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Northern Mallee Sports Star Awards

Each year, the Mallee Sports Assembly (MSA) shall offer the following awards to persons in the Sport and Recreation sector in the Northern Mallee:

- Sports Star of the Year
- Hall of Fame Induction
- Master Athlete of the Year
- Junior Encouragement
- Senior Team of the Year
- Junior Team of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Sports Administrator of the Year
- Athlete with a Disability
- Aboriginal Sportsperson of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year



The selection of Award winners is carried out by a panel consisting of:

- Representatives from award sponsors
- An independent representative of the community
- Representation from MSA committee
- Representatives from the Media
- The selection panel meets in January each year to determine the winners for the previous year.

For the purposes of these awards, the Northern Mallee region is defined by the boundaries of the Mildura Rural City Council, Shire of Wentworth and the Robinvale District.

Sport is defined as those activities by the relevant State Government Sport and Recreation Department.



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Award Guidelines & Criteria

Nomination & Selection Criteria

1. Nominations for all Northern Mallee Sports Star Awards may come from an individual, team, club, association. All nominations must be submitted on the correct nomination form. Nomination forms for all annual awards are available from the MSA office, MSA website, Merbein Bank, 97.9 Triple M. Sportspower and must be signed by the nominator.
2. Nominations for all 2022 annual awards (except Sports Star of the Year) will be accepted from 1 January 2023, and close 13th January 2024. Additional information which becomes available following a nomination may be lodged with MSA at any time up to the close of nominations.
3. Nominees for individual awards must have been a bona-fide resident of the Northern Mallee for the preceding 12 months (relative to the date of nomination). The nominee must be a registered member of a club or association based in the Northern Mallee region during the preceding 12 months. The club or association to which the nominee belongs must also be a financial member of the MSA.
4. Awards are based on performance during the period 1 January to 31 December 2022. Performance may take place within or outside the Northern Mallee region.
5. All nominees must be financial members of the MSA, as a club, individual or corporate member.
6. Where a paid member of the MSA or a Committee of Management member is nominated for an award, representatives of the MSA on the selection panel shall not participate in the selection processes of the panel for that award.

Nomination & Selection Criteria

7. The Selection Panel will act in accordance with all timelines and direction provided in this publication, but will otherwise be permitted to make selections based on their own selection criteria. No disputes will be considered by the Mallee Sports Assembly in relation to selections made.
8. Anyone who is nominated and subsequently brings sport into disrepute or has criminal charges that are pending, will not be eligible for any of the Sports Star Awards.

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1. Nominations for the Monthly Sports Star Awards close on the 2nd Friday of the month following the month of nomination.
2. Recipients of the Northern Mallee Sports Star of the Month Award are automatically eligible for the Northern Mallee Sports Star of the Year Award. No other nominations will be considered for this annual award.
3. Monthly Sports Stars receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement, together with a Sportspower voucher to the value of \$50. Media coverage is also undertaken.
4. Nominees for the monthly Sports Star Award must be 16 years of age or over at the time of nomination

Nominations should be lodged with:

**Executive Officer
PO Box 2316
Mildura Vic 3502**



Annual Awards - Additional Selection Criteria



Master Athlete Award

- Open to all athletes over 40 years of age at the time of nomination, or have turned 40 during the year of the award.
- A member of a registered Northern Mallee club/Association.
- Is a good role model for their sport.
- Has performed well in their chosen sport at a local, state or national level.



Junior Encouragement Award

- Open to all athletes under 16 years of age at the time of nomination.
- A member of a registered Northern Mallee Club/Association.
- Has shown outstanding potential in their chosen sport at a local, state or national level.
- A good role model for their sport
- To recognise the achievement and aspirations of young athletes and to encourage the future of sport.



Senior Team Award

- Open to all club representative teams & school teams from the Northern Mallee region
- Nominees of the Senior Team must be 16 years of age or over at the time of nomination.
- Teams that have shown outstanding potential in their chosen sport at a local, state or national level will be considered.
- Team has performed consistently.
- All team members exhibit good sportsmanship both on and off the field
- Teams must be affiliated with an association based in the Northern Mallee region or from a team emanating from the region.



Junior Team Award

- Open to all club representatives teams from the Northern Mallee region.
- Nominees of the Junior Team must be under 16 years of age at the time of nomination.
- Teams that have shown outstanding potential in their chosen sport at a local, state or national level will be considered.
- Team has performed consistently.
- All team members exhibit good sportsmanship both on and off the field
- Teams must be affiliated with an association based in the Northern Mallee region or from a team emanating from the region.



Club Award

- Open to all registered Northern Mallee clubs.
- Club is incorporated.
- Club shares the common aim of competing successfully at the highest level possible while still gaining enjoyment from their chosen sport.
- The club should be enthusiastic about including people of all ages, abilities and cultures.
- Demonstrates evidence of good club management (Business Plan, etc)
- Is a Good Sports Club (if holding a liquor licence).



Coach Award

- Open to all paid & unpaid coaches in the Northern Mallee region.
- Is a member of a registered Northern Mallee Club/Association.
- Accredited with the Australian Coaching Council.
- A good role model and communicator.
- Instrumental in helping to develop athletes to their full potential
- Works to maximise the social, intellectual and physical wellbeing of their athletes.



Sports Administrator Award

- Open to all paid & unpaid administrators and officials in the Northern Mallee region.
- Is a member of a registered Northern Mallee Club/Association.
- Recognises those who work diligently to promote and conduct local sporting events and functions.
- Demonstrates excellence in their role as an administrator or official.



Aboriginal Sportsperson Award

- Open to all Aboriginal athletes in the Northern Mallee region.
- Is a member of a registered Northern Mallee Club/ Association.
- People from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are eligible.
- Shows outstanding individual achievements in sport at a local, state or national level.



Athlete with a Disability Award

- Open to all people 15 years of age or over with a disability in the Northern Mallee region.
- Is a member of a registered Northern Mallee Club/Association.
- Has shown talent and enthusiasm for their sport.
- A good role model.
- Has performed well in their chosen sport at local, state, national or international level.



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Volunteer Award

- Open to all volunteers in the Northern Mallee region.
- Is a member of a registered Northern Mallee Club/Association.
- To acknowledge volunteers who have made a positive difference in the lives of others through support and encouragement, often with self sacrifice and without personal gain.
- To recognise volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support local sporting clubs & activities.
- Demonstrates commitment to their club/sport through years of service.

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