



Northern Ireland Awards 2022

Nomination Pack

Award Categories: Celebrating Gymnastics

The Northern Ireland Awards provide an annual opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our members and the priceless contribution they make to gymnastics across the Home Country.

The purpose of the Awards is to thank and reward clubs and the workforce for their dedication and commitment to the development of gymnasts and gymnastics. It will recognise and celebrate the achievements of the individuals involved in the sport including Coaches, Volunteers, Club Managers, Welfare Officers, Event Organisers, the Education Workforce, Judges, Young Leaders and Gymnasts.

Last year we had to adjust how we celebrated the success of the award winners due to the restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the current restrictions have eased, the Northern Ireland 2022 Awards will continue in a similar format and will be presented to the winners at their club venues in March 2022. There will be a presentation ceremony in front of their own club community, with photographs shared on our social media channels and the British Gymnastics website.

The Northern Ireland Awards are an opportunity to say thank you to our amazing clubs, coaches, volunteers and gymnasts who deliver excellence in our sport. This is your chance to get involved and nominate.

British Gymnastics Northern Ireland Award Categories

- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Equality and Inclusion in Gymnastics Award
- Young Coach of the Year
- Participation Coach of the Year
- Performance Pathway Coach of the Year
- Safeguarding Award
- Services to Gymnastics Award (Lifetime Achievement Award)
- Club of the Year

Gymnastics Northern Ireland Award Categories

- Special Recognition Award

How to nominate:

Anyone can make a nomination by completing an online nomination form. If you don't know some of the personal information requested e.g., the individuals/club membership number, please put 'Unknown' in the relevant box.

Links to the nomination forms can be found on the Northern Ireland Awards Event Page: [Northern Ireland Awards](#). All nominations must be received by **5pm on Friday 17th December 2021**.

The following information provides the descriptions of the Award categories, and the specific evidence you should compile to meet the nomination criteria. **Where possible please demonstrate how the criteria has been met between 1st September 2020 – 31st December 2021.**

Please Note: The person(s) being nominated must be in good standing with British Gymnastics and Gymnastics Northern Ireland, with no unresolved issues between the individual and governing body/home country committee/technical committees.

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Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises an individual 18+ who has volunteered their time and enthusiasm to help others enjoy gymnastics. Their contribution is seen as invaluable and their efforts instrumental in the work behind the scenes. *It is desirable that individuals are members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Shows a commitment to volunteering within a gymnastic environment*.
- Has experience in a variety of different roles e.g. club secretary, judge, welfare officer.
- Contributed to the running of the club.
- Made significant contributions to the gymnastics club or wider gymnastic community.
- Gone above and beyond their usual volunteer role which makes them stand out.

Young Volunteer of the Year

This award recognises a young person between the ages of 11 and 18 who has volunteered their time and enthusiasm to help others enjoy gymnastics. *To be eligible, individuals must be members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Shows regular commitment to volunteering within a gymnastic environment*.
- Has contributed to the running or development of gymnastics.
- Has made significant personal developments since beginning to volunteer.
- Has gone above and beyond their usual volunteer role which makes them stand out above the rest.

Please note, shortlisting for volunteer awards will be made on the impact the volunteer has had over and above any coaching roles. Coaching awards are listed below.

Equality and Inclusion in Gymnastics Award

This award recognises an individual or organisation that has demonstrated their ability, commitment and enthusiasm to reducing inequalities and widening access for their community, through an inclusive gymnastics environment for all who want to be involved. *To be eligible, individuals and clubs must be members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Made significant contribution to equality and inclusion through the delivery of a quality inclusive gymnastics programme.
- Has formed links to the wider community and external organisations in order to make their project/club as inclusive as possible
- Has made a long-term commitment to making gymnastics more accessible to under-represented groups*

Inclusion work may positively support individuals or groups of any of the following 9 protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership (in employment only), pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

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Young Coach of the Year

This award recognises any full, part-time or volunteer coach aged 25 years or younger who demonstrates passion and enthusiasm to coaching. *To be eligible, individuals must be members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Evidence of creativity and determination in their development as a coach.
- Evidence of the provision of opportunities and dedicated support to gymnasts to help them reach their goals.
- Examples of innovative practice.

Participation Coach of the Year

This award recognises an individual 25+ who has made an outstanding contribution in getting more people starting, staying, and/or succeeding in local gymnastics through high quality delivery. *To be eligible, individuals must be members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Evidence of the development of basic skills through fun in gymnastics whilst embracing the Gymnastics for All ethos.
- Evidence of appropriate gymnast centred engagement and high quality coaching.
- Evidence of the impact the coach has had on widening access to gymnastics through high quality delivery.
- Examples of innovative practice.

Performance Pathway Coach of the Year

(Talent Development and/or Performance Coach)

This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the development and progression of gymnasts within the talent development/high performance pools. This award is for coaches working at National and/or International level. *To be eligible, individuals must be members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Evidence of club success at National and/or International level.
- Evidence of gymnasts coached gaining National and/or International recognition.
- Evidence of gymnast-centred, high quality coaching that encourages the development of performance within club gymnastics and nurtures talent.

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Safeguarding Award

This award recognises an individual who has delivered a passionate and committed service to the welfare and safeguarding of children within the gymnastics environment. *To be eligible, individuals must be members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Evidence that the nominee has performed at a high level in relation to safeguarding across gymnastics
- Evidence that the nominee has made significant contributions to the gymnastics club or wider gymnastic community
- Evidence that the nominee makes a significant contribution, above and beyond their role and has assisted in dealing with potentially difficult situations in an enthusiastic, open and professional manner

Services to Gymnastics Award

This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm to the development of gymnastics at all levels over many years (10+), outside of any coaching roles they've performed. *To be eligible, individuals must be members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Made a long-term commitment to gymnastics.
- Made significant contributions to creating new and sustainable opportunities.
- Made significant contributions to the gymnastics club or wider gymnastic community.
- Gone above and beyond their usual role which makes them stand out.

Club of the Year

The Northern Ireland Club of the Year is presented to a British Gymnastics club that provides a quality and enjoyable experience to ALL its members. *To be eligible, clubs must be affiliated to British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- A commitment to participation, through creating innovative ways to grow and improve the club.
- A commitment to deliver British Gymnastics programmes and initiatives.
- Links to the wider community, by having partnerships with schools, local authorities etc.

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Special Recognition Award

This award recognises an individual or team performance achieved in spite of difficulties and obstacles whether they are physical, financial, social or otherwise. The nominees may include persons who fulfil the role of some, or all of the following: coach, participant, administrator, volunteer and/or team. *To be eligible, clubs must be affiliated to Gymnastics Northern Ireland & British Gymnastics, be 11 years old by 31st December 2021 and be a resident in Northern Ireland.*

Award Criteria:

- Overcome significant difficulties in the past 12 months to achieve their goals*
- Demonstrated a commitment to gymnastics
- Developed as a person/team in overcoming their obstacles

Please note details of difficulties and/or obstacles will not be released at the awards ceremony at request

Nominee Photographs:

All nominations must be received by **5pm on Friday 17th December 2021**. Links to the nomination forms can be found on the Northern Ireland Awards Event Page: [Northern Ireland Awards](#).

All nomination forms must be accompanied by a photograph of the nominee and won't be accepted unless it is received. Photographs should be sent to northernireland@british-gymnastics.org.

As the 2022 Northern Ireland Awards will be celebrated via our online channels, we hope to recognise each of the nominees by displaying their photographs within social media posts after the nomination deadline has passed. Nomination forms will therefore include a box for you to select if nominees are happy for their photograph to be used for Northern Ireland Awards promotional purposes.