

2018 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards

Nomination Guide



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About the awards

The annual Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards recognise the accomplishments of people with disability, those who support them and the inclusive sport and recreation sector across the state.

It is an opportunity to celebrate the athletes, volunteers, officials, coaches, clubs, communities, venues and programs that enable and empower people with disability to get active and achieve their goals.

The awards are also an opportunity to discover unsung heroes and rising stars and celebrate what's truly great about accessible and inclusive sport.

The Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards are an initiative of Disability Sport & Recreation (DSR).

Key dates

Nominations open:	Monday 16 April, 2018
Nominations close:	midnight Sunday 27 May, 2018
Judging:	June, 2018
Finalists announced:	July, 2018
Awards ceremony:	Wednesday 1 August, 2018.

Award categories

Female Sportsperson of the Year

This award recognises a Victorian sportswoman with disability who, over the past 12 months, has:

- shown a high level of commitment to their sport or recreation activities
- acted as a role model and shown a high level of sportspersonship
- achieved outstanding results at a state, national, international, or elite level.

Male Sportsperson of the Year

This award recognises a Victorian sportsman with disability who, over the past 12 months, has:

- shown a high level of commitment to their sport or recreation activities
- acted as a role model and shown a high level of sportspersonship
- achieved outstanding results at a state, national, international, or elite level.

Junior Sportsperson of the Year

This award recognises a Victorian junior (21 years of age and under) with disability who, over the past 12 months, has:

- shown a high level of commitment to their sport or recreation activities
- acted as a role model and shown a high level of sportspersonship
- achieved outstanding results at a state, national, international, or elite level.

Masters Sportsperson of the Year

This award recognises a Victorian masters sportsperson (40 years of age and older) with disability who, over the past 12 months, has:

- shown a high level of commitment to their sport or recreation activities
- acted as a role model and shown a high level of sportspersonship
- achieved outstanding results at a state, national, international, or elite level.

Team of the Year

This award recognises a Victorian disability sports or recreation team that, over the past 12 months, has:

- shown a high level of commitment to their sport or recreation activities
- acted as a role model to other teams and shown a high level of sportspersonship
- achieved outstanding results at a state, national, international, or elite level.

Coach of the Year

This award recognises a Victorian coach who works with sportspeople with disability and over the past 12 months has:

- made a significant impact to their club, local community, organisation or school
- achieved success in their chosen sport or recreation
- had a positive and encouraging attitude that has inspired others
- shown commitment to providing the highest standard of coaching to their team players or individuals.

Official of the Year

This award recognises a Victorian official who works within disability sports and over the past 12 months has shown:

- excellence in their role in their chosen sport or activity
- a commitment to supporting the development of others
- respect for the coach, other officials and players.

Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises a Victorian volunteer who, over the past 12 months, has shown:

- dedication to their particular sport or recreational activity through volunteering
- commitment to volunteering out of a genuine desire to help others
- respect for the coach, officials, players and other volunteers.

Nominations in this category are for either:

- people with disability who volunteer for a sport or recreational activity
- people without disability who volunteer within the disability sport and recreation sector.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award acknowledges the length and breadth of an individual's contribution to their chosen discipline, sport, recreation, club or association.

Nominations in this category are for either:

- people with disability who have made a significant contribution to their chosen discipline, sport, recreation, club or association
- people without disability who have made a significant contribution within the disability sport and recreation sector.

Initiative of the Year

This award recognises an organisation, individual or team that, in the past 12 months, has set up a sustainable initiative or program that helps Victorians with disability take part in sport or recreation.

The award is open to initiatives that operate regionally, in metropolitan Melbourne or state wide.

Inclusive Sport, Recreation or Open Space Infrastructure Award

This award recognises how changes to our shared spaces can impact a person's capacity to take part in sport and recreation.

This is an open category for both minor and major developments/upgrades.



Nomination guidelines

Eligibility

Nominations must be for achievements, initiatives, programs, activities and developments that took place between July 2017 and May 2018 (not including the Lifetime Achievement Award).

Previous winners, finalists and nominees can re-nominate in any category.

A person, team or organisation can nominate themselves.

We will only accept nominations where all criteria has been addressed.

A separate online nomination form should be submitted for each nominee.

References and support material

This year we are asking you to upload a written reference with your nomination, instead of contact details for a referee. A written reference should support the information you give us in the criteria section of the nomination form.

Support material could be scans of newspaper articles, certificates or other things that support your nomination.

It is not compulsory to give us written references or support material, but it may help your nomination. The judges will consider any references and support material when assessing your nomination.

You can upload PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG and JPEG files.

There is space on the nomination form to upload two written references and two items of support material. If you have more than two of either, you can email them to melanie.page@dsr.org.au.

Images

A high resolution jpeg photograph (preferably in a sport or recreational context) should be uploaded with each nomination for promotional use. We will assume that you have permission to share this image with us.

There is space on the nomination form to upload two images. If you have more than two, you can email them to melanie.page@dsvr.org.au.

Information given to us as part of the nomination process will be used for the purpose of carrying out the awards. We reserve the right to use the information for promotional purposes.

Judging process

All nominations will be shortlisted to make sure they meet eligibility criteria.

If you nominate a shortlisted person, team or organisation without them knowing, we will contact them to confirm that they accept the nomination.

The Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards judging panel will then assess and score each shortlisted nomination based on the information provided for each criteria. The judging panel is made up of independent industry experts.

The judging panel will decide the finalists and winners of each award category based on nominations with the highest combined scores. Judges reserve the right to use discretion as applicable.



Criteria

The following information is to help you get all the information you need to address the criteria for your nomination.

Female Sportsperson of the Year

Male Sportsperson of the Year

Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Masters Sportsperson of the Year

Nominations for these awards will be assessed against the criteria of:

Achievements

What results has this athlete achieved in the last 12 months?

Attitude

How has this athlete acted as a role model and shown a high level of sportspersonship?

You can include information such as:

- their attitude and/or behaviour towards other team members/athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers
- how they have positively influenced/encouraged others and acted as a role model
- how they have overcome any barriers relating to their disability.

Commitment

How has this athlete shown a high level of commitment to their sport or recreational activity?

Team of the Year

Nominations for this award will be assessed against the criteria of:

Achievements

What results has this team achieved in the last 12 months?

Attitude

How has this team acted as a role model to other sports teams and shown a high level of sportspersonship? You can include information such as:

- the team's attitude and/or behaviour towards other teams/athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers
- how they have positively influenced/encouraged others and acted as a role model team
- how they have overcome any barriers relating to their disability.

Commitment

How has this team shown a high level of commitment to their sport or recreational activity?

Coach of the Year

Nominations for this award will be assessed against the criteria of:

Impact

What impact has this coach had on their club, community, organisation or school in the last 12 months? You can include information such as:

- outcomes for participants (individual/group/team)
- outcomes for the club, community, organisation or school
- any success stories (this could be as simple as an individual they are coaching reaching their personal goals, to a team going to the Paralympics)
- anecdotal feedback from family, carers or friends of the individuals/team they coach.

Excellence

How has this coach demonstrated excellence in their role in the past 12 months? You can include information such as how they have shown:

- a positive, encouraging and inclusive attitude
- respect for officials, players, volunteers and other coaches
- a desire to support the development of others.

Commitment

How has the coach shown a commitment to giving the highest standard of coaching?

You can include information such as:

- how long they've been coaching in this capacity
- their qualifications, skills or training they've undertaken
- personal sporting/recreational achievements.
- the time commitment to their role
- willingness to train/mentor others to become inclusive coaches
- willingness to go above and beyond.

Official of the Year

Nominations for this award will be assessed against the criteria of:

Excellence

How has this official demonstrated excellence in their role in the past 12 months? You can include information such as how they have shown:

- a positive, encouraging and inclusive attitude
- respect for the coach, other officials, volunteers and players
- fairness
- a desire to support the development of others.

Commitment

How has this official shown a commitment to giving the highest standard of officiating?

You can include information such as:

- how long they've been officiating in this capacity
- their qualifications, skills or training they've undertaken
- the time commitment to their role
- willingness to train/mentor others to become officials
- willingness to go above and beyond.

Volunteer of the Year

Nominations for this award will be assessed against the criteria of:

Impact

What impact has this volunteer had on the individuals, club, community, organisation or school they volunteer with in the last 12 months? You can include information such as:

- outcomes for participants
- outcomes for the club, community, organisation or school
- any success stories
- anecdotal feedback from staff, family, carers, friends or other volunteers of the individuals, club, community, organisation or school they volunteer with.

Excellence

How has this volunteer demonstrated excellence in their role in the past 12 months?

You can include information such as how they have shown:

- a positive, encouraging and inclusive attitude
- respect for the coach, officials, players and other volunteers
- a desire to support the development of others.

Commitment

How has the volunteer shown a commitment to their volunteer role? You can include information such as:

- how long they've been volunteering in this capacity
- their qualifications, skills or training they've undertaken
- the time commitment to their role
- willingness to train/mentor others to become volunteers
- willingness to go above and beyond.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominations for this award will be assessed against the criteria of:

Contribution and achievements

Please explain how this person has made a significant contribution over their lifetime.

You can include information such as:

- personal achievements
- achievements or outcomes for other individuals, their sport, club or association or the disability sport and recreation sector in general (for example, increased blind soccer participation by XX% or mentored XX people)
- roles they hold or have held (for example, President of an organisation)
- initiatives or programs they have helped set up
- community engagement and/or disability awareness they have championed
- other awards they may have received
- the time they have committed to their contribution
- success stories
- how they have shown a positive, encouraging and inclusive attitude or overcome barriers
- any qualifications, skills or training they've undertaken that has helped them to contribute
- anecdotal feedback from colleagues, family, carers, friends or volunteers.

Initiative of the Year

Nominations for this award will be assessed against the criteria of:

Impact

What impact has this initiative had on Victorians with disability within the last 12 months? You can include information such as:

- outcomes for participants
- how many people have taken part in the initiative
- how this initiative has met a need in the community
- any success stories
- anecdotal feedback from staff, family, carers, friends or volunteers or participants of the initiative.

Inclusive Sport, Recreation or Open Space Infrastructure Award

Nominations for this award will be assessed against the criteria of:

Impact

How has this infrastructure increased the capacity for people with disability in your community to take part in sport and recreation within the last 12 months? You can include information such as:

- why the development/upgrade was needed
- any consultations or testing that people with disability were involved in
- how universal design principles were incorporated into the development/upgrade
- how the development/upgrade has met a need in the community
- change in participation rates for people with disability
- any success stories

anecdotal feedback from people with disability, their family, carers or friends.