

Bedford Sports & Physical Activity Awards 2025

CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

1. Adult Personality of the Year (18yrs and over) – kindly sponsored by Jewson Partnership Solutions aims to celebrate athletes who compete with a high level of skill, show immense dedication and achieve success in their chosen sport in the last year. (The nominee should be over 18 on the day of deadline, 18 November 2025.)

- a. Achievement during the year e.g. level, competitions, any awards
- b. Commitment to their sport e.g. training schedule, dedication
- c. Potential e.g. development squad, recognition from NGB
- d. Contribution other than performing e.g. coaching, role model, club ambassador

2. Junior Personality of the Year (17yrs or under on day of deadline) – kindly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bedford Park aims to celebrate athletes who compete with a high level of skill, show immense dedication and achieve success in their chosen sport in the last year. (The nominee should be under 18 on the day of deadline, 18 November 2025.)

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- b. Commitment to their sport e.g. training schedule, dedication
- c. Potential e.g. development squad, recognition from NGB
- d. Contribution other than performing e.g. coaching, role model, club ambassador

3. Adult Disability Sports Personality of the Year (18yrs and over) – kindly sponsored by Manor Hospital, part of Circle Health Group This category is for individuals with a disability who take part in physical activity/sport. The other existing categories will be open to any nominees. For example, a coach working with adults who have a disability should be in the coach category. (The nominee should be over 18 on the day of deadline, 18 November 2025.)

- a. Shown great personal endeavour to overcome adversity and take part
- b. Dedication to their activity e.g. training, practice
- c. Potential to improve e.g. aspirations, moving forward
- d. How has being active changed their physical health and wellbeing?

4. Junior Disability Sports Personality of the Year (17yrs or under on day of deadline) – kindly sponsored by Gale Family Charity Trust This category is for individuals with a disability who take part in physical activity/sport. The other existing categories will be open to any nominees. For example, a coach working with a person who has a disability should be in the coach category. (The nominee should be under 18 on the day of deadline, 18 November 2025.)

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5. Club of the Year – kindly sponsored by Be Active aims to recognise the achievements of teams and individuals attached at sports clubs; they will have a club accreditation and a range of programmes available.

- a. Achievements of teams and individuals e.g. level, competitions, any awards
- b. Club accreditations e.g. club mark achieved or similar or working towards with NGB
- c. Range of programmes and new initiative e.g. Equity – age ranges, disability, gender
- d. Commitment to continuous development e.g. new members, coaches, volunteers

6. Community Person Award – kindly sponsored by Bedford Sports Foundation This category is aimed at an individual who has or is helping to increase participation in physical activity at a community level. It is open to nominees from all sports, including the growing range of physical activity, dance, exercise and healthy lifestyle activities providers in the Borough.

- a. Made a significant impact to the development of sport and physical activity in their community
- b. Open and accessible to all members of the community
- c. Sustainability of club e.g. promotion of achievements, training, fundraising
- d. Plans for the future e.g. commitment to education, recruitment, volunteers and coaches

7. Community Club / Group Award – kindly sponsored by Better, Bedford Leisure Facilities This category is aimed at groups who are helping to increase participation in physical activity at a community level. It is open to nominees from all sports, including the growing range of physical activity, dance, exercise and healthy lifestyle activities providers in the Borough.

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- b. Open and accessible to all members of the community
- c. Sustainability of club e.g. promotion of achievements, training, fundraising
- d. Plans for the future e.g. commitment to education, recruitment, volunteers and coaches

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- 8. Primary School of the Year** – kindly sponsored by *Times Tables Rock Stars* aims to recognise primary schools that engage pupils in regular physical activity and increase the staff and school PE profile.
- The engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity at least 30 minutes a day in school.
 - Increase confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport.
 - Profile of PE and sport being raised across the school as a tool for whole school improvement.
 - Shown continual commitment to school club links and working within the local community

- 9. Secondary School of the Year** – kindly supported by *Youth TV* aims to recognise secondary schools that engage pupils in regular physical activity and increase the staff and school PE profile.
- Gives its students a wide range of opportunities to participate in high quality PE and extra-curricular sport
 - Enables teams and/or individuals to make considerable improvements in sport
 - Commitment to continually improve the quality of sporting provision in their school
 - Shown continual commitment to school club links and working within the local community

- 10. Team of the Year** – kindly supported by *University of Bedfordshire* aims to celebrate teams who compete with a high level of skill, show dedication and have achieved success in their chosen sport in the last year.
- Achievement of team e.g. level, competitions, any awards
 - Commitment to development of the team e.g. links to schools, organisations
 - Commitment to training e.g. hours, continual professional development
 - Potential e.g. promotions, recognition from NGB

- 11. Coach of the Year** – kindly sponsored by *The Bedford College Group* aims to celebrate coaches who coach with a high level of skill, show dedication and achieves success with their team/individual in their chosen sport in the last year. This category is open to paid and unpaid coaches.
- Progress and development e.g. level of coaching award, competitions, individuals, team
 - Commitment to coaching e.g. hours, mentoring, support of other coaches/volunteers
 - Range of coaching e.g. sports, activities, disability
 - Evidence of coaches' progress e.g. continual professional development, recognition from NGB or other organisations

- 12. Unsung Hero** – kindly sponsored by *Harpur Trust* aimed at recognising administrators, adult volunteers and fundraisers.
- Main position and office held e.g. general duties and responsibilities undertaken
 - Dedication e.g. hours, mentoring, support
 - Progression and development e.g. links with organisations to support their initiatives
 - Length of service e.g. number of years, motivation to continue

- 13. Young Volunteer of the Year (17yrs or under on day of deadline)** – kindly sponsored by *Bedford Physical Education Old Students' Association* aims to recognise young volunteers working in schools, community groups, clubs or on their own. (The nominee should be under 18 on the day of deadline, 18 November 2025.)
- Commitment e.g. time spent volunteering weeks, months, different sports, activities
 - Achievement during year e.g. within local club, community, organisation or school
 - Progress and development e.g. aspirations, courses attended, and training received
 - Goals for next year e.g. targets set, new ventures, training opportunities

- 14. Service to Sport** – sponsored by *Bedford Borough Council* aims to recognise a person who has contributed significantly to their sport or club for over a minimum of 15 years.
- Contributed significantly to their sport/club over a long period of time
 - Local profile of nominee
 - Continually inspired and encouraged others during their involvement in their sport



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