



**ISPS HANDA  
HALBERG  
AWARDS**



# **SIR MURRAY HALBERG LEGACY AWARD – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Sir Murray Halberg Legacy Award is named in honour of the late Olympic gold medallist whose vision of inclusion and empowerment continues to live on thanks to his efforts in establishing the Halberg Foundation. Halberg Foundation exists to ensure that all young Kiwis – regardless of their physical ability – have equal opportunity to participate in sport, recreation and play.

This Award has been established to champion and honour individuals and organisations whose contributions have made a lasting impact on disability sport communities in Aotearoa.

Nominees of this Award must:

- Be an individual or organisation that makes, or has made, a positive contribution to the lives of physically disabled young people in New Zealand through sport, recreation or play
- Embody the values of inclusion and empowerment that Sir Murray Halberg displayed throughout his life
- Have made had significant impact between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Meet the conditions of entry for the Award

## **Conditions of Entry**

1. Submitting a nomination is free, there is no monetary charge to enter.
2. You may not nominate yourself. Nominations can only be made by individuals or organisations on behalf of the nominated person or organisation. Any nominations made by the nominee will be deemed invalid.
3. Nominees must be over the age of 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
4. Nominees must be a New Zealand Citizen or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.
5. Nominations must be received between 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025, 8pm.

6. Nominations can only be submitted online via <https://halberg.co.nz/halberg-awards/nominate>
7. Support with the technical aspect of making a nomination can be sought from the Halberg Foundation team, however, the content of the nomination must solely be written by the person or organisation making the nomination.
8. Finalists selected should be able to attend the ISPS Handa Halberg Awards on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Inability to attend does not disqualify entry.
9. Finalists may be required to take part in photography and filming in their community and at the Halberg Awards. Photography and filming may be used by Halberg Foundation and its partners for promotional purposes.
10. The Halberg Foundation reserves the right to amend the conditions of entry at any time at their discretion.
11. Former winners of the Legacy Award will not be eligible for future Legacy Awards but previous finalists can be nominated again.
12. Halberg Foundation Staff, Board Members, Trustees or Youth Council members are not eligible to submit nominations or to be nominated.
13. Staff of CityFitness Group Ltd. Are not eligible to submit nominations or to be nominated.
14. Halberg Foundation reserves the right at any point to remove a nomination that may bring the Halberg Awards or partners of the Awards into disrepute.
15. All content and files submitted as part of a nomination may be used by the Halberg Foundation for promotional purposes.

### **How will the finalists and winners be determined?**

- Eligible nominations will be divided up into 4 key regions: Upper North Island, Lower North Island, Upper South Island and Lower South Island.
- Nominations will be shared with a regional judging panels in each key region
- One Finalist will be chosen in each key region
- A National Judging Panel will convene to review the four Finalists and will vote to choose one winner of the Sir Murray Halberg Legacy Award
- The National Judging Panel will be Halberg CEO Tom Smith, CityFitness Founder David 'Patch' Patchell-Evans, a representative from the Halberg Youth Council and an additional CityFitness staff member
- The Sir Murray Halberg Legacy Award will be presented to the Winner at the Halberg Awards, Spark Arena Auckland on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### **Finalist Prizes**

1. Four regional winners chosen as Finalists for the Sir Murray Halberg Legacy Award will receive 1x complimentary 12-month premium CityFitness membership each.
2. The 12-month membership period will be valid from the date that the membership is activated in-club.
3. Winners will receive a printed voucher that must be redeemed at a CityFitness or Simplicity club of the Finalist's choice. Membership must be redeemed within 3 months of receiving the certificate, no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026. Memberships not claimed by this date may be deemed invalid.
4. Upon redeeming membership, finalists will receive a key tag, CityFitness Bag and may book a free one-hour orientation with a personal trainer.
5. By redeeming your membership, you agree to the CityFitness Group Ltd. Membership terms and conditions (<https://www.cityfitness.co.nz/terms-conditions>) and club etiquette rules (<https://www.cityfitness.co.nz/club-etiquette>). Violating or not adhering to the CityFitness Group Ltd. terms and conditions and club etiquette rules may result in suspension or termination of membership.
6. No cash alternative will be offered in lieu of any prize.

### **Award Judging Criteria**

- 10 points: IMPACT
  - o Describe the impact this person or organisation's work has had on the lives of communities and disabled young people through sport, recreation and play
- 10 points: COMMITMENT
  - o Describe the level of commitment that this person or organisation has demonstrated to improving the lives of disabled young people. Whilst there must be demonstratable commitment during the period of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025, commitment over a longer period of time will be considered by the judges
- 10 points: INCLUSION & EQUITY
  - o How has this person or organisation made sport and recreation more inclusive for young people with disabilities?
- 10 points: LEADERSHIP
  - o Describe how this person shown positive and corageous leadership and purpose in their efforts?