



2025

# STEVE'S TYRE SERVICE MANAWATŪ SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

Nominations open: **Monday 18 August 2025**  
Nominations close: **Friday 26 September 2025**  
Finalists released: **Friday 10 October 2025**  
Awards night: **Thursday 23 October 2025**

## Conditions of Nominations

- Nominations must be authorised by the school sport director/coordinator.
- Nominations must be signed off by the secondary school Principal, via supporting letter for a single nomination or signing off a list of multiple nominations from the same school.
- Each category nomination must be a separate online nomination<sup>1</sup>.
- Each nomination must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Regional/National Sport Organisation (if applicable).
- Each nomination must be accompanied by a digital photograph of the student in their sporting context (saved in jpeg format).
- Schools must check nomination forms carefully ensuring all information is correct and ensure all relevant information is included before submitting. Nominations must be checked and approved by the athlete/team to ensure all relevant information is included and correct.

### 1. Eligibility

- 1.1** Nominees must be enrolled as a student at a secondary school within the Manawātū, Palmerston North, Tararua, and Horowhenua regions during the achievement period: 1 October 2024 – 12 October 2025. All secondary schools must be financial members of the 2025 – 2026 Sport Manawātū & Central Districts Principals Group Partnership Agreement.
- 1.2** All sports listed in the dropdown menu of the online nomination form are eligible.
- 1.3** Nominees must have represented their school in the code of sport for which they are being nominated, unless a certified clearance has been provided by the principal to play elsewhere (please note this in the additional info section).
- 1.4** Please indicate on the nomination form any national/international competitions that the student will/may be participating in during the window of September 26<sup>th</sup> – October 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 so we are aware of this during the ratification process. Any additional information regarding pending achievements during this window can be emailed through to Sport Manawātū (awards@sportmanawatu.org.nz) by Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> A nomination may include multiple qualifying entries within a single category (e.g. Student Athlete of the Year qualifies in Swimming & Cross Country).



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## 2. Judging Process

- 2.1 Finalists will be selected by a panel of judges who are considered suitably qualified and experienced by Sport Manawatu.
- 2.2 All selections are made at the discretion of the judging panel by means of a vote.
- 2.3 The judging panel's decision is final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

## 3. Categories of awarded Champions

- Active Recreation Champion
- Student Sport Administrator of the Year
- Student Coach of the Year (Female/Male)
- Student Official of the Year (Female/Male)
- Student Athlete with Disabilities of the Year (Female/Male)
- Student Athlete of the Year (Female/Male)
- Team of the Year

### 3.1 Criteria

Each category will recognise a maximum of 8 finalists. Minimum standard criteria are outlined below.

#### 3.2 Active Recreation Champion

This category aims to recognise the achievements of secondary school student(s) (male/female/group) who have been an integral part of a programme either within the school or within the wider community that uses physical activity as a key tool to promote positive wellbeing.

#### 3.3 Student Sport Administrator of the Year

This category recognises a student who demonstrates outstanding initiative and commitment in supporting school sport to thrive. Whether through managing teams, organising events, coordinating logistics, or contributing across multiple sporting activities, this individual plays a key behind-the-scenes role in shaping a positive sports environment.

Nominees may demonstrate:

- Consistent involvement in planning, communication, or coordination of sporting activities or events
- Positive impact on team culture, morale, and participation
- Leadership qualities in mentoring or supporting others through sport
- Dedication to the development and sustainability of school sport programs

#### 3.4 Student Coach of the Year

- **Female**
- **Male**

This category recognises the outstanding commitment of student coaches that support their secondary schools through coaching secondary school sport or community sport.

- Must coach directly with a secondary school age sport team or individual.
- Schools are invited to nominate any student coach who they believe is deserving of such recognition. Nominations should be based on the student's personal commitment, commitment to developing their coaching skills, ability to build positive rapport with students, and, if applicable, sporting outcomes achieved over the year. Both individual and team coaches are eligible for nomination.
- Nominations must include feedback from at least three secondary school student athletes within the team to support the nomination.



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### 3.5 Student Official of the Year

- **Female**
- **Male**

This category recognises the achievements of secondary school students that have qualified and achieved at a high level as a referee, umpire or official for their elected sport.

- Shows leadership through their commitment as an official.
- Contributes positively to their school's sporting culture.
- Is engaged in opportunities to develop as an official.

### 3.6 Athlete With A Disability of the Year

- **Female**
- **Male**

This category aims to recognise the achievements of secondary school student athletes with a disability whose successes represent excellence at a high level.

- Must be a Regional or New Zealand representative or selected for NZ National Secondary School team.  
\*Selection for national training squad may be considered if no other pathway exists, e.g. Hockey.
- May have set or broken NZ record at NZSS National Competition.
- E.g. Top 10 finisher at NZSS National Competition, Top 20 finisher at a World/International Competition  
\*Number of overall participants to be considered.

### 3.7 Student Athlete of the Year

- **Female**
- **Male**

This category aims to recognise the achievements of secondary school student athletes whose successes represent excellence at a high level.

- Must be a New Zealand representative or selected for NZ National Secondary School team. \*Selection for national training squad may be considered if no other pathway exists, e.g. Hockey.
- May have set or broken NZ record at NZSS National Competition.
- E.g. Top 10 finisher at NZSS National Competition, Top 20 finisher at a World/International Competition  
\*Number of overall participants to be considered.

### 3.8 Champion Team of the Year

This category recognises outstanding performances by a secondary school sports team whilst representing their school at a national secondary school or international competition.

- Teams must have gained a significant placing at an NZSS National Competition.
- May have set or broken national records at an NZSS National Competition.
- May have competed in an international competition. \*Strength of competition and the number of teams competing will be considered.