

2021 Sports Star Awards Nominations Criteria

Greetings

The South West Sport Amazon Sports Star Awards are the region's premier sporting recognition awards. A night that recognises and celebrates the achievements of our home-grown sporting heroes and legends.

The Sports Star Awards were originally conducted in conjunction with the Glenelg Games Dinner until 1996 when they became a "stand alone" event and held in the form of a Presentation Dinner.

These awards have grown dramatically over two decades and are now a very successful major event on the South West Sport's calendar gaining significant media coverage in the region. Each year the Amazon Sports Star Awards will honour those who have made an outstanding contribution to sport in the South West as an individual or team athletes, coaches, administrators and volunteers.

For all information regarding the 2021 Amazon Sports Star Awards, [Click here](#)

The overarching definitions to assist with the below documentation:

Definitions

Competition level definitions:

Association/ District	Club tournaments/competitions – i.e Association/District events
State	State Championships – i.e Association versus Association, Region versus Region, District versus District, School State Championships
National (recognised by the governing sporting body)	State versus state competition – i.e National Championships, National Competitions, School National Competitions
International Competition (Recognised by the governing sporting body)	Team or athlete competing in an international competition – i.e Olympics, Commonwealth Games, World Championships
Masters Athlete	The age defined by their respective State Sporting Association (SSA) – i.e Athletics Victoria defines a Masters Athlete as an Athlete who is over 30 years of age on the 31 st December of the current year

Eligibility Criteria – All Nominations

All contributions/achievements must have been achieved in qualifying period of 1st January 2020 – 31st October 2021.

All nominees for the Amazon Sports Star Awards will be required to fulfil the following eligibility criteria.

All nomination forms will have a tick box to select that the nominee meets the following eligibility criteria.

- A. To be considered as being from the South West (must “tick” requirement one, plus either requirement two or three):

(1) Actively been involved with/or a competing member of a sports club in the South West	Identify their Sports Clubs as being geographically based in the South West (Shires include: Warrnambool City, Corangamite Shire, Moyne Shire, Glenelg Shire or Southern Grampians Shire)
(2) Attending a school in the South West	Identify their school as being geographically based in the South West (Shires include: Warrnambool City, Corangamite Shire, Moyne Shire, Glenelg Shire or Southern Grampians Shire)
(3) Resident of the South West	Identify their primary residence as a location geographically based in the South West (Shires include: Warrnambool City, Corangamite Shire, Moyne Shire, Glenelg Shire or Southern Grampians Shire)

Individual Athlete with a Disability

Context

This award recognises South West athletes with a disability (male or Female) who have achieved outstanding results as an individual or in a team in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be an athlete from 12 years of age who has competed and achieved a high level either at local, state, national or international level.
- Identify as an athlete with a disability

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state, national and/or international

Junior Boys Athlete

Context

This award recognises South West junior athletes who have achieved outstanding results as an individual or in a team in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be an athlete who has competed and achieved a high level either at local, state, national or international level
- Be 12 years of age to and including 18 years of age as at 31st December 2019
- Identify as a male/man

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state, national and/or international

Junior Girls Athlete

Context

This award recognises South West junior athletes who have achieved outstanding results as an individual or in a team in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be an athlete who has competed and achieved a high level either at local, state, national or international level.
- Be 12 years of age to and including 18 years of age as at 31st December 2019
- Identify as a female/woman

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state, national and/or international

Open Men Athlete

Context

This award recognises South West athletes who have achieved outstanding results as an individual or in a team in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be an athlete who has competed and achieved a high level either at local, state, national or international level.
- Identify as a male/man

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state, national and/or international

Open Women Athlete

Context

This award recognises South West individual athletes who have achieved outstanding results as an individual or in a team in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be an athlete who has competed and achieved a high level either at local, state, national or international level.
- Identify as a female/woman

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state, national and/or international

Masters

Context

This award recognises South West individual master's athletes who have achieved outstanding results as an individual or in a team in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be 35 years of age (as of the 31st December 2019) and above or as deemed under their respective State Sporting Association (SSA) definition of a master's category
- Have competed in Masters level competition during the qualifying period as classified by their respective sport

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state, national and/or international

School Team of the Year

Context

This award recognises South West school sporting teams (including both Primary and Secondary Schools) who have achieved outstanding results in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be a school team who has competed and achieved a high level either at local, state or national level.

Note: This award is open to all levels of school teams

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state and/or national

Club Team of the Year

Context

This award recognises South West club sporting teams who have achieved outstanding results in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be a club team who has competed and achieved a high level either at local, state, national or international level.
- At least 50% of team must reside in the south west region (Warrnambool City, Moyne Shire, Corangamite Shire, Glenelg Shire or Southern Grampians Shire)

Note: This award is open to all levels of club teams

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state, national and/or international

All Abilities Team of the Year

Context

This award recognises South West sporting teams that include athletes with a disability who have achieved outstanding results in respect to performance/s in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be an all abilities team who has competed and achieved at either local, state, national or international level.
- At least 50% of team must reside in the south west region (Warrnambool City, Moyne Shire, Corangamite Shire, Glenelg Shire or Southern Grampians Shire)

Note: This award is open to all levels of teams

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – local, state, national and/or international

Coach / Official of the Year

Context

This award recognises South West coaches or referee / umpire / judge who have achieved outstanding results in respect to performance/s and demonstrated excellence in their chosen sport during the qualifying period.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be an coach or referee/umpire/judge who has achieved at a high level either at regional, state, national or international level.
- Only **individual nominations** will be accepted (no teams or collective groups of coaches / officials)
- Referee / umpire nominations are open to all on field / off field / court officials e.g. referees, umpires, sideline assistants, score bench officials, road marshals, commissaries etc.
- Volunteers / amateurs and paid staff / professionals are eligible.

Selection Criteria

1.	Results and performance
2.	Level of competition – regional, state, national and/or international
3.	Contribution to the wider coaching or officiating community within their sport (i.e. mentoring)

Volunteer of the Year

Context

This award recognises the exceptional contribution made by a South West volunteer to the South West sport and active recreation community.

Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be recognised by their club, state or national sporting body
- For nominees to be considered they must have contributed in a Volunteer Capacity during the qualifying period
- Not be paid for their volunteering activities (Note: reimbursement of expenses does not constitute payment)

Note: There will be 5 winners for the Volunteer of the Year Award - one from each Shire in the South West region (Warrnambool City, Moyne Shire, Glenelg Shire, Corangamite Shire and Southern Grampians Shire)

Selection Criteria

1.	Position held within the club/association/state sporting association
2.	The impact of the work completed within their organisation
3.	The impact of the work to the broader community

Club of the Year

Context

This award recognises the outstanding contribution made during the qualifying period by a community sporting club or organisation who has demonstrated a strong commitment to encourage and support participation in sport and active recreation, including breaking down barriers that may be created by age, cultural diversity, ability, gender, religious belief or sexual orientation.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this category, the nominee must:

- Be affiliated with a recognised State Sporting Association/ National Sporting Organisation
- Be a Sporting Club in the South West (Located within one of the 5 South West Municipalities – Warrnambool City, Moyne Shire, Glenelg Shire, Corangamite Shire or Southern Grampians Shire)

Selection Criteria

1.	Demonstrated achievement to make their club welcoming, safe and inclusive
2.	Demonstrated increase in participation
3.	Engagement of young people within their community
4.	Engaging women and girls as leaders as well as participants

Chairperson's Award

Context

This award recognises a person in sport from the South West Region who has left the region and achieved outstanding results in their chosen sport.

Eligibility

Nominations are not taken directly for this award.

Supreme Sportsperson of the Year

Context

The winner of the Supreme Sportsperson of the Year Award will be selected from the pool of all individual athlete category winners.

Eligibility

Nominations are not taken directly for this award. Only the respective category winners are only eligible for this award.