



Singapore Disability Sports Awards 2026

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Singapore Disability Sports Council & Singapore National Paralympic Council

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The Singapore Disability Sports Awards honours outstanding achievements and contributions across the disability sports community. The Awards celebrate the diverse individuals, organisations and initiatives that drive the growth and development of disability sport — from athletes and coaches to sporting professionals, changemakers and community champions who make a meaningful difference through sport.

AWARD CATEGORIES

High Performance and Development

Nomination by SDSC, SDSC Ordinary and Associate Members

Award	Who can be nominated
Sportsman of the Year Sportswoman of the Year	Open to Singapore Citizens aged 24 or above (born in or before 2002) who have achieved outstanding sporting performances at Major Games*, World Championships or other significant international competitions, and who can serve as positive role models within the disability sports community.
Sportsboy of the Year Sportsgirl of the Year	Open to Singapore Citizens aged 23 or below (born in or after 2003) who have achieved outstanding sporting performances at Major Games*, World Championships or other significant international competitions, and who can serve as positive role models within the disability sports community.
Team of the Year	Open to teams of at least two Singapore Citizen athletes who have achieved outstanding sporting performances at Major Games*, World Championships or other significant international competitions, and who have demonstrated teamwork, sportsmanship and integrity. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete and their competition partner are not considered a “team” for this award.
High Performance Coach of the Year	Open to coaches who have a track record of developing para athletes or teams towards exceptional competitive outcomes at Major Games*, World Championships or other significant international competitions. The nominee should demonstrate a strong commitment to athlete development and the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethics and coaching practice.
Development Coach of the Year	Open to coaches who have a track record of developing para athletes and supporting their progression along the sporting pathway, from grassroots or developmental levels towards higher levels of competition. The nominee should demonstrate a commitment to the holistic development of athletes and the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethics and coaching practice.

**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.*

Community

Open Nominations

Award	Who can be nominated
Community Coach of the Year	Open to coaches who have made a meaningful difference to participants and the disability sports community by creating an inclusive and positive sporting experience. This may include supporting participants' development, encouraging continued participation and creating opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate and enjoy sport. Nominees do not need to hold certification as a coach under the National Registry of Coaches.
Event of the Year	Open to individuals, groups, non-governmental organisations and schools. The nominated event should demonstrate excellence in organisation and have made a significant, positive contribution to disability sport and the disability sports community, through areas such as participation, inclusivity, accessibility, engagement or the well-being of persons with disabilities.
Community Changemaker of the Year	Open to groups, non-governmental organisations and schools that have demonstrated leadership and made a significant positive contribution to disability sport through the initiation, development or delivery of projects, programmes or activities that benefit the disability sports community in Singapore.
Spirit of Sport Award (Male / Female / Team)	Open to sporting individuals with disabilities and teams who are not nominees of the High Performance or Development awards, and who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their sport, sportsmanship, resilience and positive contribution to others. Nominees should exemplify the values and spirit of sport through their actions and behaviour, and demonstrate a meaningful and positive influence on those around them.
Most Inspiring Story of the Year	Recognises an outstanding news story, feature or media coverage that has made a significant impact in raising awareness, understanding or appreciation of disability sport. Entries may include print or online articles, television or radio segments, podcasts, video features or other editorial media formats. Entries must have been published or broadcast between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 by a recognised Singapore-based news or media outlet with an established editorial function.
Most Inspiring Photo of the Year	Recognises an outstanding photograph that captures a compelling moment in disability sport and conveys the excitement, emotion, determination or spirit of athletes and the wider disability sports community. The photograph should demonstrate strong visual storytelling and contribute to greater awareness, appreciation and visibility of disability sport in Singapore.

ELIGIBILITY

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, SNPC and their member organisations (if applicable)

All achievements, sports results, activities, programmes and initiatives must have been achieved or carried out between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

Results outside of this window may only be included for nominations for Development Coach of the Year, to demonstrate a progression in athlete performance and eventual achievement at an international or national competition that took place between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

SELECTION PROCESS

An independent panel will be convened to select the awardees. The decision of the panel is final; enquiries regarding the selection of the awardees will not be entertained.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Step 1 — Fill in the nomination form online:

High Performance and Development category — <https://forms.gle/Bsxbknn24VBY7E6GA>

Community category — <https://forms.gle/RpeLjUo2MdAsUdhd7>

Note:

- a. A nominee may be nominated for more than one award. However, a separate form must be submitted for each nomination.
- b. The same individual, team or group should not be nominated for two different awards based on the same achievements or contributions. SDSC reserves the right not to consider such nominations.
- c. Please follow the instructions in the nomination form carefully. The judging panel reserves the right not to consider nominations that are incomplete or do not contain sufficient information.
- d. Provide specific examples to support your nomination. Judges will consider the substance and impact of the examples provided rather than the quality or style of the nomination.
- e. SDSC and SNPC staff and events are not eligible for nomination under the Community category.

Step 2 — Submission deadline:

Submit the form online by **Thursday, 24 September 2026, 11.59pm.**

SHORTLISTING, INTERVIEW, MEDIA SESSION & AWARD CEREMONY

Shortlisted nominees may be invited to participate in an interview with the judging panel in October 2026. A photography and video session will also be conducted in October 2026, with participants photographed and potentially filmed for SDSA content. All shortlisted nominees will be invited to attend the SDSA Award Ceremony in November 2026.