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Sports Forum



Senior Sports Awards 2026

Nomination Criteria

1. All nominees must reside in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area.
2. Nominations are confined to performance/achievements between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 (with the exception of Service to Sport).
3. The nominee must be aged over 18 at the time of competition.
4. The nominee must be involved in a sport whose National Governing Body is recognised by Sport Northern Ireland, Sport Ireland or UK Sport.
5. Junior Sports Awards achievements already recognised are not eligible.
6. Each nominee can only be nominated in one category.
7. Nominations will close on Friday 16th January 2026 at 12noon.
8. The ABC Sports Forum reserve the right to move nominees to other categories or create new categories as required.
9. Nominations will be assessed by the ABC Sports Forum Sports Awards Selection Committee which will be chaired by a representative from Sport Northern Ireland. Where necessary and appropriate the Committee will seek advice from external sources.

Nomination Guidelines

Detailed information should be provided about the nominee's sporting performance and/or outstanding sporting achievements between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025. This timescale excludes the Service to Sport category.

Only information contained within the nomination form will be used for assessment.

For the following categories please list the 3 HIGHEST achievements in PRIORITY order giving as much detail as possible. Sports Person/Team with a Disability, Sportswoman of the Year, Sportsman of the Year, Senior Coach of the Year, Senior Team of the Year.

For the Service to Sport, Volunteer Award and Club of the Year categories you will be required to write a short paragraph (500 words max) detailing their achievements. Please provide as much information as possible

The categories are as follows:

Sports Person/Team with a Disability

This award recognises an Individual or Team with a disability, who has had outstanding results/achievements in respect to their performances within their sport. Please note that depending on the nominations received this category may be further subdivided e.g. Sports Person with a Physical or Sensory Disability, Sports Person with a Learning Disability or Disability Team.

Sportswoman of the Year

This award recognises an individual who has outstanding results/achievements in respect to their performances within their sport.

Sportsman of the Year

This award recognises an individual who has outstanding results/achievements in respect to their performances within their sport.

Senior Coach of the Year

This award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to coaching. This can be either through getting more people engaging and/or excelling in local sport, or by working with athletes at a high level and achieving club or athlete success with potential recognition at national/international level.

Please note that nominees must be coaching athletes/players over 18 years.

Senior Team of the Year

This award recognises a team who has outstanding results/achievements in respect of their performances within their sport.

Volunteer Award

This award recognises an individual who has made an invaluable contribution with their sport as an administrator, coach or official. A volunteer is classified as someone who does not get paid for their services but may be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

Please note to only record volunteering details for the time period stated i.e. 1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025 and only 1 nominee per club will be accepted.

Club of the Year

This award recognises a Club who has had success which may include facility development, community development, coach development, securing grant aid, achieving their National Governing Body Quality Accreditation Award, hosting of major events, success with individuals/teams in competitions or have been innovative by developing something new at the club ie a new section within the club or a new programme.

Service to Sport

This award recognises the contribution an individual has made to sport over a significant period of time. Please be sure to state the number of years' service, which must be at least 25 years.

Only 1 nominee per club will be accepted and previous winners are ineligible.

As part of the media production on the evening we will require photos of the nominee and any video footage of them in action (high quality). These can be emailed to Sarah Aiken, sarah.aiken@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk. Photographs and video footage will also be taken on the night for publicity purposes.

The Awards Evening will be held on Friday 27th March in Craigavon Civic & Conference Centre