

# 2024 Ards and North Down SPORTS AWARDS



## Nomination Criteria

- 1) The Nominee must be a resident of the Ards and North Down Borough **OR** the Nominee must be involved in sport within the Borough of Ards and North Down eg. resident outside the Borough but representing a club, organisation, school or sporting body within the Borough.
- 2) Nominations are confined to performance/achievements between 1 January – 31 December 2024 [except for Wall Of Fame and Lifetime Service Recognition Nominees].
- 3) Candidature is by nomination only, on the appropriate form.
- 4) A Nominator may only nominate one person/team per category.
- 5) A digital photograph of individual/team will be required for the awards ceremony.
- 6) The judging panel may move a nomination if, in their opinion, it would be more appropriately placed in an alternative category.
- 7) The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## Nomination Description

### Sports Person of the Year

This award is made to the individual who in the opinion of the judges has been the outstanding Sports Person in 2024.

### Sports Person of the Year (under 18)

This award is made to the individual who in the opinion of the judges has been the outstanding Sports Person in 2024. It is open to all young people who are aged from 15 to 18 years of age on 31 December 2024.

### Sports Person of the Year (under 15)

This award is made to the individual who in the opinion of the judges has been the outstanding Sports Person in 2024. It is open to all young people who are 15 years or under on 31 December 2024.

### Sports Team of the Year

This award is made to the team who in the opinion of the judges have been the outstanding Sports Team in 2024.

### Under 18s Junior Team of the Year

This award is made to the team who in the opinion of the judges have been the outstanding Junior Sports Team in 2024. Team members should be aged from 15 to 18 years of age on 31 December 2024.

### Under 15s Junior Team of the Year

This award is made to the team who in the opinion of the judges have been the outstanding Junior Sports Team in 2024. Team members should have been in 4th year of post primary school or younger, during 2024.

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## **Sports Coach of the Year**

This award is made to the Sports Coach who in the opinion of the judges has made an outstanding contribution to coaching in their Sport/Club during 2024.

- a) Performance Coaching – a coach who has worked with an elite squad at regional, national or international level during 2024
- b) Club Coaching – a coach who has worked at club level during 2024
- c) School Coaching – a coach who has worked with a school team during 2024

## **Volunteer of the Year**

This award is made to an individual who in the opinion of the judges has made an outstanding contribution to their sport/club as an administrator, coach or official during 2024. A volunteer is classified as someone who does not get paid for their services but may be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

## **Lifetime Service Recognition Award**

This award is made to an individual or individuals deserving in the opinion of the judges of special recognition for an outstanding contribution to their sport/club during their lifetime.

## **Wall Of Fame Inductee**

To honour our outstanding sports people, this award recognises the individual (living or deceased) who has reached the highest level within their chosen sport and in the opinion of the judges to be inducted into the Ards and North Down Wall of Fame.

- Nominees who are still participating at the highest level are ineligible for nomination
- Successful nominees will be restricted to ONE per year
- Successful nominees will be inducted into the Ards and North Down Wall Of Fame which will be displayed at both Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing and Leisure Complex and Bangor Aurora Aquatics and Leisure Complex
- Nominations for individuals who are not selected may be resubmitted annually by the nominator