

## Singapore Disability Sports Awards 2024 Presented by Haw Par Corporation

The Singapore Disability Sports Awards aim to recognise the achievements and contributions made by individuals or groups in the disability sports community. The awards are applicable to athletes, coaches, organisers and volunteers, in acknowledgement of the multi-faceted efforts behind the success of disability sports.

### AWARD CATEGORIES

#### Pathway and Performance (Nomination by SDSC, SDSC Ordinary and Associate Members)

Award	Description
Sportsman of the Year	These awards recognise athletes and teams (at least 2 athletes and not referring to the combination of athlete and athlete competition partner) who have achieved outstanding performance at major games, world championships or international competitions, and are positive role models.
Sportswoman of the Year	
Sportsboy of the Year	
Sportsgirl of the Year	
Team of the Year	
Coach (High Performance) of the Year	These awards recognise coaches behind exemplary athletes, who have made important contributions to the development or success of disability sports.
Coach (Developmental) of the Year	

#### Community (Open Nomination)

Award	Description
Coach (Community) of the Year	This award recognises coaches behind athletes who have made important contributions to the growth of disability sports at the community level.
Volunteer of the Year	This award recognises contributions to the inclusion or empowerment of persons with disabilities in sports through voluntary efforts.
Event of the Year	This award recognises outstanding contributions to the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities in sports through exceptional event organisation.

Community Changemaker of the Year	This award recognises contributions to the inclusion or empowerment of persons with disabilities in sports through organising or promoting projects, programmes or activities related to disability sports.
Spirit of Sport Award (Male)	These awards recognise athletes who may not be eligible for the Pathway and Performance awards but have demonstrated exceptional passion, enthusiasm, sportsmanship or dedication to their sport, beyond that of the regular individual; or have overcome personal challenges or adversity to pursue sport, especially beyond that of the nominee's impairment or disability.
Spirit of Sport Award (Female)	
Spirit of Sport Award (Team)	

## ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Nominees must:
  - a. have a clean disciplinary history in sports
  - b. not have on-going investigations of their conduct or activities
  - c. be in good standing with SDSC and their member organisations (if applicable)
  
2. All achievements, sports results, activities, programmes and initiatives must have been achieved or carried out between **1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024**. Results outside of this window may only be included for a Coach (Developmental) nomination, to demonstrate a progression in athlete performance and eventual achievement at an international or national competition that took place between **1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024**.
  
3. Nominees can be nominated for more than one award. Separate forms are to be submitted for each nomination.

### CRITERIA

Award	Criteria
<b>Sportsman of the Year</b>	Nomination is open to Singapore Citizens <b>aged 24 or above</b> (born in or before the year 2000). Nominees must have achieved exceptional performance at **major games, world championships or international competitions, and is a positive role model. Consideration may be additionally given to the nominee's contributions to the growth and development of disability sports in Singapore.
<b>Sportswoman of the Year</b>	

<b>Sportsboy of the Year</b>	Nomination is open to Singapore Citizens <b>aged 23 or below</b> (born in or after the year 2001). Nominees must have achieved exceptional performance at **major games, world championships or international competitions, and is a positive role model. Consideration may be additionally given to the nominee's contributions to the growth and development of disability sports in Singapore.
<b>Sportsgirl of the Year</b>	
<b>Team of the Year</b>	Nomination is open to Singapore Citizens who have achieved exceptional performance at **major games, world championships or international competitions, exemplify sportsmanship and integrity, and is a positive role model. Consideration may be additionally given to the nominee's contributions to the growth and development of disability sports in Singapore.
<b>Coach (High Performance) of the Year</b>	The nominee must have a track record of coaching athletes or teams to outstanding high-performance results at the Paralympic or Deaflympic Games, Asian Para or Deaf Games, world championships or comparable international competitions. Additionally, he or she should demonstrate a commitment to the holistic development of athletes and the highest standard of sportsmanship, ethics and coaching practices. Consideration will be given to the nominee's contribution to the growth and promotion of the sport, including the mentorship of other coaches and the development of coaching programmes.
<b>Coach (Developmental) of the Year</b>	The nominee should have a proven track record of designing and implementing successful developmental programmes that help athletes progress from grassroots to higher levels of competition. Additionally, he or she should demonstrate a commitment to the holistic development of athletes and the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethics, and coaching practices. Consideration will be given to the coach's efforts in collaborating with other coaches and providing mentorship to emerging coaching talents.

*\*Athlete Competition Partners (ACP) such as sport assistants, guide runners and pilots shall be included in the nomination (regardless of age) and share any award(s) with the Athletes.*

*\*\*Major Games refers to ASEAN Para Games / SEA Deaf Games, Asian Youth Para Games, Asian Para Games / Asian Deaf Games, Commonwealth Games, Paralympic Games / Deaflympic Games.*

Award	Criteria
<b>Coach (Community) of the Year</b>	Nomination is open to coaches who may not possess certification as a coach under the National Registry of Coaches, yet he or she has made significant contributions to the development of disability sports and persons with disabilities at a community level.
<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	Nomination is open to individuals, groups, non-governmental organisations and schools. The nominee should have consistently demonstrated a high level of dedication and commitment to volunteer work over an extended period, and made a significant and measurable impact on disability sport through his or her time, skills, or resources. Consideration will be given to his or her leadership qualities, including the ability to motivate and inspire others, and active collaboration with fellow volunteers, staff, and community members.
<b>Event of the Year</b>	<p>Nomination is open to individuals, groups, non-governmental organisations and schools. The nominated event should have had a significant and positive impact on the disability sports community, contributing to the participation and well-being of persons with disabilities in sports; promotion of inclusivity and accessibility of persons with disabilities in sports.</p> <p>The assessment may take into account evidence of active community engagement of persons with disabilities, volunteers and spectators; deployment of innovative approaches or creative solutions; sustainability and long-term impact to grow, promote or develop disability sports in a meaningful way.</p>
<b>Community Changemaker of the Year</b>	<p>Nomination is open to individuals, groups, non-governmental organisations and schools. The nominee should have demonstrated leadership by initiating and spearheading disability sports projects, programmes, or activities that have made a significant and positive impact on the disability sports community in Singapore.</p> <p>The assessment may take into account the nominee's influence on individuals with disabilities who are participating in the programme or initiative, such as improved skills, self-confidence and overall well-being amongst participants with disabilities.</p>

<b>Spirit of Sport (Male)</b>	Nomination is open to sporting individuals with disabilities and teams who may not be eligible for the Pathway and Performance awards but have demonstrated exceptional passion, enthusiasm, sportsmanship or dedication to their sports, beyond that of the regular individual; or have overcome adversity or personal challenges in their pursuit of sports, especially that beyond that the challenge of his or her impairment or disability, and have become a source of inspiration to the community.
<b>Spirit of Sport (Female)</b>	
<b>Spirit of Sport (Team)</b>	

## SELECTION PROCESS

An independent panel will be convened to select the awardees. Please note that the panel may choose to award bonus points for extraordinary achievements made in the sporting field. These include, but are not limited to, sterling performances in overcoming adversity and the impact of the athlete’s achievements on national pride.

The decision of the panel is **final**; enquiries regarding the selection of the awardees will not be entertained.

## PUBLIC VOTING

To build more awareness amongst the general public, SDSC will conduct public voting for the **Community Category**: (i.e. Coach (Community); Volunteer of the Year; Event of the Year; Community Changemaker of the Year and the Spirit of the Sport Awards (Male/Female/Team). This will be held for one week in October/November 2024 via SDSC’s social media platform/s.

## HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

### **Step 1**

Fill in the nomination form online:

- Pathway and Performance category - [https://bit.ly/PPNomination\\_SDSA2024](https://bit.ly/PPNomination_SDSA2024)
- Community category - [https://bit.ly/CommunityNomination\\_SDSA2024](https://bit.ly/CommunityNomination_SDSA2024)

Note:

- a. Please do not nominate the same individual, team or group for two different awards based on the same set of achievements or contributions. SDSC reserves the right to reject the nomination/s in such cases.
- b. Please follow the instructions in the form and provide as many details as possible to support the judging process. The panel reserves the right to reject nominations that do not provide sufficient or incomplete information.

### **Step 2**

Submit the form online by **Sunday, 20 October 2024, 11.59pm**

Disclaimer: By completing and submitting this nomination form, nominators and institutional coordinators agree that the information provided is accurate, and that the individuals whose personal data is enclosed have been informed and have consented to providing their data for SDSC's purpose of selecting and promoting awardees via various marketing platforms, including social media.

## AWARD CEREMONY

Awardees will receive the following award monies at an award ceremony. The 2024 Award Ceremony will take place on the evening of 20 November 2024.