



**General Information &
Awards Categories**



1. General Information

- 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 year 2017, 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...
 - Friday 15th September: Award categories and nomination process information released
 - Deadline for nominations Sunday 1st October
 - Announcement of winners/shortlisted finalists by Friday the 6th of October
 - National Awards Evening Saturday 18th November



2. Award Categories

Gymnast of the Year

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Gymnast of the Year' award for 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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 2017 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.

Coach of the Year - Club

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Coach of the Year - Club' award for 2017 will be an individual who is demonstrating key skill and ability in the development and running of a solid club programme either competitive, participation-based or both within the calendar year. 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 2017 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. The recipient of this award may be an administrator, coach, judge, helper etc.

This award applies to achievements within the calendar year 2017 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)

Competitive Club of the Year

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Competitive Club' award for 2017 will be a club that has attained significant competitive level success within the calendar year as demonstrated by key results.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Level of competition i.e. regional, national or international
- Type of competition i.e. regional, national or international
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)

Non-Competitive Club of the Year

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Non-Competitive Club of the Year' award for 2017 will be a club that has demonstrated a successful and engaged club programme at participation/recreational level within the calendar year.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

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

Display Club of the Year

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Display Club of the Year' award for 2017 will be a club that has demonstrated a successful and engaging club display programme within the calendar year.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Level of Display performance i.e. club, regional, national or international
- Type of Display performance i.e. individual, group etc...
- Engagement with national participation programmes (e.g. The Floor)
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)

Inclusive Club of the Year

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Inclusive Club of the Year' award for 2017 will be a club that has demonstrated a successful and engaging inclusive club programme within the calendar year.

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)

Safe Club of the Year

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Safe Club of the Year' award for 2017 will be a club that has demonstrated the successful implementation of policy, procedure and systems to provide a safe club environment.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Demonstration of implementation of key Gymnastics Ireland national policies and procedures targeted at creating a safe club environment
- Initiatives developed by the club in addition to Gymnastics Ireland national policies
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)

Innovative Club of the Year

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Innovative Club of the Year' award for 2017 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.

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)

Club Social & Digital Content

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Club Social & Digital Media Content' award for 2017 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.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Level of online activity
- Type of online activity
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)

Club Governance

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Club Governance' award for 2017 will be a club that has demonstrated the implementation of good governance principals to ensure the ongoing development of their club.

Factors to consider in completing nominations include:

- Club governance structure
- Future best practice governance developments planned
- Achievement(s) over the period
- Significance of achievement(s)

Special Recognition

The Gymnastics Ireland 'Special Recognition' award(s) for 2017 will be awarded to individuals who have delivered a service for the sport that deserves special recognition. 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.

*Deadline for nominations is...
Sunday 1st OCTOBER 2017*

Nominations are to be submitted via...
Email: ask@gymnasticsireland.com
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