

# LEEDS SPORTS AWARDS

# 2023

## AWARDS & CRITERIA

### GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

To be eligible, the nominee must have been born, or reside, or train and, or compete for a club within Leeds City Council boundaries.

### PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION

One year period running January 2022 – December 2022.

### NOMINEES AGE

Unless stated the award is open to person(s) of all ages. Where an age is stipulated this is the person(s) age as of 31st December 2022

### ATHLETES of the City

#### Disability Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year (18+):

This award celebrates the best of Leeds' disability sporting talent. The winner of this award will have achieved success at a national or international level. Athletes from all recognised sports aged over 18 years are eligible for this award.

**Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year (18+):** This award celebrates the best of Leeds' sporting talent. The winner of this award will have achieved success at a national or international level. Athletes from all recognised sports aged over 18 years are eligible for this award.

**Young Disability Sportsperson of the Year (U18):** This award recognises the hard work and success achieved by the young sportsmen and women in disability sport. Nominees will have achieved significant success at city, county, regional, national or international level.

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### BEACONS of the City

**Active Schools:** This award recognises schools, school clubs, school groups and/or an individual pupil, teacher or assistant who have made a significant contribution to school sport or physical education in Leeds, through activity programmes, significant achievement, or one-off event.

**Outstanding Service to Sport:** This accolade is awarded to an individual/s who has demonstrated total commitment and dedication to their sport, or sport in general, over a considerable period of time. They should be an ambassador for sport at a recognised level.

**Participation Coach of the Year:** This award recognises the important and inspirational role of coaches, who work with amateur clubs and athletes at grassroots level in Leeds.

**Participation Team/Club of the Year:** This award recognises and celebrates outstanding achievements by a community club competitively and/ or through their development of a strong ethos of being welcoming, growing participation and being inclusive throughout their club.

**Student Sport Champion/s:** This award recognises student sports clubs, teams or individual athletes who have achieved success at regional, national or international level and/or contributed significantly to their community through voluntary activities, such as fundraising and community coaching. Nominees must be in full time education and studying for a recognised qualification in Leeds.

### CHAMPIONS of the City

**Inclusivity Champion/s NEW:** This award recognises and celebrates a club or organisation that has created and developed an outstanding sporting environment in which diversity and inclusivity is at the heart of everything they do.

**Inspirational Community Champion/s:** This award recognises and celebrates an individual, group or club who have inspired, motivated or supported others to stay active or become active in their neighbourhood or community.

**Performance Coach of the Year:** This award recognises the important and inspirational role of a coach. The winner of this award will be coaching at a performance level and/ or coaching athletes or a team preparing for national and international sporting competition.

**Performance Team/Club of the Year:** This award recognises and celebrates outstanding success of a Leeds based club or organisation performing in a recognised sport competing in a national or international context.

The Leeds Sports Awards judging panel comprises of independent bodies. The judges' decision as to the winner and/or highly commended is final. No correspondence relating to the awards will be entered into.