



General Information &  
Awards Categories



## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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- Nominees must be current Gymnastics Ireland members – membership numbers of nominees must be provided with submission of nomination.
- Nominations are to be submitted by Gymnastics Ireland members/member clubs only, with the exception of awards as nominated/appointed by the awarding panel/Gymnastics Ireland management. Membership numbers of those nominating must also be provided with submission of nomination.
- Nominations will only be accepted on official nomination forms or via Survey Monkey with all information requested completed.
- The factors included in the award categories description should be addressed when completing nominations.
- Nominations should be for the calendar years 2020/2021, exceptions may be made for 'Special Recognition' awards.
- Nominations are considered & selected by the Gymnastics Ireland awarding panel. Certain awards will be by direct appointment by the panel based on specific achievements and others will be considered from a shortlist of nominees submitted by the membership. The awarding method is defined for each category as per section 2 'Award Categories' in this document.
- Some winners will automatically be announced, but in other cases and based on the calibre of entries, Gymnastics Ireland may decide to shortlist to 3 finalists, with the winner being announced on the night.
- Gymnastics Ireland will invite at its cost all winners, which will include in the case of individual winners two tickets (winner + 1 guest ticket) and in the case of clubs, two tickets per club. Additional tickets can then be purchased whereby, for example, a club will have the opportunity to take an additional 8/10 tickets thereby securing a full table of 10/12 persons at the evening (ticket prices TBC shortly).

- Timeframe...
  - Tuesday 5th October: Award categories and nomination process information released
  - Monday 18th October: Deadline for nominations
  - Monday 25th October: Announcement of winners/shortlisted finalists
  - Saturday 20th November: National Awards Evening



## 2. AWARDS CATEGORIES

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### *2.1 Awards open for nomination by membership*

#### **GymSTART Coach of the Year**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'GymSTART Coach of the Year' award for 2020/2021 will be an individual who has demonstrated key skill and ability in the development and running of a solid participation-based club programming. This award is open to nomination from the membership. Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Type of programme
- Achievement(s) during calendar year relevant
- Significance of achievement(s)

#### **National Series Coach of the Year**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'National Series Coach of the Year' award for 2020/2021 will be an individual who has demonstrated key skill and ability in the development and running of a solid development/competitive based club programme. This award is open to nomination from the membership.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Type of programme
- Achievement(s) during calendar year relevant
- Significance of achievement(s)

#### **GymABLE Coach of the Year**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'National Series Coach of the Year' award for 2020/2021 will be an individual who is demonstrated key skill and ability in the development and running of a solid inclusive club programme. This award is open to nomination from the membership.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Type of programme
- Achievement(s) during calendar year relevant
- Significance of achievement(s)

#### **Unsung Hero**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Unsung Hero' award for 2020/2021 will be an individual who makes a massive contribution to the sport of gymnastics at club or national level and that goes above & beyond to put back into the sport. This category may be of particular relevance given the impact of Covid-19 on our sport and the huge efforts that had to be made to ensure our sport survived



the pandemic. The recipient of this award may be a club staff or Board/committee member, coach, judge, helper, etc.

This award applies to achievements within the calendar years 2020/2021 as priority however achievements throughout the years may also be considered.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Achievement(s) demonstrating as above
- Significance of achievement(s)

### **Club of the Year 2020/2021**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Club of the Year' award for 2020/2021 will be a club that has demonstrated an innovative and successful club programme, particularly in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Summary of programme
- Engagement with national programmes (e.g. GymSTART)
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)

### **Virtual Club Engagement 2020/2021**

This award is designed to recognise the huge efforts clubs made in terms of creative virtual club programmes/activities to ensure members remained engaged during 2020/2021 particularly through various periods of Covid-19 lockdown.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Description of engagement(s)
- Link in with national virtual engagements/activities (e.g. GymSTART takeover, Dancefunk challenge etc.
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)

### **GymABLE Inclusive Club 2020/2021**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'GymABLE Inclusive Club' award will go to a club that has demonstrated a successful and engaging inclusive club programme during the period 2020/2021, particularly in the context of Covid-19.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Demonstration of inclusivity of programme (e.g. programme focussing on inclusion related to special needs, gender, race, age etc...)
- Links with relevant external organisations promoting inclusivity
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)



## **Innovative Club of the Year**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Innovative Club of the Year' award for 2020/2021 will be a club that has demonstrated a unique project or programme within their club during the calendar year. Member clubs have the opportunity to tell us about something they have done/implemented within their club that they believe is unique and has greatly benefited the club and again can be related to the club's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Demonstration of unique programme/project (for example could be related to the gymnastics programme or a new club management tool that has been put in place)
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)

## *2.2 Awards made by direct appointment*

### **Gymnast of the Year**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Gymnast of the Year' award for 2020/2021 will be awarded to an individual who has hit a standout performance or achieved a historic result within the calendar year. This award is made by direct appointment by the awarding panel based on submissions by Gymnastics Ireland management and is not open to nomination.

### **Rising Star**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Rising Star' award for 2020/2021 will be an individual under 18 years of age who has hit a standout performance or achieved a historic result within the calendar year that demonstrated ability to deliver significant international results for Ireland at senior international level in years to come. This award is made by direct appointment by the awarding panel based on submissions by Gymnastics Ireland management and is not open to nomination.

### **Coach of the Year - International**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Coach of the Year – International' award for 2020/2021 will be an individual who has coached a gymnast who has delivered key international results or been a key player in producing stand-out international results within the calendar year. This award is made by direct appointment by the awarding panel based on submissions by Gymnastics Ireland management and is not open to nomination.

### **Young Coach of the Year - National**

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Young Coach of the Year – National' award for 2020/2021 will be an individual who is demonstrating skill and potential as a coach within the national system. This award is made by direct appointment by the awarding panel based on submissions by Gymnastics Ireland management and is not open to nomination.



## Special Recognition

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Special Recognition' award(s) for 2020/2021 will be awarded to individuals who have delivered a service for the sport that deserves special recognition including recognition related to the Covid-19 pandemic response. These awards will be made by direct appointment by the awarding panel based on submissions by Gymnastics Ireland management and are not open to nomination.

*Please Note: The awarding panel may seek clarifications resulting from nominations from clubs/GI management to verify details submitted.*

## Club Governance

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Club Governance' award for 2020/2021 will be a club that has demonstrated the implementation of good governance principals to ensure the ongoing development of their club including recognition related to the Covid-19 pandemic response. This award is made by direct appointment by the awarding panel based on submissions by Gymnastics Ireland management and is not open to nomination.

## Club Social & Digital Content

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Club Social & Digital Media Content' award for 2020/2021 will be a Club that has demonstrated successful member engagement and promotion of club activities through the use of social/digital media within the calendar year. This award is made by direct appointment by the awarding panel based on submissions by Gymnastics Ireland management and is not open to nomination.

## Safe Club of the Year

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Safe Club of the Year' award for 2020/2021 will be a club that has demonstrated the successful implementation of policy, procedure, and systems to provide a safe club environment including recognition related to the Covid-19 pandemic response. This award is made by direct appointment by the awarding panel based on submissions by Gymnastics Ireland management and is not open to nomination.

Deadline for nominations is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Nominations are to be submitted online via Survey Monkey ([click here](#)) or by downloading the nominations form and sending via e-mail at [ask@gymnasticsireland.com](mailto:ask@gymnasticsireland.com) or post to *Gymnastics Ireland, Sports HQ Sport Ireland Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.*