



Sportsperson of the Year Awards Policy

Policy Statement

This policy provides a framework for nominating and selecting the Shire of Denmark Sportsperson of the Year Awards.

Objective

To recognise and celebrate local individuals who have achieved sporting success or made a significant contribution to the sports and recreation culture in the Shire of Denmark.

Scope

Nominations for the Sportspersons of the Year Awards can be made across three (3) categories:

1. Junior Sportsperson of the Year (under 18 years)
2. Senior Sportsperson of the Year (18 years and over)
3. Service to Sport Award (no age restriction)

Eligibility

1. A person must first be nominated to be considered for the awards. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
2. Nominations will only be accepted on an official nomination form.
3. A person may only be nominated for one category per nomination form.
4. Nominees must have a significant connection to Denmark, and be a person who resides, trains, coaches, participates or represents a club within the Shire of Denmark and be:
 - Junior Sportsperson of the Year category – a person under 18 years
 - Senior Sportsperson of the Year category – a person age 18+ years
 - Service to Sport Category – a person of any age
5. Nominations for a person who resides outside the Shire but participates in sport within the Shire will be accepted.

Guidelines

1. Sportsperson of the Year (Junior and Senior)

This award recognises athletes who have achieved outstanding results with respect to performance/s during the past 12 months.
Assessment will be based on the nominees' personal achievements and behaviour;

 - Nominees must have achieved a level of outstanding performance in their chosen sport and will be judged on their achievements in the 12 months prior to the nomination.
 - Nominees may have been selected to represent their chosen sport at a regional, state or national level.

- Nominees will have inspiring qualities as a sporting role model, demonstrating behaviours such as sportsmanship, fair play, respect and integrity.

2. Service to Sport Award

The Service to Sport Award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to sport or to their sporting club through outstanding service.

Criteria on which the award will be judged includes:

- An individual (does not need to be a resident of the Shire) who has made a significant voluntary contribution to benefit a sporting or recreational organisation operating within the Shire of Denmark.
 - The nominees time and effort is above the standard expected of any citizen (hours of time volunteered, range of tasks undertaken or length of service) and sets an example to others;.
 - A long-term involvement in and commitment to their sport at various levels.
 - A demonstrated legacy of the nominee's contribution.
3. Council will determine successful nominees and be kept strictly confidential until the award presentation.
 4. Successful nominees will receive a suitable gift at a value determined annually by Council during the budget process (GL1160752), and a prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to the winner's club or a local club nominated by the successful nominee (should the nominee not be a member of a club).
 5. Presentation of the Awards will be held at a suitable Shire event determined by the Director Corporate and Community Services.

Policy Commitments

This policy has a financial implication for the administration of the program which Council will determine through the annual budget process.

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