





Date: Saturday 23rd February Time: 6.45pm Drinks Reception 7.30pm Awards Start (Drawing Office One) Venue: The Titanic Hotel, Queens Road, Belfast, BT3 9DT Dress Code: Formal/Evening Wear

The British Gymnastics Northern Ireland Awards provide an annual opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our members and the priceless contribution they make to gymnastics within Northern Ireland.

The purpose of the Awards and the event itself 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, Welfare Officers, Event Organisers, Tutors, Judges, Young Leaders and those in the education sector.

Winners will be presented with their award at the Awards Evening in conjunction with the Gymnastics Northern Ireland Gymnast of the Year Awards (separate nomination process).

Award Categories

- Northern Ireland Volunteer Award
- Northern Ireland Young Volunteer Award
- Northern Ireland Inclusive Gymnastics Award
- Northern Ireland Young Coach Award
- Northern Ireland Participation Coach Award
- Northern Ireland Performance Pathway Coach Award
- Northern Ireland Safeguarding Award
- Northern Ireland Services to Gymnastics Award (Lifetime Achievement Award)
- Northern Ireland Club of the Year Award

How to nominate:

Anyone can make a nomination by completing the appropriate nomination form. Paper forms can be downloaded from the Northern Ireland Awards Ceremony Events Page:

Home Page: Northern Ireland Awards Ceremony 2019

Once complete, forms must be returned via email to <u>olga.montgomery@british-gymnastics.org</u> or by post to: British Gymnastics, Room 11F04A, Sports Centre, UUJ, Shore Road, Newtownabbey, BT37 0QB

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Alternatively, online applications can be made by following the links to each specific category below:

NI Club of the Year Award 2019- Nomination Form

NI Inclusive Gymnastics Award 2019- Nomination Form

NI Participation Coach Award 2019- Nomination Form

NI Performance Pathway Coach Award 2019- Nomination Form

NI Safeguarding Award 2019- Nomination Form

NI Services to Gymnastics Award 2019- Nomination Form

NI Volunteer Award 2019- Nomination Form

NI Young Coach Award 2019- Nomination Form

NI Young Volunteer Award 2019- Nomination Form

GNI- Gymnast of the Year Award 2019- Nomination Form

GNI Special Recognition Award 2019- Nomination Form

All nominations must be received by **5pm on 7th December 2018**

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 criteria have been met within 2018.

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Volunteer Award

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 Award

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.

Inclusive Gymnastics Award

This award recognises an individual or organisation that has demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm to the development of gymnasts with a disability and the delivery of an inclusive gymnastics programme. *To be eligible, clubs or individuals must be members of British Gymnastics.*

Award Criteria:

- Made significant contribution to people with a disability through the delivery of a quality inclusive gymnastics programme.
- Has formed links to the wider community and Disability Organisations in order to engage with people with a disability.
- Has made a long term commitment to making gymnastics more accessible for people with a disability.

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Young Coach Award

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 Award

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 Award

(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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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.

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

Northern Ireland Club of the Year Award

The Northern Ireland Club award 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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