

Male and Female Athlete of the Year

2025/2026 Season

Executive Summary

In an effort to showcase and honour sports excellence in our community, the Municipality of West Perth has introduced the Male and Female Athlete of the Year Award.

The Athlete of the Year program recognizes two athletes, one (1) male athlete and one (1) female athlete from the Municipality of West Perth for their exceptional achievements during a single season of their chosen sport. The eligibility period will run from September (the day after Labour Day) to September (the day of Labour Day) the following year.

Eligibility

For athletes to be eligible, they must meet the following:

- Nominees must be between the ages of 5 years and 21 years of age during the nomination period
- Nominees must have maintained residency in the Municipality of West Perth throughout the entire nomination period to be considered eligible for this award
- Nominees must be a member of a recognized sports organization that is affiliated with a recognized Local, Regional, Provincial, National, or International Sports Governing body.

Selection Criteria

The nominated athletes will be graded on the following:

- Performance Excellence: Achievements in competitions, such as championships, personal bests, or records set.
- Dedication and Commitment to Sport: The athletes' commitment to training, attendance, and work ethic.
- Sportsmanship: Displaying fairness, respect for opponents, and a positive attitude, both on and off the playing surface.
- Standard of Achievement: Recognition of any awards, honours, or milestones achieved by the nominee within their sport.
- Level of Competition: Assessment of the nominee's participation in local, regional, provincial, national, or international competitions.
- Leadership: The ability to inspire and motivate teammates and peers

For an athlete to be nominated, a community member must submit a completed online application form found on the Municipality website.

The nominating body must detail the nominees' achievements, contributions, and overall reasoning for why the nominee should be chosen as Male or Female Athlete of the Year.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will consist of 3 members. One (1) Council Member, one (1) West Perth Staff Member and one (1) council-appointed member of the Public. The selection committee will review all nominations based on the outlined criteria and make a final decision on the Male and Female Athlete of the Year award recipients.

Nomination Period for 2025/2026 Season

To make sure we honour two (2) athletes from this past season, we will open nominations on September 1st, 2026. The nominee form will remain open until September 30th, 2026.

Honouring the Recipient

The 2025/2026 season recipient would then be honoured at a December 2026 Council Meeting, receiving their plaques, certification and being honoured by the selection committee and all of Council. The recipients will receive a personal plaque from the Municipality of West Perth, which will be given out by the appointed West Perth Male and Female Athlete of the Year Selection Committee. Recipients will receive a personal congratulatory certificate signed by the Mayor, as well as an individual plaque. Their names will be added to a Male and Female Athlete of the Year plaque that will be placed and celebrated at the Mitchell & District Arena for all to honour. The recipients will also be posted on the Municipality of West Perth Website and honoured on West Perth social media.