



Eligibility, Nominations and Judging Criteria

The following awards will be presented at the 57th ISPS Handa Halberg Awards:

- **Halberg Award (the 'supreme' award)**
- **ISPS Handa Sportsman of the Year**
- **High Performance Sport New Zealand Sportswoman of the Year**
- **ISPS Handa Para Athlete/Team of the Year**
- **ISPS Handa Team of the Year**
- **Buddle Findlay Coach of the Year**
- **SKY Sport Emerging Talent Award**

- Lifetime Achievement – contact awards@halberg.co.nz for details
- Sport New Zealand Leadership Award – managed by Sport New Zealand
- Sports Hall of Fame Induction – managed by NZ Sports Hall of Fame
- New Zealand's Favourite Sporting Moment – decided by public vote

The document below outlines the eligibility rules; the criteria on which each award is judged, and the nomination and judging processes for each award.

The awards are outlined in the following sections:

1. Major Award Categories (Sportsman, Sportswoman, Para Athlete/Team, Team, and Coach)
2. Emerging Talent Award
3. Life Achievement



1. Major Award Categories

a. Eligibility

General

- Only sporting achievements within the dates of 1 December 2018 – 30 November 2019, are eligible.
- Sporting achievements in New Zealand and overseas are eligible.
- The supreme Halberg Award winner is chosen from the winners of the Sportsman, Sportswoman, Para Athlete/Team & Team award categories.

i. Sportsman & Sportswoman

- Must be a New Zealand Citizen, or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.
(An athlete in a team is eligible for the Sportsman/woman category).

ii. Para Athlete/Team

- Must be a New Zealand Citizen, or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.
- Must hold a national or international classification in a Para sport, as an individual athlete or team. A team must be either:
 1. A New Zealand representative team (ie representing a NZ NSO), or
 2. A team that is a registered New Zealand entity.

(Two or more people competing in the same single event are considered a team, eg a rowing pair).
(Classified disabled athletes are only eligible for the Para Athlete/Team and the Emerging Talent awards - not Sportsman, Sportswoman or Team).

iii. Team

- Must be either:
 1. A New Zealand representative team (ie representing a NZ NSO), or
 2. A team that is a registered New Zealand entity.

(Two or more people competing in the same single event are considered a team, eg a rowing pair).

iv. Coach

- Must be a New Zealand Citizen, or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.
(New Zealanders coaching athletes/teams from other countries are eligible).



b. Criteria

The criteria for the supreme Halberg Award is:

The Halberg Award will be awarded to the individual athlete, athlete in a team, or team whose achievement represented excellence in sport at the highest level.

This criteria is initially applied to the Sportsman, Sportswoman, Para Athlete/Team & Team awards (which are all eligible for the supreme Halberg Award), as well as the Coach award.

The Voting Academy consider:

1. Regarding the achievement was it in that sport's 'pinnacle event' (eg Olympics, Paralympics, World Cup)
2. Regarding the achievement was it a world record, or world ranking or recognition (eg 'World Player of the Year')
3. The quality of the field / competition
4. The global nature of the sport
5. Para sport achievements only for a Para Athlete/Team nomination

Please note:

Re: (1.a) 'Pinnacle Events' – The Halberg Awards define Pinnacle, Major and Milestone events as follows*:

Pinnacle Event: A Pinnacle event is the most significant event in a sports four year competition calendar e.g. the Olympic / Paralympic Games or a World Cup or World Championship event that is held once every four years (e.g. Rugby World Cup, Netball World Cup, FIFA World Cup etc.).

Major Event: A Major event is the next most significant event (after a pinnacle event) in a sports four year competition calendar. These are other events that occur within a four year cycle that are considered major events (e.g. IAAF World Championships, Hockey World Cup, Basketball World Championships etc.).

Milestone Event: A Milestone event is the most significant event in a sports annual competition calendar. This includes annual World Championships and annual world level or domestic events.

*this aligns with High Performance Sport New Zealand's definition of Pinnacle, Major and Milestone events.

c. Nominations

Nominations:

- can be made only by National Sports Organisations or Nomination Panel
- for Para Athlete/Team will have their classifications verified by PNZ prior to judging
- must be made via the official online submission process and completed by 30th November 2019
- will be announced to NSOs and sporting bodies following the closing date

d. Voting

Nominations are considered and voted on by the Voting Academy.

The Voting Academy comprises 25 to 30 members, of which the majority are former elite athletes, coaches and/or sports administrators (who may still be currently involved), and the remainder being current sports media.



The Academy votes in two phases: the first to select the category finalists - judging completed by 3pm Monday 16th December 2019, and the second to select the category winners and supreme Halberg Award winner - judging completed by 3pm Tuesday 14th January 2020.

Voting is conducted by independent ballot and the results are unknown to Voting Academy members. The audit of the totalled votes is conducted by Deloitte.

2. Emerging Talent Category

The Emerging Talent Award is designed to identify and assist a young athlete in their quest to become an Olympic, Paralympic and/or World Champion, and hopefully one day win the supreme Halberg Award.

a. Eligibility

- Must be a New Zealand Citizen, or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa
- Must be an individual athlete or athlete in a team
- Must be under 20 years of age as of 1st December 2018 (beginning of the eligible period)
- Must not have achieved success at elite international level. Success at an elite international level is defined as having medalled at the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or Senior World Championships (or that sports equivalent competition). Dispensation can be sought in special circumstances e.g. a non-playing reserve
- Past winners of the Award are ineligible

b. Criteria

The Emerging Talent Award will be awarded to the individual athlete or athlete in a team, under the age of 20 as at 1 December 2018, who has the greatest potential to be an Olympic, Paralympic or World champion and a Halberg Award winner in the future.

Regarding the criteria, the Emerging Talent Voting Academy consider:

1. Past performance and achievement, including:
 - a. Significance of the athletes highest level performance or achievement
 - b. Significance of the competition or event where the highest level performance was achieved
 - c. Other performances or achievements of significance
 - d. Global nature of the sport



2. Future potential, including
 - a. Potential to achieve at the highest (elite) level.
 - b. Aspirations of the athlete and their qualities as a person, including:
 - i. What their dream and/or goals are
 - ii. How they are going to achieve their aspirations and/or goals
 - iii. What they are prepared to give up in pursuit of their aspirations and/or goals
 - iv. How they have responded to adversity
 - v. How they have performed under pressure

c. Nominations

Nominations:

- Must be made by National Sports Organisations or Nomination Board members.
- Are limited to one per National Sports Organisation.
- Must include the nominees one page statement
- Must be completed with as much information as possible relative to the past performance of the athlete and their potential to be an Olympic, Paralympic or World Champion.
- Must be submitted via the online process by 30 November 2019

d. Voting

Nominations are considered and voted on by the Emerging Talent Voting Academy.

The Emerging Talent Voting Academy comprises eight to ten members, who have considerable high performance sport experience. The vote takes place in two phases: the first to select the finalists, and the second to select the winner.

Any applications for special dispensation will be decided by the Emerging Talent Voting Academy.



3. Lifetime Achievement Award

a. Eligibility

Must be a New Zealand Citizen, or hold a Resident or Permanent Resident Visa.

b. Criteria

The Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded to an individual who over their lifetime has given outstanding service to sport as a competitor, administrator and/or coach, at local and/or national level and has not generally received national recognition. This is not intended to be a posthumous recognition.

c. Nominations

Nominations:

- May be made by Halberg Trustees, RSTs, NSOs, Clubs and the public.
- Must be on an official nomination form detailing the nominee's service and achievements. Available for download from the www.halbergawards.co.nz
- Can be made at any time. Only nominations received before 30th November are considered for that year's award.
- Unsuccessful nominations will be held and can be updated yearly. Please note that any nominations that have not been updated for three years will not be considered.

d. Voting

Nominations are judged by Halberg Trustees. The winner is announced at the ISPS Handa Halberg Awards.