



IWA-Sport Athlete and Volunteer of the Year Awards

Guidance form

Award descriptions	Explanation & events of note
<p><i>Award 1: Elite Athlete Award</i></p> <p>This Award honours IWA-Sport members who are a member of any Irish Senior Paralympic Panel, recognising the achievements and contributions in any given year at elite level.</p> <p>This athlete must have demonstrated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A significant personal or team achievement ▪ Commitment ▪ Dedication ▪ Willingness to act as an IWA-Sport role model 	<p>Paralympic athletes competed in the following major competitions in 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC Athletics World Championships, • IPC Swimming World Championships, • IPC Powerlifting European Championships • IPTTC Table Tennis European Championships
<p><i>Award 2: Senior Athlete of the Year (over 18yrs)</i></p> <p>This award honours an IWA-Sport Senior athlete who has demonstrated great commitment to their sport or a number of sports throughout the previous season and recognises the achievements and contributions in any given year.</p> <p>This athlete must have demonstrated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A significant personal or team achievement ▪ Commitment to the entire season of events ▪ Team work ▪ Willingness to act as an IWA-Sport role model 	<p>Only Non Paralympic athletes are eligible.</p>
<p><i>Award 3: Junior Athlete of the Year (U18 yrs)</i></p> <p>This award honours an IWA-Sport Junior member who has demonstrated great commitment to their club, sport or a number of sports throughout the previous season and recognises the achievements and contributions in any given year.</p>	<p>Self explanatory.</p>

<p>This athlete must have demonstrated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A significant personal or team achievement ▪ Commitment to the entire season of events ▪ Respect for team mates and coaches and other team or club personnel ▪ Team work 	
<p><i>Award 4: Club Volunteer of the year</i></p> <p>This award honours an IWA-Sport volunteer who is an active member of an affiliated IWA-Sport club. This individual will have shown great dedication, organisation, and enthusiasm to promote, develop and support all activities ongoing in their respective club.</p> <p>This individual must have demonstrated the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great enthusiasm towards running and developing club activities. • Great enthusiasm towards supporting and developing an athlete development pathway for members of their club. • The values of teamwork, community and respect. 	<p>Only volunteers attached to clubs are eligible.</p> <p>Volunteers involved with national teams are nominated in the next category.</p>
<p><i>Award 5: Sports Volunteer of the year</i></p> <p>This award honours an IWA-Sport volunteer who is an active member of an affiliated IWA-Sport section. This individual will have shown great dedication, organisation, and enthusiasm to promote, develop and support all activities ongoing in their respective sport.</p> <p>This individual must have demonstrated the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great enthusiasm towards running and developing their respective sports and activities. • Great enthusiasm towards supporting and developing an athlete development pathway for members of their sport. • The values of teamwork, community, accountability and respect. 	<p>Only volunteers attached to a national section are eligible in this category.</p>
<p><i>Award 6: Coach of the year</i></p>	

<p>This award honours an IWA-Sport volunteer who is an active coach within an IWA-Sport section. This individual will have shown great dedication, organisation, and enthusiasm to promote, develop and support all coaching activities on-going in their respective sport.</p> <p>This individual must have demonstrated the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A significant achievement • Commitment to the entire season of events • Great enthusiasm towards ensuring the coaching needs of their sport or an individual within their sport has been catered for. • The values of teamwork and respect. 	<p>This category is awarded to a coach in a National section only. Club coaches are not eligible in this category. (They may be nominated under the club volunteer of the year).</p>
<p><i>Award 7: Lifetime Recognition Award</i></p> <p>This award honours an IWA-Sport member who has made important contributions and shown great dedication to IWA-Sport and its activities over a long period of time.</p>	<p>Self explanatory.</p>