

TFAP AWARDS 2024

The Female Athlete Project is excited to announce the 2024 TFAP Awards. These awards are set to amplify, recognise and celebrate Australian athletes' achievements in sports. The TFAP team will work together to elevate the achievements, voices and stories of athletes, grassroots administrators, coaches and key people who foster a broader impact on and off the field. These awards are open to all women, including non-binary individuals who identify with and contribute to the women's sports community.

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2024 TFAP Athlete of the Year

Eligibility period: July 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024 | Nominations open: Sept 19 - Oct 11, 2024

Voting for nominees: Oct 14 - Nov 1, 2024 | Winners announced: Sunday 3rd Nov, 2024

Full criteria for each award is set out below.

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Grassroots Guardian

This award recognizes an outstanding individual who excels in and contributes to their local sports community. It honours someone who stands out not only for their achievements in their sport but also for their dedication to supporting and enhancing the community around them. Known for their commitment both on and off the field, they embody the true spirit and values of sportsmanship. This person may not earn a living from their sport and could be balancing other full-time employment.

The Rising Tide

At The Female Athlete Project, we are firm believers in the phrase ‘a rising tide lifts all boats’. This athlete has gone above and beyond by leveraging their influence and platform to support and uplift others, whether through fundraising, advocacy, or active involvement in causes that benefit athletes and the wider community. Their commitment to enhancing the lives of others and promoting positive change in the sports world exemplifies the spirit of generosity and leadership.

Outstanding Official

This award recognises an individual—whether a coach or manager, referee or umpire, CEO or leader in a sports organisation—who has been a champion for advancing women in sports. The recipient has demonstrated exceptional commitment to supporting athletes through their professional role. This individual has made a significant impact in shifting public perception of female athletes and has contributed meaningfully to raising awareness at the corporate and media levels, warranting special recognition.

The Return

This award celebrates an athlete who has demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination in overcoming significant challenges to make a triumphant return to their sport. The recipient has shown outstanding perseverance, courage, and dedication, turning adversity into an amazing comeback that has captivated us all and helped to motivate others to pursue their goals.

One to Watch

Get excited for “the next big thing”. This award celebrates the next gen Australian sporting star who is making a significant impact in their chosen sport. This athlete may have already achieved remarkable success, whether on local or international stages or they might be just starting out. Displaying immense potential, the one to watch is destined for big things. We recognise them not only for their athletic achievements but also for their determination, courage, and burgeoning leadership skills. This athlete encourages others to chase their dreams, stay involved in sports, and believe that anything is possible.

Team of the Year

This award recognises a team that has demonstrated outstanding performance and improvement over the past 16 months. They have excelled in their sport, consistently competing at the highest level throughout the eligibility period. Their achievements on the field are complemented by their exemplary sportsmanship and positive contributions off the field, reflecting a commitment to both excellence and integrity.

Moment of the Year

A significant and highly memorable sporting moment that sent the country into a frenzy, or created significant national conversation. This award is given to a moment in play, as the result of a single game or season, or to acknowledge a major moment that captured the public's attention. The team or individual had an extraordinary victory (or moment) in their game/competition/race/season that got Australia talking both on social media, in conventional media and in pubs, clubs and parks around the nation. It changed the perception of the team or individual, and in turn the sport, empowering women and/or putting their chosen sport on the social media agenda.

Impactful Storyteller

This award recognises a journalist or media personality who has excelled in covering women in sport and highlighting the stories of female athletes. This individual has demonstrated exceptional skill in bringing attention to women's sports through insightful reporting, compelling storytelling, and a commitment to elevating female athletes' achievements and challenges. Their work has significantly contributed to greater visibility and understanding of women's sports, fostering a more inclusive and equitable media landscape.

Hall of Fame

This award honours individuals who have reached the pinnacle of their sport and made significant contributions during their competitive career. Inducted into the TFAP Awards Hall of Fame, this athlete has inspired the nation with their performance and shown remarkable courage and sportsmanship over an extended period. The nominee must have consistently been a strong advocate for women in sports, significantly enhancing the visibility of female athletes. Even after retirement, they have continued to contribute to their sport or to the broader athletic community, sharing their expertise and mentoring emerging talent.

TFAP Athlete of the Year

This award is for the best of the best: the nation's top sportswoman. Recognising an athlete who has achieved exceptional results at both national and international levels. This individual has demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and made significant contributions to their sport, serving as a leader and role model. They have excelled in their field, advocated for women in sports, and captivated the nation with their achievements.