



Sussex Sports Awards 2008 Nomination Pack



Introduction

The Sussex County Sports Partnership is delighted to invite you to make your nominations for the fifth Sussex Sports Awards to be held on **Friday 21 November 2008** at the **Hilton Brighton Metropole**.

The Sussex Sports Awards presentation evening is one of the most important events in the Sussex sporting diary, and feeds in to both the regional BBC South East Awards and prestigious national **BBC Sports Awards**.

In this Olympic year, and with 2012 drawing ever closer, these awards are becoming increasingly more high profile and we plan to make this year's event the most impressive yet!

It's not only the athletes who deserve recognition for their talents, endeavour and hard work. Our Awards applaud the people behind the success too - the coaches, officials, volunteers, sports professionals, parents, and clubs who support and nurture the talent of the future - and on whom, our athletes depend.

This year we have been thrilled by the successes of local athletes competing at the highest levels - at the **2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics**. To celebrate, we will honour the achievements of both past and present Sussex-based Olympians and Paralympians as well as local champions of sport in a glittering presentation evening, - attended by local celebrities and sporting heroes and hosted by a sports personality.

Finally, the evening will also aim to raise funds through a raffle for **St Peter and St James Hospice**, based in Chailey East Sussex, in memory of **Jim Thompson** - who coached many football teams at all levels across Sussex - and who sadly lost his battle with cancer this year, after a lifetime dedicated to coaching young people.

Further details about the Award categories, nomination criteria and process are provided for your information. We look forward to receiving your nominations by the deadline of **noon on 17 October 2008**.

If you would like to attend the Awards evening, be sure to reserve your place early and order tickets in advance. Tickets are priced at £20 each to include a 3 course meal and wine. Contact Stephanie Mizon at smizon@brighton.ac.uk or on 01273 644153 to book.

Best regards

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P.S. If you or your organisation would be interested in supporting this great celebration of sporting achievement, please contact me to discuss the various sponsorship options available.



Sussex Sports Awards 2008



Event Description	Linked to the regional South East Sports Awards and prestigious national BBC Sports Awards, the Sussex Sports Awards aim to recognise the wealth of sporting talent, reward outstanding sporting achievements and applaud contributions to sport across the county – whether from athletes, clubs, coaches or volunteers.
When?	Friday 21 November 2008
Where?	Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel, Brighton Oxford Suite – capacity 750
Award Categories 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation in Sport (Education) • Innovation in Sport (Business scheme) • Sports Development Professional of the Year • Coach of the Year • Young Coach of the Year • Volunteer of the Year • Young Volunteer of the Year • Unsung Hero Award • Club of the Year • Team of the Year • Young Team of the Year • Disabled Sports Personality of the Year • Young Sports Personality of the Year • Sports Personality of the Year • Lifetime Achievement Award <p><i>Bold type denotes feeder categories to BBC awards</i></p>
Nominations Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations will be opened officially on 14 September 2008 and closed at noon on 17 October 2008 • Nominations should preferably be submitted online or alternatively via mail or email. See the 'Nomination Guidelines' on page 6. Nomination Form is on page 7.
Selection of Winners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominated candidates will be assessed against agreed and documented criteria by a panel of judges. • The General Public will be invited to vote for two of the award categories, which will be promoted via local press and radio. • Shortlisted nominees will be contacted by 7 November and invited to attend the Awards night as our guest.

The Sussex Sports Awards 2008 Categories and Criteria

Club of the Year

This Club is Clubmark accredited or has attained accreditation from its National Governing Body e.g. CAPS, Charter Standard, Swim21 etc. It is able to evidence success in and out of competition through ongoing development of participation within its community. It has strong school and community links and is a fully inclusive club that welcomes and caters for people from all backgrounds. This award is intended to honour clubs that are not of a professional status but who benefit the locality in an exceptional way.

Team of the Year – *for teams with members who are aged over 21*

Based in Sussex, the Team of the Year will be the one that has achieved the most notable performance in Sussex sport or above. The winning team may not necessarily be competing at a national standard. Evidence will demonstrate how the team's achievements can be distinguished from others in this category.

Young Team of the Year – *for teams with members who are aged under 21*

This award is open to nominations from either Community or Education. Based in Sussex, the Team of the Year will be the one that has achieved the most notable performance in Sussex sport or above. The winning team may not necessarily be competing at a national standard. Evidence will demonstrate how the team's achievements can be distinguished from others in this category.

Innovation in Sport (Education)

Sponsored by University of Chichester

Nominations for this award can be for a new and innovative project out of curriculum or study time lead by a school, FE college or University. The project should have engaged new young people in a sports or physical activity programme. Supporting information should include evidence of numbers of young people involved and community links that the project has made.

Innovation in Sport (Business)

This is for a commercial business that has shown innovation in the workplace. This could be an employer that ordinarily doesn't have sports development as its core business, and has developed initiatives that either directly provides increased access to sports and physical activity for its employees, or has made links to external partners in order to raise participation in the community.

Coach of the Year – *for an individual who is aged over 21*

The active paid or volunteer coach who wins this award will be Level 2 qualified or above and can demonstrate a commitment to Continuous Professional Development, having attended training courses in the past year. This person may be coaching in a community sports club or clubs, and mentors other coaches. Supporting evidence must demonstrate how the coach has made an impact on sport in Sussex.

Young Coach of the Year – *for an individual who is aged between 16-21*

This young person will be Level 1 qualified or above and shows great passion, aptitude and has a talent for coaching. They will have also attended at least one Continuous Professional Development course such as "Safeguarding and Child Protection" or "Equity in your Coaching". They should be coaching in a community or after school setting and may coach alongside a more qualified coach in order to improve their skills.

Volunteer of the Year – *for an individual who is aged over 21*

Sponsored by BAA Gatwick

The Volunteer of the Year is not a coach and is unpaid. They are a sporting enthusiast who is intrinsic to their sport or club, giving great time and effort. Whether a transport coordinator, treasurer, scorer, official, administrator, driver, website manager, cake-maker or general helper this person's enthusiasm, sparkle and loyalty should be highlighted. With devotion and professionalism their efforts over the past year mean they are more than deserving of this accolade. Supporting evidence must make reference to the number of hours this person has committed to sport over the last year.

Young Volunteer of the Year – *for an individual who is aged 16-21*

Sponsored by BAA Gatwick

The Volunteer of the Year is not a coach and is unpaid. This person needs to have all the qualities shown in the Volunteer of the Year. Supporting information must provide evidence of number of hours this young person has committed to sport over the last year.

Unsung Hero Award – *for an individual who is aged over 21*

This prestigious honour goes to a current volunteer who has contributed their time and talents for free to enable others to participate in sport in Sussex over years and probably decades. They could be from a national governing body, a club, a sports related organisation, a facility or perhaps linked to education. This person will not have won this Sussex Sports Award in previous years. Evidence will demonstrate the extent of the nominee's contribution.

Sports Personality of the Year – *for an individual who is aged over 21*

This prestigious award will be given to the sportsman or woman who has made an outstanding contribution when competing for a home nation's team over the last year. Non-playing coaches or management are not eligible. They will have played a significant amount of their sport in the UK and their core achievements for the year were gained in the UK. Supporting evidence must clearly specify their achievement in their sport.

Young Sports Personality of the Year – *for an individual who is aged under 21*

This elite performer must have shown impressive achievement and improvement over the past year fulfilling their potential. This young person is competing at the top of their sport nationally being a member of a home nation's development squad or above. They will have played a significant amount of their sport in the UK and core achievements for the year were gained in the UK. Supporting evidence must clearly specify their achievement in their sport.

Disabled Sports Personality of the Year

Sponsored by Mid Sussex District Council

This high performing disabled sports person would have shown dedication and commitment to their sport. This individual with a physical or sensory impairment or who may have a learning difficulty will have played a considerable amount of their sport in the UK, demonstrating their exceptional sporting ability at a national level or above in the last year. Supporting evidence must clearly specify their achievement in their sport.

Sports Development Professional of the Year – *for an individual who is aged 18+*

Sponsored by Sport England

This award puts the spotlight on any current paid individual in the sports development profession e.g. from national governing bodies, education, health sector, youth sector, local authorities or other sporting agencies. Supporting evidence needs to demonstrate the impact that this person has made in making a difference to communities over the last year e.g. how they have raised participation, secured funding, coped with change or developed innovative but sustainable projects. This person is also not eligible for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented by St Peter and St James' Hospice in memory of Jim Thompson

As this is a new category, in future years, this person will have not have won this Sussex Sports Award before. The award honours a current paid professional who has made a major impact on the world of sport in Sussex during their lifetime (20 years or over). Evidence will demonstrate this person has been a key "mover and shaker" over the years, driving change and influencing policy. They will be well respected having mentored and supported colleagues over their career. This person is also not eligible for Sports Development Professional of the Year.

The Sussex Sports Awards 2008 Nomination Guidelines

- 1.** Nominations must be made with a supporting statement of up to a maximum of 350 words with key reasons for the nomination being detailed in line with the criteria. No additional supporting evidence will be accepted that is not contained on the nomination form.
- 2.** Entries received after 12pm (noon) on Friday 17 October 2008 will not be entered for judging, and it will not be possible to shortlist the nominee. Entries should be made preferably online but can be faxed or sent by post. An acknowledgement of receipt of the nomination will be sent by the SCSP.
- 3.** Nominees must be resident or actively involved in sports development within the boundaries of East or West Sussex County Councils or Brighton & Hove City Council.
- 4.** Nominees must be within the age ranges on the 21 November 2008 as stated in the category for each relevant criteria.
- 5.** Nominees have to be from a sport or sports recognised by Sport England or be involved in a sports project from a sport or sports recognised by Sport England.
- 6.** With the exception of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" and the "Unsung Hero Award", previous winners can be nominated but all nominees' activities should relate to the past year (Nov 07 – Nov 08).
- 7.** Those making nominations must be 16 years or over on 17 October 2008.
- 8.** Nominees cannot nominate themselves or be nominated by an immediate member of their family (siblings/parents/guardians/children).
- 9.** There is no limit to the number of nominations from an individual, club or organisation and individuals can be nominated in more than one category.
- 10.** All those being shortlisted for a Sussex Sports Award, where applicable, will be submitted to the BBC Awards giving a further opportunity to win at a regional and national level.
- 11.** Nominations are actively encouraged from the disability sports arena for all categories.
- 12.** By attending the awards ceremony you are agreeing for your image to be used in press and publicity features.
- 13.** The top three shortlisted nominees in each category will each receive a VIP ticket and one free guest ticket.
- 14.** Each club or team nominated will be allocated four VIP tickets for representatives. Any additional tickets can be purchased at £20 per ticket.
- 15.** The judging panel will consist of high level sports representatives across a variety of sport settings who will use a scoring system to assess applications. The panel's decision is final.

Nominations should preferably be submitted via the online form on our website at www.sussexsport.org. Alternatively completed nomination forms can be emailed to sussexsport@brighton.ac.uk or sent to: The Sussex Sports Awards, Sussex County Sports Partnership Trust, Dallington House, University of Brighton, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9PH, before the deadline of Friday 17 October 2008, 12pm (noon).

Sussex Sports Awards 2008 Nomination Form

* These fields must be completed for your nomination to be accepted

Nominator name*	
Nominator date of birth *	
Nominator address *	
Nominator postcode *	
Nominator email address	
Nominator contact number *	
Nominator club or organisation (if applicable) *	
Nominator role *	
Nominee name *	
Nominee age as at 17 October *	
Nominee address *	
Nominee postcode	
Nominee email address	
Nominee contact number *	
Nominee club or organisation *	
Nominee involvement or role*	
Award nominated for * (please circle or bold the text of the relevant category)	<p>Club of the Year Team of the Year</p> <p>Young Team of the Year Innovation in Sport (Education)</p> <p>Innovation in Sport (Business) Coach of the Year</p> <p>Young Coach of the Year Volunteer of the Year</p> <p>Young Volunteer of the Year Unsung Hero Award</p> <p>Sports Personality of the Year Young Sports Personality of the Year</p> <p>Disabled Sport Personality of the Year Sports Development Professional of the Year</p> <p>Lifetime Achievement Award</p>

Reason for nomination *

Please provide as much detail as you can based on the criteria and guidelines given, as this statement forms the basis of the information for the judging panel.

Maximum of 350 words, please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Nominator's signature: _____

Date: _____

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