



## 1. WHAT IS A SPORT?

For the purposes of the ISPS Handa Halberg Awards, we use the Sport New Zealand definition of what a sport is: a “sport” is considered to be an activity with human participants that requires physical activity and physical skill, which is governed by rules and regulations, and has competition that requires skill rather than chance.

For the avoidance of doubt, competitors or teams competing in e-sports are not eligible to be nominated.

## 2. WHAT IS A PARA SPORT?

For the purposes of the ISPS Handa Halberg Awards, we utilise the IPC definition of what Para sport is: “any sport or discipline in which persons with a disability participate in accordance with classification rules that are compliant with the IPC Classification Code and the related International Standards”.

## 3. NOMINATION PROCESS

3.1 Nominations must be made by the Chief Executive (or equivalent) of, or other person authorised by, the Recognised Body of the nominee/s (as defined in clause 4.3) by the due date and time.

3.2 Nominations will close on 1 December at 8pm. Any entries made after this time will not be accepted unless the Nominations Board deems an entry can be made after the deadline in exceptional circumstances.

## 4. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The General Eligibility criteria which applies to Sportsman, Sportswoman, Team, Para Athlete / Para Team, Emerging Talent and Favourite Sporting Moment Award categories is;





4.1 Only sporting achievements within a 1-year period from 1 December – 30 November are eligible. (If a competition starts on 30 November and concludes after that date a performance at that competition will be eligible for consideration in the subsequent year).

4.2 Sporting achievements in New Zealand and overseas are eligible.

4.3 Recognised Body: The sport in which the nominee/s competed must have a national governing body in New Zealand and that body must:

- a) be affiliated to, or a member of, an international sports federation that is recognised by the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF), Association of IOC recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF) or the Alliance of Independent recognised Members of Sport (AIMS); and
- b) either:
  - i) have recognised status granted by Sport NZ as the sole national governing body for that sport in New Zealand, or
  - ii) in the case of a Para sport which is not governed by a national governing body in New Zealand; is Paralympics New Zealand; or
  - iii) in the case of a Para sport that is governed by a national governing body in New Zealand which is not recognised by Sport NZ, the national governing body is a member of, or affiliated to, Paralympics New Zealand.





All nominations need to satisfy all of the above general eligibility criteria plus the specific criteria applicable for each award as specified below, before they are then submitted to the Voting Academy for consideration.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY FOR SPORTSMAN AND SPORTSWOMAN AWARD CATEGORIES**

Eligibility for the Sportsman and Sportswoman Award categories is;

5.1 Must be a New Zealand Citizen or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.

5.2 An athlete in a team is eligible for the Sportsman/Sportswoman categories.

## **6. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARA ATHLETE/PARA TEAM AWARD CATEGORY**

Eligibility for the Para Athlete/Para Team Award category is;

6.1 Must be a New Zealand Citizen or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.

6.2 Must have been classified under the International Paralympic Committee Athlete Classification Code as an individual Para athlete or Para sport team in the sport and event in which the individual or team achieved their sporting achievement.

6.3 A Para sport team must be either:

- a) A New Zealand representative Para sport team i.e. representing a NZ Recognised Body (as defined in clause 4.4) where team members must be New Zealand Citizens or hold Resident or Permanent Resident Visas or are otherwise permitted to reside permanently in New Zealand; or
- b) a New Zealand based team that competes in a league or competition against teams representing nations other than New Zealand.





6.4 Two or more people competing in the same single event are considered a Para sport team, e.g. Wheelchair rugby.

6.5 Para athletes or Para sport teams competing in Para sport are only eligible for the Para Athlete/Para Team and the Emerging Talent award categories - not Sportsman, Sportswoman or Team but are eligible for Supreme Award.

## **7. ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM AWARD CATEGORY**

Eligibility for the Team Award category is, that the team must be:

7.1 a New Zealand representative team (i.e. representing a NZ Recognised Body as defined in clause 4.4) where the majority of team members must be New Zealand Citizens or hold Resident or Permanent Resident Visas or are otherwise permitted to reside permanently in New Zealand; or

7.2 a New Zealand-based team that competes in a league or competition that includes teams based outside of New Zealand.

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

## **8. ELIGIBILITY FOR COACH AWARD CATEGORY**

A coach is defined as; “the person responsible for directing, instructing and/or the physical training of an athlete, team or Para athlete/team”. Eligibility for the Coach Award category is:

8.1 Must be a New Zealand Citizen or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa or are otherwise permitted to reside permanently in New Zealand.

8.2 New Zealander Citizens coaching athletes/teams from other countries are eligible.





8.3 A New Zealand Permanent Resident or Resident is only eligible if coaching a NZ team, athlete or Para Athlete/ Para Team.

For clarity, this does not include horse trainers or other similar roles. Where a coaching team exists, the person performing the Lead Coach role (or equivalent) should be nominated.

## **9. ELIGIBILITY FOR EMERGING TALENT CATEGORY**

The Emerging Talent Award is designed to identify and assist a young athlete in their quest to become an Olympic, Paralympic and/or World Champion, and hopefully one day win the Supreme Halberg Award. Eligibility for the Emerging Talent Award is:

9.1 Must be a New Zealand Citizen or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.

9.2 Must be an individual athlete or an athlete in a team (including Para team).

9.3 Must be under 20 years of age by nominations deadline 1 Dec.

9.4 Must not have achieved success at elite international level. Success at an elite international level is defined as having medalled at an event that High Performance Sport New Zealand defines as a 'Pinnacle Event'. Dispensation can be given by the Nominations Board in special circumstances e.g. a non-playing reserve.

9.5 Past winners of the Award are ineligible.

## **10. ISPS HANDA HALBERG AWARDS NOMINATION BOARD**

The ISPS Handa Halberg Awards Nomination Board (Nomination Board) is appointed by the Halberg Foundation trustees and consists of Maria Clarke, Chantal Brunner and Adrian Blincoe.





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

- Decide on nominations eligibility for the Award nominated.
- Confirm if nominations meet the eligibility and nomination requirements; before entries are submitted to judging.
- Consider nominees which have not been nominated but which have achieved sporting achievements at elite level or the emerging talent level and invite the relevant NSO to nominate them by the due date.
- In exceptional circumstances, the Nomination Board may make a nomination for consideration by the Voting Academy where there is no Recognized Body or if a Recognized Body fails to submit a nomination. The nominee(s) must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 4 and the respective Award-specific eligibility criteria in Sections 5-9.
- 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 (e.g. 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.
- Keep all nominations and discussion of the Nomination Board strictly confidential.

