

CONDITIONS OF NOMINATIONS – ALL CATEGORIES

1. Nominations will not be accepted after the deadline date of **12.00pm Monday 30 September, 2019.** All nominations must be submitted through the online portal via www.sportbop.co.nz
2. It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure that all information submitted is accurate and fact checked. Failure to withhold any key information or achievements may affect the outcome of any decision being made by the selection panel.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. **The selection panel reserves the right to withdraw any nominations that fail to supply a comprehensive level/amount for information to support the nomination supplied.**
6. **The decision of the Selection Panel shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.**
7. 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.
8. 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 Kaimai ranges).
9. 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.
10. 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*).

11. The Open Junior Sports Person category is for sports persons aged 16 – 21 years (as at 1st October 2018) who are no longer attending state school educational institutes and include male and female nominations, except for a secondary school student who represents NZ on the international stage not representing their school.
12. Secondary students who represent a New Zealand Secondary School Team on the international stage are considered in the secondary school awards.
13. 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.
14. Nominees can only be finalists in one region's annual sports awards – except where a team crosses boundaries e.g. Waikato/Bay of Plenty.
15. 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.
16. Service to Sport nominations must come from the Regional Sports Organisation.
17. 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. For example;
 - a) A doubles pair in a badminton tournament compete for the same title by partnering together. This nomination **WOULD** be considered
 - b) A group of 4 athletes enter a team event in a surfing carnival, they place 2nd, 5th, 9th and 12th as a group, their accumulative points place them as the top team at that event. This nomination **WOULD NOT** be considered.