Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing Matt Conlan has announced nominations are now open for the 2014 Northern Territory Sports Awards.

“The Northern Territory Sports Awards are our premier sporting event recognising the contribution of those involved in sport Territory wide on and off the field,” Mr Conlan said.

“The Awards celebrate our great athletes and teams but also those who go the extra mile behind the scenes to reach success such as our coaches, volunteers and administrators.

“It’s a night when sporting rivalries are set aside and as always the highlight is the NT Sportsperson of the Year Award, which last year was won by hockey player, Joel Carroll.

“The NT Government is a proud supporter of Territory sport and will continue to encourage sporting development to help build a confident culture where Territorians enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle.

“I encourage all sporting organisations and clubs to get involved and nominate the people that deserve recognition for their extraordinary achievements or efforts.”

For the first time, the gala event will be held in Katherine at the Godinymayin Yijard River Arts and Culture Centre on Saturday 29 March 2014.

“Katherine is one of the Territory’s iconic towns and has a rich sporting history producing champions such as Tour de France cycling king, Cadel Evans and current Parramatta Eels player Luke Kelly,” Mr Conlan said.

“All sporting clubs and organisations throughout the NT should have the opportunity to share in this important event, so the Awards will now be shared between our main regional centres of Alice Springs, Darwin and Katherine.

“The Steve Abala Role Model, a non-nominated award, will also now have a whole of Territory approach and recognise achievements by Territorians regardless of which region they are from.”

The NT Sports Awards were first started in 1973 by the Northern Territory Sportsman’s Association before the Department of Sports and Recreation took over in the late1980s. The Department has once again taken carriage of the Awards following on from the NT Major Events Company management of the event for the past three years.


Nominations for the 2014 Awards close on 31 January 2014.
Nomination forms are available from www.ntsportsawards.com.au

Nominations categories include:
- NT Sportsperson of the Year Award
- NT News - NT Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Carlton and United Breweries - Masters Sportsperson of the Year
- NT Team of the Year
- Carlton and United Breweries - Eric Johnston Coach of the Year
- Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing - Official’s Award
- Centralian Advocate - Volunteer of the Year
- 104.1 Territory FM - Local Performance of the Year

Nomination forms and supporting documents must be mailed to:
2014 NT Sports Awards
NT Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing
GPO Box 1448
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Sponsors interested in being involved in the event can also contact the Department on 8982 2306.

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