OVERVIEW

Curtin University has a proud and longstanding tradition of excellence across sport, encompassing high performance, inclusive participation, and meaningful contribution to the campus and wider community. The Curtin Sport Awards celebrate this legacy by formally recognising the outstanding achievements, dedication, and impact of students, alumni, and affiliated clubs involved in sport during the year.

Delivered annually by Curtin Sport and Recreation, the awards honour not only competitive success at university, state, national, and international levels, but also the passion, leadership, and service that enrich Curtin's sporting culture. From elite athletes and emerging talent to committed volunteers, coaches, and administrators, the Curtin Sport Awards acknowledge the diverse ways sport enhances wellbeing, belonging, leadership development, and the Curtin experience.

These awards amplify our commitment to fostering an inclusive, values driven sporting community that inspires excellence, celebrates contribution, and recognises the powerful role sport plays in shaping individuals and strengthening connection across the university.

NOMINATIONS REVIEW PANEL

The selection of the Curtin Sport Awards recipients will be conducted by the Awards Committee, represented by;

- Minimum of one (1) and maximum of three (3) student representatives who have connected with Sport and recreation throughout the year eg: CUSSAC, Student Sport Leaders.
- Manager, Participation (Chair)
- One external, independent representative and or non-Curtin employee
- Minimum of one (1) and maximum of two (2) Patron of Sport for Curtin Sport and Recreation

It will be the Awards Committee's responsibility to select final award winners and finalists by assessing nominations with clear evidence provided against relevant award criteria as detailed below.

The Awards Committee will be provided with all nominations for consideration and will meet to decide all awardees.*

Award nominations close on 30th November 2026. Finalists and nominees will be notified by mid January 2027

**Should a committee member be involved in or associated with a nomination they will be removed from that award conversation.*

WHO CAN LODGE A NOMINATION AND WHEN?

Nominations can be lodged from 1st September 2026 to 11:59pm 30th November 2026. Nominations can be lodged by Curtin University students, staff, affiliated clubs and members, State Sporting Associations, Representative Sport Coordinator, coach or team captains of Curtin representative teams.

Curtin Sports Star of the Year Award	
Description	Curtin Sports Star of the Year is awarded to the student whose sporting excellence and integrity in competition have been deemed to be of the highest level. Excellence can be in any area of sporting endeavour including outstanding achievement in the areas of sports administration or officiating, e.g. refereeing or managing/coaching at national level. Curtin recognises there are many different and diverse gender identities. The Sports Star of the Year Award has binary categories - female and male. Curtin encourages and welcomes nominations for all gender identities, please nominate for the category that the nominee feels most aligned to.
Eligibility	The nominee must: 1. Be an enrolled student of Curtin for the 2026 academic year. 2. Be endorsed from the national, state or professional team organisation. 3. Be competing at the highest possible level for their chosen sport. 4. Meets the eligibility criteria of the Curtin Blue or Half Blue award.
Judging Criteria	• The level of performance of the nominee relative to standings and rankings. • The level of competition (i.e. regional, national, international). • The sport's restriction at an international level (i.e. AFL). • Coach, state or national sporting organisation endorsement. • The level the athlete impacted team success, if competing in a team sport (i.e. performance or leadership positions held).

University Blue and Half-Blue	
Description	The University Blues and Half Blue are historic honours originating from Cambridge and Oxford. Blues are awarded to students who have represented Curtin University and achieved a high sporting standard. Selection in state, National or International teams and/or success at Australian University Sport events may qualify you for the award of a Blue.
Eligibility	The nominee must: 1. Be an enrolled student of Curtin for the 2026 academic year. 2. Have competed in an event delivered by a recognised National and/or International sporting body. 3. Have dedicated their time in making significant contributions to their affiliated Curtin University sporting club or Intervarsity sport. 4. Leads by example, displayed good sportsmanship and is an outstanding member of the Curtin community. 5. Have achieved sound academic results. 6. Be endorsed by the respective state, national or professional team.
Judging Criteria	<u>University Half-Blue:</u> • **National Championship performance** - Where a student has achieved exceptional performance in a national championship event (or equivalent) deemed significant for their sport they will be eligible for consideration. • **National underage representative team selection -** Where a student has gained selection in a national underage representative team or junior development squad, they will be eligible for consideration. • **Professional Sporting Award** – Where a student competing at an elite level has attained the an award in a professional club, they will be eligible for consideration. • ***Or an equivalent achievement*** <u>University Blue:</u>

	• **World Championship, Olympic or Commonwealth Games selection** – Where a student competes for Australia in a World Championship (or equivalent event), Olympic or Commonwealth Games they will be eligible for consideration. • **World University Games and World University Championships** – Where a student competes for Australia at World University Games or at a World University Championship, they will be eligible for consideration to receive a University Blue. • **National Representative Team** - Where a student has gained selection in a national senior team for international representation, they will be eligible for consideration. Note that this does not include selection in a squad or training team, the student must be representing in an active team. • **Professional Sporting Award** – Where a student competing at an elite level has attained the highest possible award in a professional club, they will be eligible for consideration. • ***OR an equivalent achievement***

Curtin Colours	
Description	Colours are awarded to students or members of Curtin University Sport who have made a significant contribution to sport at Curtin over a period of at least three academic years. Colours may be awarded to members for coaching, officiating or other areas of significant contribution. Individuals who achieve Curtin Colours are of outstanding character and reflect Curtin's values (integrity, respect, courage and excellence) and have contributed to Curtin's club or representative sport at Curtin University over a period of 3 or more years.
Eligibility	The nominee must: 1. Be a Curtin student, staff or alumni. 2. Have been in their position for a minimum of three years. 3. Represented or coached a Curtin University affiliate sport club or intervarsity team at the highest possible level (i.e. Premier Grade, UBL), or selected to officiate at the highest level. 4. Has achieved excellence both on and off the field. 5. Has had a significant contribution to the Curtin club or sport team. 6. Has endorsement from Curtin's Coordinator, Representative Sport, or Curtin Affiliated Club President.

John Curtin Sport Club of the Year Award	
Description	To be awarded to the Curtin University affiliated sport club that has delivered outstanding participation, performance and development outcomes, as well as demonstrated exemplary governance and an inclusive and positive club culture.
Eligibility	Clubs must be; 1. A Curtin Affiliate Sport Club and 2. Demonstrate clear evidence of at least three of the following; • Engagement in and contribution to student experience and student engagement • Demonstrated evidence of professional and sound club governance and management practices • Actively participated in key Curtin Sport and Recreation activities and events • Demonstrated effective recruitment and training of volunteers, coaches and players • Actively fostered participation and enjoyment at all levels of sport • Improvement in performance from the previous year in external fixtured competition/s and/or the success their respective sport at UniSport Nationals events

	• Acted as a role model and a positive influence for other clubs and in the Curtin University community • Showed innovation in participation opportunities available to Curtin University Students • Provided opportunities for a diverse range of participants, including under-represented groups such as women and/or culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities

Curtin Sport Team of the Year Award	
Description	To be awarded to a Curtin University sport team, or an affiliated club team that has delivered outstanding performance and culture.
Eligibility	The Nominee must be: • Have a minimum of 50% team members as students enrolled at Curtin in 2026. • Represented Curtin University or a Curtin Affiliate Sport Club as a registered team in a sanctioned competition across the nomination period. • Demonstrating positive sportsmanship whilst upholding University values. • Outstanding results at a competition over the nomination period.
Judging Criteria	• The level of performance the team achieved relative to standings and rankings. • The level of competition (i.e. regional, national, international) • Improvement or sustained success from the previous year in fixtured competitions. • Actively fostered participation and enjoyment at all levels of sport. • Engagement in and contribution to student experience and student engagement.

Service to Sport Award (formally Curtin Sport Volunteer of the Year Award)	
Description	To be awarded to members of the Curtin University community (student, staff, alumni or other individuals) that have shown outstanding service to sport at the University as either a player, coach, volunteer and/or administrator.
Eligibility	The nominee must: 1. Be a member of a Curtin University Affiliate Sport Club or Curtin Sport program. 2. Actively contributed to the vision and purpose of their Club, and/or aligned to Curtin Sport and Recreation vision in a volunteer capacity for a minimum period of two years. 3. Played an active role in assisting with the delivery of competitions, programs or services that encourage student participation. 4. Exceeded expectations and acted as a role model for others. 5. Contributed significantly to the betterment of sport at Curtin University 6. Employees are ineligible unless they have contributed significantly outside their position description Nominations for this award can include club administrators, club volunteers, UniSport Nationals Team Managers / Captains or other community members.
Judging criteria	• The level of contribution to the club or University sport in the calendar year (i.e. what the roles and projects have been in year). • Nominees have a proven record of achievement and/or performance in officiating, administration and/or coaching (i.e. historic volunteer roles/projects).

	• The nominee's involvement has positively impacted their respective club and/or team (i.e. outcomes of their roles/projects). • The proven record of achievement and/or performance in officiating, administration and/or coaching (i.e. historic volunteer roles/projects).

Coach of the Year Award	
Description	To be awarded to a coach of a Curtin University affiliated team, that exhibits high commitment, leadership, and fostering of individual development within university sport programs.
Eligibility	The Nominee must be: • A coach of a Curtin University affiliate club team or intervarsity team in the nomination period.
Judging Criteria	• Demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities through dedication, innovation, and administration. • Created a safe and inclusive environment for all members affiliated with the team (e.g., players, coaches, officials, spectators) • Supported the playing groups holistic development while supporting the individual needs of each player. • Achieved strong competition results in the associated competition.

Curtin UniSport Athlete of the Year Award	
Description	UniSport Athlete of the Year is awarded to a Curtin student who represented Curtin University at a UniSport / International University Sport Federation (FISU) sanctioned event.
Eligibility	The nominee must: 1. An enrolled student of Curtin University during the 2026 academic year. 2. A student who represented Curtin University or Australia during the nomination period at a UniSport or FISU sanctioned event. 3. Endorsement from Curtin's Coordinator, Representative Sport.
Judging criteria	• The level of performance of the student relative to standards and rankings (i.e. standard of competitors of events). • The level of competition the student attended (i.e. regional, national, international). • The level the student impacted the team success, if competing in a team sport (i.e. performance or leadership positions held). • Demonstrated and upheld Curtin's values (i.e. integrity, respect, courage, impact, excellence). • Support from their peers.

VC Alumni Inductee Award	
Description	The **Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Inductee Award** is the highest sporting honour presented to a Curtin University alumnus who has achieved outstanding success and made a significant and lasting contribution to sport within Curtin and at the state, national, or international level. This award recognises alumni whose achievements, leadership, service, and impact have enhanced the reputation of Curtin University and inspired future generations of students and athletes. Recipients embody Curtin's values of integrity, respect, courage, impact, and excellence, while demonstrating a lifelong commitment to sport through competition, coaching, officiating, administration, research,

	advocacy, or community leadership. The award serves as a permanent induction into the Curtin Sport Alumni Honour Roll, celebrating individuals whose accomplishments and influence have left an enduring legacy within their sport, community, and the University.
Eligibility	The Nominee must be: • Be a Curtin University Alumni. • Have made a significant contribution to sport at an elite, professional, community, administrative, coaching, officiating or leadership level during and following graduation. • Have demonstrated sustained achievement and/or impact for five or more years. • Embody Curtin University values through leadership, integrity and positive influence. • Have a demonstrable connection to Curtin University, Curtin Sport & Recreation, Curtin Affiliated Sport Club or Intervarsity Sport. • Be endorsed by a Curtin Affiliated Sport club, Curtin Sport and Recreation, Curtin Alumni, or a recognised sporting organisation.