

HER SPORT

HER WAY

Awards Guidelines



2022/2023

Opens 13 January 2023
Closes 28 February 2023



Acknowledgement of Country

The Office of Sport would like to acknowledge and pay its respects to the traditional custodians of our land, the Aboriginal people of New South Wales.

The Office of Sport would also like to pay its respects to Aboriginal Elders past and present.

Artwork
“Jennebe”
By Jasmine Sarin

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2021/2022 Award winners (from left)
Jemma Thorp representing Sara Stewart, Karen Dalton, Molly Taylor, Casey Dellacqua, Chloe Dalton, Gemma Burns, Vikki Weston, Claire Ellem representing Surfing NSW, Tyan Taylor





Minister for Sport

In the fourth year of the Her Sport Her Way Awards, I would like to reflect on the 20 women and five organisations that we have recognised since the awards commenced in 2019.

The esteemed award winners represent Rugby League, Cricket, Surf Life Saving, Rugby Union, Volleyball, Tennis, Sailing, Surfing, Football, Basketball and Wheelchair Basketball, Parasport Netball, Stand Up Paddleboard, Goalball and Rally. A full list of winners can be found on page six.

Achieving equality is everyone's business and the individuals and organisations we have recognised are doing just that. The award winners are exceptional coaches, umpires, administrators, board members, athletes, advocates and academics. Where they truly excel is in their commitment to equal opportunities; supporting and leading women and girls to be successful in whatever role they choose.

The Outstanding Organisation Award winners have strong leaders, champions of gender equity who have committed to practical actions and culture change to improve sport outcomes for women and girls.

I am delighted to call for nominations for the Her Sport Her Way 2022-23 Awards. We all know a Champion, a Young Achiever, a Local Champion, Organisation or a Trailblazer. I encourage you to nominate them for an award and so they are recognised by the sector for their achievements, valued for their diversity and held up as role models for other men and women in sport.

Thank you for your incredible contribution to achieving positive outcomes for women and girls in NSW.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Alister Henskens', with a horizontal line underneath.

The Hon. Alister Henskens, SC MP

Her Sport Her Way

Her Sport Her Way is a four-year (2019-2023) strategy that aims to build a stronger NSW sport and recreation sector where women and girls are valued, recognised and have equal choices and opportunities to lead and participate. It provides a clear role for the NSW Government to work with the sector and new partners in innovative ways to shape the future of women's sport.

The NSW Government is seeking to support and tell the stories of those who are developing innovative approaches to engaging women and girls at any level of their sport. We want to improve the visibility of women in sport as players and leaders. We want to normalise female participation and inspire young girls to achieve their dreams on and off the field.

Learn more www.sport.nsw.gov.au/hersportheway.

About the awards

Many individuals, clubs and organisations are striving to give women and girls more opportunities and equal access to participate in their sport. We want to acknowledge those people and highlight the important work they are doing.

Recognising and celebrating the achievements of leaders in women's sport through awards and storytelling shines a light on gender equity across the sector.

The awards will be presented in mid 2023.



Joint 2021/2022 Her Sport Her Way Champions Chloe Dalton and Casey Dellacqua

Important dates

NOMINATIONS OPEN
13 January 2023

NOMINATIONS CLOSE
28 February 2023

AWARDS ANNOUNCED
22 May 2023

Previous winners

AWARD	YEAR	WINNERS / RUNNER-UPS
Young Achiever	2019-2020	Claudia Bell - Rugby Union
	2020-2021	Winner: Shivani Lakha - Tennis Runner-Up: Grace Tam - Volleyball
	2021-2022	Gemma Burns - Sailing
Local Champion	2020-2021	Winner: Natasha Anstee - Cricket Runner-Up: Kylie Tzavaras - Netball
	2021-2022	Vicki Weston - Stand Up Paddleboard
Outstanding Organisation	2019-2020	Northern NSW Football
	2020-2021	Winner: Cricket NSW Runners-Up: Tennis NSW & Wheelchair NSW/ACT
	2021-2022	Surfing NSW
Trailblazer	2019-2020	Alex Blackwell - Cricket Johanna Adriaanse - UTS, International Women's Group for Women & Sport Carolyn Campbell - Netball
	2020-2021	Yvette Downey - Rugby League
	2021-2022	Karen Dalton - Basketball Tyan Taylor - Goalball Molly Taylor - Rally Sarah Stewart - Wheelchair Basketball, Parasport
Champion	2019-2020	Tiffany Slater - Rugby League
	2020-2021	Winner: Claire Polosak - Cricket Runner-Up: Jenifer Kenny - Surf Life Saving
	2021-2022	Joint Winners: Casey Dellacqua - Tennis Chloe Dalton OAM - The Female Athlete Project



Award categories



Young Achiever

Recognises a woman 25 years or younger for their contribution to the advancement of women or girls in sport during the 2022 calendar year. *Note: This award does not recognise athletic achievements.*

Examples include:

- Developing innovative programs to attract and retain female participants following COVID-19 shutdowns
- Increasing the participation of adolescent girls
- An official, coach, administrator or leader who is breaking new ground in their sport.



Local Champion

Recognises a woman involved at club or community level sport for their contribution and commitment to increasing opportunities for women and girls during the 2022 calendar year.

Examples include:

- Reducing barriers to participation and creating inclusive sport experiences that reflect what women and girls want
- Introducing a competition for women and girls to participate in a non-traditional sport
- Driving a significant female participation increase
- Providing opportunities for women and girls to get involved as leaders, coaches and officials.



Outstanding Organisation

Recognises an organisation's significant contribution and commitment to the advancement of sport for women and girls during the 2022 calendar year.

Examples include:

- Work towards pay parity and equal opportunities for female athletes and staff
- Building positive, gender inclusive sporting cultures
- Increasing sponsorship and investment in women's sport and showcasing female athletes
- Providing facilities that meet the current and future needs of women and girls
- Supporting women or girls to reach their potential on and off the field.



Trailblazers

Recognises up to three women per year whose exceptional efforts over the long-term have removed barriers for women and girls in sport and made it easier for them to participate and succeed. Trailblazers' efforts have left a legacy for their sport that will not be forgotten.

Examples of achievements include any of the above contributions over a **period greater than ten years**.



Champion

Recognises a woman for her outstanding achievements during 2022, as a coach, official, administrator or leader in her field, and her commitment to furthering opportunities for women and girls to participate in sport.

Examples include:

- Being a tireless advocate for equal opportunities for women and girls in sport
- Supporting or being a role model for girls and women who want to participate or work in sport
- Improving the visibility of women in sport through work in broadcast/media
- Research that contributes to the evidence base about female participants and their needs.



Who is eligible?

AWARD	ELIGIBLE NOMINEES	NOMINATED BY	SELECTION CRITERIA
Young Achiever	Women aged 25 years and under NSW residents	Open to all May be self-nominated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding achievement as a coach, official, administrator, or leader Commitment and contribution to removing barriers and increasing opportunities for women and girls in sport The nominee's achievements reflect at least one of the Her Sport Her Way pillar objectives Degree of influence or reach of nominee's achievements
Local Champion	Women aged 18 years and over NSW residents involved in a NSW-based club or community sport i.e. not a cross-border sport	Open to all May be self-nominated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding achievement as a coach, official, administrator, or leader Commitment and contribution to removing barriers and increasing opportunities for women and girls in her sport The nominee's achievements reflect at least one of the Her Sport Her Way pillar objectives Degree of influence or reach of nominee's achievements
Outstanding Organisation	NSW-based state sporting organisations, associations, clubs, non-government, incorporated not-for-profit organisations	Self-nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates commitment to strategies/initiatives aligning with one or more of the Her Sport Her Way pillar objectives Outcomes of the strategy/initiatives are supported through data or evidence e.g. increase in participation, cultural change, more women leaders, increase in investment Degree of influence or reach proportional to size of the organisation and hard to reach groups of women
Trailblazer	Women aged 18 years and over NSW residents	NSW State Sporting Organisations recognised by the Office of Sport Check your eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated long term commitment and efforts to removing barriers for women and girls in sport and making it easier for them to participate and succeed. Describe the nominee's overall legacy for their sport The nominee's achievements reflect at least one of the Her Sport Her Way pillar objectives Degree of influence or reach of nominee's achievements
Champion	Women aged 18 years and over NSW residents	Open to all May be self-nominated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has achieved something outstanding as a coach, official, administrator, or leader Commitment and contribution to increasing opportunities for women and girls in sport The nominee's achievements reflect at least one of the Her Sport Her Way pillar objectives Degree of influence or reach of nominee's achievements

Important information

- Nominations are to be made via the online form available on the Office of Sport website and a separate form is to be submitted for each nominee
- Nominations must address the criteria for that award category
- Achievements relate to the 2022 calendar year only, with the exception of the Trailblazer category
- Nominations must include a letter of support from the nominee's organisation
- Only information included within the nomination form will be used by the selection panel
- Only one nomination under each category will be accepted from an individual or organisation
- Incomplete nominations will be deemed ineligible
- Information submitted in the nomination, excluding the nominee's contact details, may be used for promotional purposes
- Nominations must be submitted by Midnight on Tuesday 28 February 2023
- The Office of Sport reserves the right to transfer a nomination to the most appropriate category
- Should the judging panel believe that no nomination meets the criteria or standard required, it will not be obliged to confer the award.

Declaration

Nominations for Young Achiever: If the nominee is under the age of 18 years, their parent's or guardian's consent to submit the nomination must be uploaded.

Nominations for Outstanding Organisation: Must be approved by a person who has delegated authority to sign on behalf of the organisation e.g. CEO, General Manager, or authorised member of the Board of Management.


Judging panel


A panel comprising of Office of Sport staff and an independent sports leader will assess and judge award winners in each category.

Further information

For further information or assistance, contact the Office of Sport's Her Sport Her Way team via [email](#).

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Privacy policy

The Office of Sport will collect and store the information you voluntarily provide to enable processing of this award nomination. Any information provided by you will be stored on a database that will only be accessed by authorised personnel and is subject to privacy restrictions. The information will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected. The Office of Sport is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The Office of Sport collects the minimum personal information to enable it to contact an organisation and to assess the merits of a nomination. Applicants must ensure that people whose personal details are supplied with applications are aware that the Office of Sport is being supplied with this information and how this information will be used.

Disclosure of information

Disclosure of nominee's information: Should your nomination be successful, the Office of Sport will provide certain information to the media for promotional purposes.

This information may include nominee's name, organisation, and achievements.

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