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## 2022 NSW Sports Awards finalists announced

Finalists in each of the 2022 NSW Sports Awards categories have been announced by Sport NSW today.

The 2022 NSW Sports Awards are NSW's highest sports honours and the 12 category winners will be revealed at the prestigious rebel NSW Champions of Sport Ceremony at the International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour on Monday, November 24.

The Ceremony will be attended by the elite of NSW sport and the Awards celebrate the achievements of NSW athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and organisations.

The Awards ceremony will also unveil **Brad Dalton** (Basketball), **Craig Johnston** (Football), **Phil Kearns AM** (Rugby Union), **Joanne 'Joey' Peters** (Football), **Prashanth Sellathurai** (Gymnastics) and **Liesl Tesch AM** (Wheelchair Basketball & Para Sailing) as the newest inductees into the NSW Hall of Champions.

Among the list of category finalists are:

- Four-time Athlete of the Year winner, paddler **Jessica Fox**, a finalist for Athlete of the Year
- Fox's mother and coach, **Myriam Fox-Jerusalmi**, a Coach of the Year finalist
- Two-time Athlete of the Year winner, surfer **Stephanie Gilmore**, an Athlete of the Year finalist
- Two-time Athlete of the Year with a Disability winner, para-triathlete **Lauren Parker**, a finalist for Athlete of the Year with a Disability
- 2021 Young Athlete of the Year with a Disability winner, para-swimmer **Timothy Hodge**, a finalist for Athlete of the Year with a Disability
- 2021 Young Athlete of the Year winner, diver **Sam Fricker**, a category finalist for 2022
- 2021 Masters Athlete of the Year winner, archer **Elizabeth Hole**, a category finalist for 2022

Sport NSW Chairperson, Carolyn Campbell, congratulated all 63 finalists across the 12 Award categories saying they performed outstandingly and made an immense contribution to their sport.

"These worthy finalists have excelled at the highest levels, and we congratulate them on their magnificent achievements over the past 12 months. This year's finalists in each category demonstrated the tremendous depth of talent in NSW sport," said Ms Campbell.

"Sport in NSW is blessed to produce so many exceptional athletes, coaches, administrators, and officials. This is a credit to their brilliant individual efforts, but also to the teams of dedicated and unselfish support staff, family, and friends who, behind the scenes, made such an immense contribution.

"These category finalists join a magnificent assembly of previous athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and organisations who have been considered as finalists in the most prestigious sports Awards NSW offers.

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“Sport is the common language which binds communities together across NSW. Sport promotes healthy living and drives societal change, and our finalists are wonderful examples of inspiration for athletes, coaches and administrators of all ages and abilities,” she added.

Tickets to the Champions of Sport Ceremony are available to the public by visiting [www.sportnsw.com.au](http://www.sportnsw.com.au)

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## 2022 NSW SPORTS AWARDS FINALISTS

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Athlete of the Year	Sam Cooley	Tenpin Bowling	Mount Warrigal
Athlete of the Year	Pat Cummins	Cricket	Clovelly
Athlete of the Year	Jessica Fox	Paddle	Leonay
Athlete of the Year	Stephanie Gilmore	Surfing	Kingscliff
Athlete of the Year	Eleanor Patterson	Athletics	Five Dock

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Timothy Hodge	Para Swimming	Kings Langley
Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Steffan Nero	Blind Cricket	Wentworthville
Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Evan O’Hanlon	Para Athletics	Boronia Park
Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Lauren Parker	Para Triathlon	Chisholm
Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Mark Stewart	Para Surfing	Billinudgel
Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Ben Tudhope	Para Snowboard Cross	Manly

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Young Athlete of the Year	Sam Fricker	Diving	Greenhills Beach
Young Athlete of the Year	Valentino Guseli	Snowboard Halfpipe	Dalmeny
Young Athlete of the Year	Isla Juffermans	Basketball	Coffs Harbour
Young Athlete of the Year	Isabella Scammell	Rowing	Neutral Bay
Young Athlete of the Year	Nea Shingler	Orienteering	Chatswood West

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Young Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Jeremy Boyce	Para Football	Budgewoi
Young Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Sarah Clifton-Bligh	Para Athletics	Haberfield
Young Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Indiana Cooper	Para Athletics	Gundagai
Young Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Jasmine Greenwood	Para Swimming	Sussex Inlet
Young Athlete of the Year with a Disability	Kallan Strong	Tenpin Bowling	Wadalba

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Masters Athlete of the Year	Janelle Delaney	Athletics	Balgowlah Heights
Masters Athlete of the Year	Tony Goodwin	Swimming	Bowral
Masters Athlete of the Year	Elizabeth Hole	Archery	Leichhardt
Masters Athlete of the Year	Hannah Minogue	Surf Lifesaving	Bulli
Masters Athlete of the Year	Wayne Pascoe	Tennis	Mosman

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Team of the Year	Australian Junior Men's Coxed Four (St Augustine's College crew)	Rowing	Brookvale
Team of the Year	NSW Sky Blues Women's Origin Team	Rugby League	Sydney Olympic Park
Team of the Year	Penrith Panthers	Rugby League	Penrith
Team of the Year	North Cronulla Open Beach Relay Team	Surf Lifesaving	North Cronulla
Team of the Year	Sydney Kings	Basketball	Auburn
Team of the Year	West's Tigers Women's Team	Rugby League	Concord

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Team of the Year with a Disability	Hills Hornets	Wheelchair Basketball	Castle Hill
Team of the Year with a Disability	NSW Gladiators	Wheelchair Rugby	Putney
Team of the Year with a Disability	NSW Open Disability Team	Tenpin Bowling	
Team of the Year with a Disability	NSW State 7-a-Side Team	Para Football	Glenwood
Team of the Year with a Disability	Para Matildas Cerebral Palsy Women's Football Team	Cerebral Palsy Football	Penshurst

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Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Organisation of the Year	Football NSW	Football	Glenwood
Organisation of the Year	NSW Rugby League	Rugby League	Sydney Olympic Park
Organisation of the Year	Little Athletics	Athletics	Sydney Olympic Park
Organisation of the Year	Volleyball NSW	Volleyball	Sydney Olympic Park
Organisation of the Year	Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT	Wheelchair Sports	Putney

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Event of the Year	Blind Sports and Recreation Winter Sports Camp	Blind Sports	Sydney Olympic Park
Event of the Year	Newcastle Kart Club	Karting	Cameron Park
Event of the Year	Netball NSW Senior State Titles	Netball	Sydney Olympic Park
Event of the Year	Masters Swimming National Championships	Swimming	Sydney Olympic Park
Event of the Year	RDA NSW Dressage Championships & Gymkhana Gala	Riding	Sydney Olympic Park

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Coach of the Year	Graham Arnold	Football	Narrabeen
Coach of the Year	Myriam Fox-Jerusalmi	Paddle	Leonay
Coach of the Year	Adam Kable	Swimming	Parramatta
Coach of the Year	John Manenti	Rugby Union	Concord
Coach of the Year	Alex Stewart	Athletics	Cherrybrook
Coach of the Year	Gary Willis	Bowls	Bonny Hills

Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Official of the Year	Bronwen Adams	Netball	Wahroonga
Official of the Year	Scott Beker	Basketball	New Lambton
Official of the Year	Kirsten Crocker	Athletics	Miranda
Official of the Year	Claire Polosak	Cricket	Allambie Heights
Official of the Year	Laura White	Paddle	West Ryde

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Category	Nominee	Sport	Suburb
Administrator of the Year	Jackie Bower	Tea Gardens /Hawks Nest SLSC	Tea Gardens
Administrator of the Year	Tom Harley	Sydney Swans	Moore Park
Administrator of the Year	Troy McCall	Football NSW	St Ives
Administrator of the Year	Peter Tate	Paddle NSW	Turramurra
Administrator of the Year	Baz Wedmaier	Volleyball NSW	Rydalmere

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