School Sport ACT Leadership Award</b>
Awarded to a student who has demonstrated a proven ability to lead others, both on and off the field, as well as one who possesses the following traits; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exceptional communication skills</li> <li>- Self-motivation and the ability to motivate and inspire others</li> <li>- Maturity and integrity in all aspects of their involvement in competition</li> </ul>
<b>School Sport ACT Sportsmanship Award</b>
Awarded to a student who has consistently demonstrated the following behaviour to an exemplary standard; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fair play; during competition as well as training, preparation and practice</li> <li>- Respect; for the opposition, fellow teammates, umpires/referees/officials and spectators</li> <li>- Positivity and persistence shown in all facets of competing, training and team functions</li> </ul>
<b>School Sport ACT All Rounder Award</b>
Awarded to a student who has participated in a Regional, State, National or International competition in two or more School Sport ACT / School Sport Australia representative pathway sports.
<b>School Sport ACT Team Achievement Award</b>
Awarded to a School Sport ACT representative team that has achieved high results at their respective National Championship and/or has displayed exceptional cohesiveness and sportsmanship as a team.
<b>School Sport ACT Official of the Year Award</b>
Awarded to a Regional or ACT Event Coordinator or ACT Representative Team Coach, Assistant Coach or Manager that has gone above and beyond normal duties to enhance the participation experience of students and community members.
<b>School Sport ACT School Participation Award</b>
Awarded to the school who has the highest number of students participating in Regional, State and National School Sport ACT / School Sport Australia sporting competitions. This award will be determined by School Sport ACT and will be based on a percentage of participating students and individual school population.  The Principal and School Sport Coordinator of the school with the highest number of participating students will be invited to attend the award ceremony to receive an award.