



Armagh City  
Banbridge  
& Craigavon  
Borough Council



# Junior Sports Awards 2026

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### 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 July 2025 and 30 June 2026.
3. The nominee must be aged 18 years and under at the time of competition with the exception of the 'Coach of the Year' category. The coach may be over 18 but must be coaching Junior/Youth Individuals or Teams.
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. Senior Sports Awards 2026 achievements already recognised are not eligible.
6. Each nominee can only be nominated in one category.
7. Nominations will close on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm.
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 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

Nominations should be made using the online nomination form.

Detailed information should be provided about the nominee's sporting performance and/or outstanding sporting achievements between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026.

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.

Junior Male, Junior Female, Junior School Team, Junior Club Team, Youth Male, Youth Female, Youth School Team, Youth Club Team, School Coach, Club Coach, Sports Person / Sports Team with a Disability

For the Young Volunteer category you will be required to write a short paragraph (500 words max) detailing their achievements for the time period 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026.

Junior is 10 – 14 years at the time of achievement  
Youth is 15 – 18 years at the time of achievement

The categories are as follows;

**Sports Person / Sports 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 Team with Disability

**Junior Female/Youth Female of the Year**

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

**Junior Male/Youth Male of the Year**

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

**Junior School Team/Youth School Team**

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

**Junior Club Team/Youth Club Team**

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

**School/Club 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 sport, or achieving school/club or athlete success.

Please note that nominees can be aged over 18 but must be coaching Junior/Youth athletes/players/teams

**Young 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 ie 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026 and only 1 nominee per school/club will be accepted.

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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 Laura O'Hagan: [laural.ohagan@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:laural.ohagan@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk).

Photographs and video footage will also be taken on the night for publicity purposes.

