



Ards and
North Down
Borough Council

2025

Ards and North Down SPORTS AWARDS

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Ards and North Down
SPORTS FORUM

Nominations Open Friday 14 November 2025 - close on Monday 12th January 2026 at 12noon

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Nomination Form

Nominee Details

Name/Team	
Sport	
Club/School/Organisation	
Date of Birth	[Under 18 and Under 15 individual categories only]
Address	
Email Address	
Contact Number	

Nominator Details

Name	
	Club ☐ School ☐ Organisation ☐ Individual ☐
Relationship to nominee	
Address	
Email Address	
Contact Number	

Please [✓] tick the relevant nomination category.

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| 1. Sports Person of the Year , sponsored by Mervyn Stewart North Down MG | ☐ |
| 2. Sports Person of the Year (under 18) , sponsored by Prestige Trophies | ☐ |
| 3. Sports Person of the Year (under 15) , sponsored by Exploris | ☐ |
| 4. Sports Team of the Year , sponsored by Progressive Building Society | ☐ |
| 5. Under 18s Junior Team of the Year , sponsored by Newtownards Saturday Market Traders | ☐ |
| 6. Under 15s Junior Team of the Year , sponsored by Ards Suicide Awareness Group | ☐ |
| 7. Sports Coach of the Year , sponsored by The Echlinville Distillery | ☐ |
| 8. Volunteer of the Year in memory of Alderman Menagh | ☐ |
| 9. Lifetime Service Recognition , sponsored by Ards and North Down Sports Forum | ☐ |
| 10. Wall of Fame Inductee sponsored by Mayor of Ards and North Down | ☐ |

For categories 1-8 complete sections A and B overleaf, for category 9 and 10 please go to section C or D.

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**Nominations are confined to achievement between 1 January and 31 December 2025
[except for Wall Of Fame and Lifetime Service Recognition Nominees]**

Please give details of achievements, contribution to sport/club, events including representative level competition throughout 2025. Full titles of events/competitions and an accurate description of any awards/titles won should be given along with any web addresses [where available] to verify results. A high quality and neatly presented description [bullet points are fine] will give the judges the opportunity to make well-informed decisions.

To nominate for category 1-8 complete sections A and B, for category 9 and 10 complete section C or D.

(A) Description of Nominee Achievements (word limit 200 words)

*Word limit will be applied to in the selection process and applications forms will be disregarded if this is exceeded.

Please give website details or link to verify performance results.

(B) Other relevant supporting information e.g time involved in sport, other roles in club/organisation, other sporting interest involvement (word limit 100 words)

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[C] Lifetime Service Recognition Award

Nominee's Current/Past Position or Title within the sport/club/organisation.

Please indicate the number of years the nominee has/had dedicated to their chosen sport/club/organisation.

Please describe the nominee's role/s within their sport/club/organisation and how long they have been involved in this/these positions. (word limit 100 words)

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Please describe the nominee's contributions or services to their sport/club/organisations beyond their requirement. (word limit 100 words)

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Please describe how the sport/club/organisation has benefited from having this individual involved eg. What difference/positive influence have/had they made. (word limit 100 words)

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(D) Wall Of Fame Inductee

Please provide a sporting biography by describing the nominee's outstanding contributions/ achievements or services to their sport/club/organisation. [word limit 300 words]

Note: Candidate must no longer be playing at the top level of their sport.

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Closing Date: Monday 12 January 2026 at 12noon

Completed Forms should be returned to:

Sports Development, Ards and North Down Borough Council, Londonderry Park, Newtownards, BT23 8SG or can be emailed to **sportsawards@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk**

It is our policy to acknowledge receipt of nominations, if you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours please contact the office on 0300 013 3333 Ext. 40326. or email **sportsawards@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk**

DATA PROTECTION

Ards and North Down Borough Council aims to comply with the Data Protection Principles, ensuring that information is collected fairly and lawfully, is accurate, adequate, up to date and not held any longer than necessary. Your information will be processed in accordance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 and will not be passed to any third party. If you wish to clarify your rights under this Act, the Council policy is available on the website.

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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 2025 [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 2025.

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 2025. It is open to all young people who are aged from 15 to 18 years of age on 31 December 2025.

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 2025. It is open to all young people who are 15 years or under on 31 December 2025.

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 2025.

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 2025. Team members should be aged from 15 to 18 years of age on 31 December 2025.

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 2025. Team members should have been in 4th year of post primary school or younger, during 2025.

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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 2025.

- a) Performance Coaching – a coach who has worked with an elite squad at regional, national or international level during 2025
- b) Club Coaching – a coach who has worked at club level during 2025
- c) School Coaching – a coach who has worked with a school team during 2025

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 2025. 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

