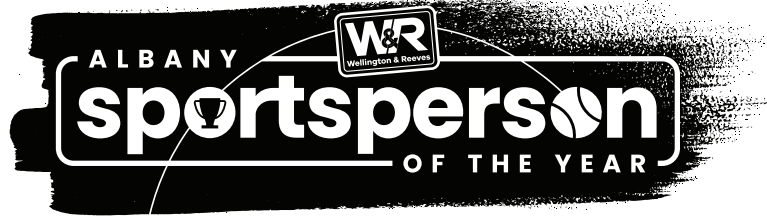




ALBANY
sportsperson
OF THE YEAR



Eligibility Criteria
2026



City of Albany Sportsperson of the Year Awards

The City of Albany recognises the significant contribution of sports to the well-being of the local community, including physical health and mental wellness, and the promotion of social unity and community involvement. Sports benefit people of all age groups by enhancing their physical fitness, providing happiness and stress relief, imparting essential values, fostering connections with others, supporting local activities, and building a resilient, united community united by shared passions and accomplishments.

The annual Albany Sportsperson of the Year awards are back, once again honouring and commemorating remarkable accomplishments and contributions in community sports. These awards are designed to pay tribute to and recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals, teams, clubs, and organisations that have made noteworthy contributions to the Albany sports community.

Categories

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

These awards are dedicated to celebrating remarkable accomplishments and contributions made by individuals in the sports community.

Individual awards are bestowed in recognition of exceptional performances, leadership, unwavering commitment, sportsmanship, and the positive influence that these individuals have had on both their sports and the broader community.

This category applauds the diligence, talent, and enthusiasm of those who have excelled in their chosen sports, serving as inspiring role models for the Albany community.

- Wellington and Reeves Sports Person of the Year
- Junior Athlete of the Year
- Senior Athlete of the Year
- Master Athlete of the Year

Eligibility

Please ensure you read through and understand the eligibility criteria before submitting your application forms.

ALBANY SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Albany has significantly contributed to the sporting successes of the Albany Sports Person of the Year Award nominee, who continues to uphold a strong connection with the local community.
- Nominees must have been a resident of Albany for at least 2 years to be eligible.
- Nominees may be nominated by any sporting club, association, committee or individual.
- Achievements must only relate to the period 01/01/2026-31/12/2026
- Nominees for the Albany Sports Person of the Year Award must have competed at state, national, or international levels to be eligible.
- Nominees will be judged on their achievements during the period of the preceding season i.e.: the last season the club played in
- All nominees selected as finalists for the awards will need to provide two photographs of the nominee, one head and shoulders photo and one of them participating in their chosen sport. Photos are to be in JPEG format between 1 - 3MB. If possible, a 30 second video of them participating in their sport.
- Incomplete nominations or those submitted after the specified closing date will be ineligible

JUNIOR, SENIOR AND MASTER SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

- All individual nominees must be a current City of Albany resident, having lived in the City at some point during the past 12 months.
- Nominees may be nominated by any sporting club, association, committee or individual.
- The Junior Sports Person nominees must be under 18 years during the judging year and contribute to the sport/s during the judging period 01/01/2026-31/12/2026.
- The Senior Sports Person nominees must be aged 18yrs and over during the judging year, and contribute to the sport/s during the judging period 01/01/2026-31/12/2026.
- Nominees will be judged on their achievements during the period of the preceding season i.e.: the last season the club played in.
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Assessment

A panel of judges will assess all nominations based on their merit. The panel will be comprised of:

- City of Albany Elected Member
- City of Albany Recreation Services Business Coordinator
- Great Southern Academy of Sport
- Department Local Government, Sport and Cultural industries
- Nominated Community Members

All successful nominees will be notified via email with an event invitation. For unsuccessful nominations only the nominating organisation/club will be informed via email.

Selection Criteria

NOTE: The selection criteria period for these awards runs from January 2026 – December 2026.

- Demonstrated individual performance, results and achievements during the selection criteria period
- Level of competition competed in for the selection criteria period
- Nominees who have demonstrated the values and importance of being positive role models

IMPORTANT DATES

Nominations open ***Now.***

Nominations close ***January 2027.***

Selection criteria period ***January 2026 – December 2026.***

Online nomination forms are available via the below link:

www.albanyleisurecentre.com.au/sport/sportsperson-of-the-year.aspx