

61ST ISPS HANDA HALBERG AWARDS

AWARDS CRITERIA

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Only sporting achievements within the dates of 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023 are eligible.
- Nominations close on 1 December 2023 at 8pm.
- Sporting achievements in New Zealand and overseas are eligible.
- Any entries made after 1 December 2023 will not be accepted.
- Any achievements that start in November 2023 but finish in December 2023 will be eligible for the 62nd ISPS Handa Halberg Awards only.
- All nominations will be reviewed by HPSNZ and the Nominations Board for approval to ensure the eligibility criteria has been met before submitting for judging.

CATEGORY SPECIFIC CRITERIA

ISPS Handa Sportsman of the Year and High Performance Sport New Zealand Sportswoman of the Year

- Must be a New Zealand Citizen, or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa. (An athlete in a team is eligible for the Sportsman/Woman categories)

ISPS Handa Para Athlete/Para Team of the Year

- Must be a New Zealand Citizen, or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.
- Must hold a national or international classification in a Para sport as an individual Para athlete or Para sport team.

A Para sport team must be either:

- A New Zealand representative Para sport team, or
- Team that is a registered New Zealand entity.

Two or more people competing in the same single event are considered a Para sport team, eg wheelchair rugby.

Para athletes or Para sport teams competing in Para sport are only eligible for the Para athlete/Para sport team and the Emerging Talent award categories – not Sportsman, Sportswoman or Team but are eligible for the Supreme award.

ISPS Handa Team of the Year

Must be either:

- A New Zealand representative team (ie representing a NZ NSO), or
- A team that is a registered New Zealand entity.

Two or more people competing in the same single event are considered a team, eg a rowing pair.

Buddle Findlay Coach of the Year

For the purposes of the ISPS Handa Halberg Awards a coach is defined as; “A Coach is responsible for directing, instructing and/or the physical training of an athlete, team or Para athlete/team”.

- Must be a New Zealand Citizen or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.
- New Zealanders coaching athletes/teams from other countries are eligible.
- A New Zealand Resident is only eligible if coaching a NZ team, athlete or Para athlete/team.

Sky Sport Emerging Talent

- Must be a New Zealand Citizen, or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.
- Must be an individual athlete or athlete in a team.
- Must be under 20 years of age by nominations deadline.
- Must not have achieved success at elite international level. Success at an elite international level is defined as having medalled at the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or Senior World Championships (or that sports pinnacle competition). Dispensation can be sought in special circumstances e.g. a non-playing reserve.
- **Nominee personal statement needs to include their aspirations as an athlete and their qualities as a person, including but not limited to:**
 - What their sporting goals are
 - What they are doing to achieve their aspirations and/or goals
 - How they have shown their commitment to the sport

Regarding the criteria, the Emerging Talent Voting Academy consider:

- **Past performance and achievement, including;**
 - Significance of the athletes highest level performance or achievement
 - Significance of the competition or event where the highest level performance was achieved
 - Other performances or achievements of significance
 - Global nature of the sport
- Past winners of the Award are ineligible

THE SUPREME HALBERG AWARD JUDGING CRITERIA

This criteria is applied to the Sportsman, Sportswoman, Para Athlete / Para Team, Team and Coach categories.

The Voting Academy will consider the following guidelines when judging the supreme Halberg Award category finalists;

1. Regarding the achievement, was it in that sport's 'pinnacle event' (eg Olympics, Paralympics, World Cup)
2. Regarding the achievement, was it a world record, world ranking or recognition (eg 'World Player of the Year')
3. The quality of the field / competition
4. The global nature of the sport
5. Para sport achievements only for a Para Athlete/Team nomination

Event type definitions:

- **Pinnacle Event:** A Pinnacle event is the most significant event in a sports four year competition calendar e.g. the Olympic / Paralympic Games or a World Cup or World Championship event that is held once every four years (e.g. Rugby World Cup, Netball World Cup, FIFA World Cup etc.).
- **Major Event:** A Major event is the next most significant event (after a pinnacle event) in a sports four year competition calendar. These are other events that occur within a four year cycle that are considered major events (e.g. IAAF World Championships, Hockey World Cup, Basketball World Championships etc.).
- **Milestone Event:** A Milestone event is the most significant event in a sports annual competition calendar. This includes annual World Championships and annual world level or domestic events.

***this aligns with High Performance Sport New Zealand.**

The Academy votes in two phases:

1. Round one of voting is to select the category finalists from the list of nominations.
2. Round two of voting is to select the category winners and supreme Halberg Award winner.

Voting is conducted by independent ballot and the results are unknown to Voting Academy members. The audit of the totalled votes is conducted by Deloitte.

THE EMERGING TALENT AWARD JUDGING CRITERIA

Regarding the criteria, the Emerging Talent Voting Academy consider:

- Past performance and achievement, including;
 - Significance of the athletes highest level performance or achievement
 - Significance of the competition or event where the highest level performance was achieved
 - Other performances or achievements of significance
 - Global nature of the sport
- Past winners of the Award are ineligible

The Sky Sport Emerging Talent Voting Academy comprises of:

DJ Forbes, Mary Fisher, Paul Allison, Ron Cheatley, Ruth Aitken, Sarah Walker

THE SPORT NEW ZEALAND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sport New Zealand Leadership Award is presented at the annual ISPS Handa Halberg Awards and the recipient is selected by Sport New Zealand.

Previous winners include;

Steve Hansen (rugby), Richie McCaw (rugby), Sir John Wells (rugby), Sir Murray Halberg (athletics, Halberg Foundation founder), Jock Hobbs (rugby), Sir John Anderson, Susie Simcock (squash and golf), Sir John Graham (rugby), Graham Henry (rugby), Dame Noeline Taurua (netball).

For more information please visit [Sport New Zealand](#)

THE VOTING ACADEMY

Voting Academy members have distinguished themselves in their field and have the knowledge, expertise, and experience to make sound decisions.

They are expected to uphold the highest standards of fairness, accuracy, and integrity. The entire judging process adheres firmly to these guiding principles.

The Voting Academy comprises 25 to 30 members, of which the majority are former elite athletes, coaches, and/or sports administrators (who may still be currently involved), and the remainder being current sports media.

The Voting Academy vote by secret ballot to determine the winners for the Supreme, Sportsman, Sportswoman, Para Athlete/Para Team, Team and Coach categories.

The expectations and responsibilities of the voting academy members are to:

- vote on time
- not disclose how they, or any other member, voted
- have no collusion between Voting Academy members.
- disclose any conflicts of interest (e.g. family members nominated etc)
- accept the collective responsibility of Academy decisions
- respect the integrity of the Academy, Halberg Awards, and Halberg Foundation, and to take no action that will impact negatively on their reputations.

Please refer to Judging Criteria for more information.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 61st ISPS Handa Halberg Awards can be made by National Sports Organisations (NSOs) or the Nominations Board.

For more information please contact awards@halberg.co.nz

NOMINATIONS BOARD

Any submission queries regarding the ISPS Handa Halberg Award nominations are managed to an outcome by independent Nomination Board comprising of sport sector veterans and HPSNZ.

Members of the ISPS Handa Halberg Awards Nomination Board are:

Chantal Brunner, Maria Clarke and Graeme Robson, Adrian Blincoe.

The expectations and responsibilities of the Nomination Board members are to:

- Confirm all nominations and to ensure that all relevant sports are represented.
- Provide nomination information regarding any athlete who is not on the initial nomination list to the relevant National Sports Organisation or Representative Body.
- Where a formal body does not exist or at its discretion, the Nomination Board may submit a nomination.
- Be satisfied that all sports have had the opportunity to submit a nomination by the submission deadline.
- Manage to an outcome any nomination omissions/issues at any part of the submission process.
- Disclose any conflicts of interest (eg family members nominated etc).
- Respect the integrity of the Nomination Board, Halberg Awards and Halberg Foundation, and to take no action that will impact negatively on their reputations.
- Accept the collective responsibility of Nomination Board decisions.