



## WELCOME TO THE WESTS SPORTS COUNCIL AWARDS FOR 2026

As a Wests Sports Council Member, you have exclusive access to our awards program highlighting the exceptional efforts of participants within your club or association and the chance to celebrate their achievements amongst the local sporting community. We once again look forward to reading the outstanding contributions and achievements from members of the Wests Sports Council and welcome you to submit your nominations in line with the criteria as set out in this document.

1. Sports Award nominations are open to members of Sporting Clubs/Associations and Individual Clubs of Associations that have been approved by Wests League Club Campbelltown Board for membership of the Wests Sports Council. These Sporting Clubs will be deemed to be members of the Wests Campbelltown Sports Council for purpose of Sports Awards.
2. Nominations need to be received by 31<sup>st</sup> March for Summer Season and 30<sup>th</sup> September for Winter Season. If your sport runs all year round and you're unsure of when to nominate, please see the table at the end of this document for your delegated Summer/Winter season.
  - Each WSC member may make a maximum of **ONE** nomination in each awards category.
  - Associations should collect nominations from their own individual clubs, review internally, and submit their chosen **ONE** nomination in each category. Wests Group Macarthur can provide assistance in collating nomination forms here on behalf of your club – please reach out if assistance is required.
  - The above does not apply to individual clubs whereby both the Club and Association are members of the Wests Sports Council independent of each other.  
*For example, Oran Park Chargers JRLFC is a member of the Wests Sports Council independently of their parent Association, Macarthur Rugby League. Oran Park Chargers JRLFC will submit their own nominations for each category and do not count towards Macarthur Rugby League's nomination submissions.*
3. The selection of annual winners will be undertaken by an independent voting panel, appointed by the Board.
4. The Sports Awards categories are:
  - (a) Junior Sportsperson (Under 12 years of age)
  - (b) Youth Sportsperson (12-16 years of age)
  - (c) Senior Sportsperson (Over 16 years of age)
  - (d) Club Sports Team of the Year
  - (e) Spirit of Sport Award
  - (f) Match Official
  - (g) Elite Sportsperson of the Year
  - (h) Elite Sports Team of the Year



## 5. Nomination Criteria:

### **(a) Junior Sportsperson**

Junior members aged Under 12 years may be nominated for the award for an outstanding personal achievement/contribution to their sport in the current playing season.

Nominations should include only details relating to the reason for this nomination, specific only to their performance in their current season with their Club. You should include details such as the position they play, how long have they played, any relevant statistics and why they are being nominated etc.

Any information provided regarding other sporting activities, personal achievements, school sport etc not relevant to their specific club sport participation within the current playing season will not be considered by the voting panel.

### **(b) Youth Sportsperson**

Youth members aged 12-16 years may be nominated for the award for an outstanding personal achievement/contribution to their sport in the current season.

Nominations should include only details relating to the reason for this nomination, specific only to their performance in their current season with their Club. You should include details such as the position they play, how long have they played, any relevant statistics and why they are being nominated etc.

Any information provided regarding other sporting activities, personal achievements, school sport etc not relevant to their specific club sport participation within the current playing season will not be considered by the voting panel.



### **(c) Senior Sportsperson**

Senior members aged over 16 years may be nominated for the award for an outstanding personal achievement/contribution to their sport in the current season.

Nominations should include only details relating to the reason for this nomination, specific only to their performance in their current season with their Club. You should include details such as the position they play, how long have they played, any relevant statistics and why they are being nominated etc.

Any information provided regarding other sporting activities, personal achievements, school sport etc not relevant to their specific club sport participation within the current playing season will not be considered by the voting panel.

### **(d) Club Sports Team**

This category is for teams playing at a club level of their respective sport. Representative Teams are not eligible for nomination in this category.

A team may be nominated for the award if the team has made an outstanding achievement/contribution to their sport in the current season.

Nominations should include only details relating to the reason for this nomination, specific only to their performance in the current season with their Club. All team nominations should include a list of team members, coaches, why they are being nominated etc.

Any information provided regarding other sporting activities, personal achievements, school sport etc not relevant to their specific club sport participation within the current playing season will not be considered by the voting panel.

### **(e) Spirit of Sport Award**

The Spirit of Sport Award is an individual award category. Entire teams, supporter groups or families are not eligible for nomination in this category.

Spirit of Sport nominations may be submitted for an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the administration, coaching, management, fundraising, or general support of their club or association, outside of their regular playing duties (if applicable), and with the aim of increasing the overall enjoyment of the game for everyone involved.

This award is not intended to be a 'best of the best', playing skill is not a judging criterion in this category.



**(f) Match Official of the Year**

A Match Official (Referee/Umpire) member may be nominated for the award for an outstanding personal achievement/contribution to their sport in the current season.

Nominations should include only details relating to the reason for this nomination, specific only to their performance in their current season.

Any information provided regarding other sporting activities, personal achievements, school sport etc not relevant to their specific club sport participation within the current playing season will not be considered by the voting panel.

**(g) Elite Sportsperson of the Year**

This category is for athletes of all ages, who have competed/played their respective sport at a representative, state, national or international level.

As representative duties often take place outside of the usual club season rounds, nominations for Elite Sportsperson are open all year round, WSC members are not limited to only nominating within their usual Summer/Winter seasons as you are for the other award categories.

Nominations should include only details relating to the reason for this nomination, specific only to their performance in the last 12 months, and only for the sport they are being nominated for. You should include details such as the position they play, how long have they played, any relevant statistics and why they are being nominated etc.

Any information provided regarding other sporting activities, personal achievements, school sport etc not relevant to their specific club sport participation within the current playing season will not be considered by the voting panel.



#### **(h) Elite Sports Team of the Year**

This category is for teams of all ages, who have competed/played their respective sport at a representative, state, national or international level.

As representative duties often take place outside of the usual club season rounds, nominations for Elite Sports Team are open all year round, WSC members are not limited to only nominating within their usual Summer/Winter seasons as you are for the other award categories.

Nominations should include only details relating to the reason for this nomination, specific only to their performance in the last 12 months, and only for the sport they are being nominated for. You should include details such as the position they play, how long have they played, any relevant statistics and why they are being nominated etc.

Any information provided regarding other sporting activities, personal achievements, school sport etc not relevant to their specific club sport participation within the current playing season will not be considered by the voting panel.

6. All nominations must be submitted using the online template provided so that the Voting panel can easily read and compare. Nominations should contain as much detail as possible, to provide the judges with ample information for assessment and judging.
7. On notification that a nominee from your Club or Association is a finalist, you will be required to provide a photo of the winner.
8. Annual Winners and Runners Up will be invited to attend a Wests Sports Council Annual Awards presentation to be held in late 2026.

#### **9. Prize Winnings**

All nominees in all categories will receive a small gift as recognition of their success.

The club or Association with a Winner in categories (a) to (f) will receive a cash prize of \$500.00.

The club or Association with a Runner Up in categories (a) to (f) will receive a cash prize of \$200.00.



The Winner of the Elite Sports person category will receive \$1,000. There is no Runner Up for the Elite Sports person category.

The Association of the team that wins the Elite Sports Team category will receive \$1,000. There is no Runner Up for the Elite Sport Team category.

**10. Summer / Winter Season Allocations**

Please see following where we see clubs lodging nominations for either Summer or Winter seasons:

**Summer Sports**

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Camden Athletics Club                       | Magpies Cricket Club               |
| Camden District Cricket Association         | Mount Annan Swimming Club          |
| Camden District Cricket Umpires Association | South West Sydney Academy of Sport |
| Campbelltown Camden District Cricket Club   | Softball Campbelltown              |
| Campbelltown Ghosts Baseball Club           | Softball Macarthur                 |
| Eschol Park Little Athletics Club           | Tennis Macarthur                   |
| Macarthur Baseball League                   |                                    |
| Macquarie Fields Swimming Club              |                                    |

**Winter Sports**

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| Camden Cats Senior AFL Club                 | Macarthur Football Association       |
| Camden & District Netball Assoc.            | Macarthur RAMS Football Club         |
| Camden Tigers Football Club                 | Macarthur Rugby League               |
| Camden Valley Basketball Assoc.             | Macarthur Triathlon Club             |
| Campbelltown City Kangaroos RLFC            | Metropolitan Southwest Hockey Assoc. |
| Campbelltown Harlequin Rugby Club           | Oran Park Gregory Hills JRLFC        |
| Campbelltown District Netball Assoc.        | Oran Park Rovers Football Club       |
| Group 6 Rugby League Referees Assoc.        | Wests Hockey Club                    |
| Macarthur BMX Club                          | Wests Rugby League Referees Assoc.   |
| Macarthur District Football Referees Assoc. |                                      |



## 11. Marketing Support

The Wests Group Macarthur Marketing team is on hand to support the supply of assets, promotion of your finalists and winners, and for public relations support.

Our team will;

- Select positive stories and nominees for feature across marketing channels throughout the year.
- Publicly acknowledge Winners and Runners Up via digital assets, social media channels and in-venue promotional screens.
- Arrange publicity around the annual awards night and overall category and elite winners.