



CONDITIONS OF NOMINATIONS – ALL CATEGORIES

1. Nominations will not be accepted after the deadline date of **12.00pm Friday 5th October 2018.**
2. The winners shall be selected by an independent Selection Panel, from the nominations submitted prior to the closing date. The Panel may, at its discretion, seek further nomination of persons, who in the opinion of the Panel are deserving of consideration for an award.
3. The Selection Panel, made up of at least 6 people who represent a range of stakeholders within sport in the Bay of Plenty. This panel has the discretion to make decisions around the conditions of the nomination.
4. **The decision of the Selection Panel shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.**
5. From all nominations received (except the Service to Sport award) the Panel will be making a shortlist, to no more than a maximum of six finalists for each category in the open sections.
6. Nominees for all categories, ***except International Sportsperson of the Year and Secondary School***, must be members of a club, school, or sporting organisation in the region bounded by Sport Bay of Plenty's coverage area (bounded by the coastline as far South-East as Whangaparaoa, Waihi Beach in the North, Broadlands in the South and East of the Kaimais).
7. Secondary Schools in the Taupo region can nominate students for the Bay of Plenty Awards, however they can only be nominated in one RST Awards in the same school calendar year.
8. If a club, school, or sporting organisation for a particular sporting code does not exist within the boundaries of Sport Bay of Plenty's coverage area, then the nominee must reside within the boundaries of Sport Bay of Plenty's coverage area (*except International Sportsperson of the Year*).
9. The Open Junior Sports Person category is for sports persons aged 16 – 21 years (as at 1st October 2018) who are no longer attending school and include male and female nominations, except for a secondary school student who represents NZ on the international stage not representing their school.

10. Secondary students who represent a New Zealand Secondary School Team on the international stage are considered in the secondary school awards.
11. The Service to Sport Award is to recognise volunteers, officials and administrators who have gained significant appointments and / or have contributed outstanding service to sport over time. One person per sport will be recognised on the night.
12. Nominees can only be finalists in one region's annual sports awards – except where a team crosses boundaries e.g. Waikato/Bay of Plenty.
13. For cross boundary teams i.e. Waikato/Bay of Plenty to be considered they must have at least 66% of their members meet the criteria set out in rules 6 and 8.
14. Service to Sport nominations must come from the Regional Sports Organisation.
15. A Team is defined as two or more athletes that compete in the same event/race for the **same title** and **not** a group of athletes where an accumulation of points defines the top team/school/club at the event or competition.

Event of the Year – Category

To recognise a national/international event that is hosted in the Bay of Plenty region.

Nominations will be considered

- Community engagement
- Profile
- International or national participants
- Impact in the community
- Communication and promotion
- Innovation
- Volunteers
- Clubs and schools

If you have any further questions, please contact nominations@sportbop.co.nz.

2018 Bay of Plenty Sports Awards

6:00pm, Friday 16th November 2018
ASB ARENA, BAYPARK, TAURANGA