

2026 SPORTSPERSON of the Year

GUIDELINES AND OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Introduction

Bayside Council is looking to celebrate the achievements of an outstanding sportsperson who has excelled in their chosen sport either as an individual or part of a team; or someone who has had a positive impact, or made an outstanding contribution, through their work for a sporting organisation or team.

The nominee maybe an athlete, coach, official, administrator or volunteer.

About the Award

The Bayside Sports Person of the Year for 2026 will be announced by the Mayor of Bayside, Cr Edward McDougall, at a special ceremony held on Australia Day 26 January.

There is no age or ability restrictions. Nominations from all sports are welcome including veterans and disability sporting teams.

Nominations are assessed in strict confidence by a selection panel made up of council and community representatives. The committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Criteria and Eligibility

1. The nominee must be nominated by an individual or an organisation.
2. The nominee must be an Australian Citizen (proof of Citizenship is required) and should be a resident, living within the Bayside LGA. However the selection panel reserve the right to consider nominations for a person/s who volunteer or work for a club within the Bayside LGA, but who do not live within the Bayside LGA if they deem their contribution to the community significant.

3. The nomination form must detail the achievements and background of the nominee, including the reason/s for the nomination. This may include:
 - ✦ Outstanding achievement in the nominated sport (history as well as recent achievements).
 - ✦ Outstanding leadership skills and sportsmanship.
 - ✦ Outstanding ethical and community values.
 - ✦ Exceptional service to an organisation or a team.

Please provide as much information as possible to assist the Committee to make their decision.

4. All information and material submitted remains the property of Bayside Council.
5. The nomination must be supported by one, or more, referees who are not the nominator.
6. The nominee **must not** have received this award previously.
7. Only one award is given and the recipient will be known as the 'Bayside Sportsperson of the Year'. In exceptional circumstances the committee reserves the right to award more than one award, or no award if appropriate.
8. The Committees recommendation once adopted by Council is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. The following people are not eligible to be nominated:
 - ✦ Current employees of Bayside Council, their spouses, defacto partners or relatives.
 - ✦ Bayside Councillors, Federal or State politicians, their spouses, defacto partners or relatives.

For the purpose of this Award 'relatives' means those persons related by blood or marriage.

A close-up photograph of two young women with blonde hair, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing wide-brimmed straw hats with dark blue bands featuring a white star pattern. Both women have a small, stylized Australian flag painted on their right cheeks. The woman on the left is wearing a dark top, and the woman on the right is wearing a dark tank top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage.



The criteria for this award are detailed in the Award Guidelines. Please ensure you have read and understood these before nominating. Proof of Australian Citizenship must be submitted.

Closing Date

Judging

This nomination form is circulated to the selection panel for consideration.

Full Name			
Preferred Name			
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Contact Numbers	H	W	M

Name			
Organisation (if applicable)			
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Contact Numbers	H	W	M

I have read and accept the conditions of entry. The information contained in the nomination, is to my knowledge, true and accurate.

Signature _____

Please provide the name of at least one person (other than the nominator) who is familiar with the achievements in this nomination who can act as a referee.

Name			
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Contact Numbers	H	W	M
Signature			



BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR THE NOMINATION

Summary

In approximately 200 words please summarise the nominee’s outstanding service and/or achievement(s).

Main Achievements

Please detail the time periods these activities have occurred. Consideration is given to achievement in the year immediately prior to the year the award is being assessed for.

Other Awards

List any awards already received.

Membership of Local Organisations

Is the person an active member of any organisations?

Please Provide Other Relevant Information

Please attach any additional supporting information or documentation (press clippings, copies of awards etc)

Other Referees

Please provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of other people who support this nomination.

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

Relationship to Nominee

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

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