Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing Matt Conlan has announced nominations are now open for the 2015 Northern Territory Sports Awards.

“The Northern Territory Sports Awards are our premier sporting event recognising the contribution of those involved in sport right across the Territory both 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 this year was won by hockey player, Brooke Peris.

“The Giles Government is encouraging sporting development to help build a confident culture where Territorians enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle.

“Our $7.2million Sport Voucher Scheme is a significant investment in Territory sport that is helping to grow participation at the grassroots level and developing our future sporting champions.

“The 2014 Sports Awards saw a record 91 nominations received and I encourage all sporting organisations and clubs to get involved and once again nominate the people that deserve recognition for their extraordinary achievements for the 2015 NT Sports Awards.”

The 2015 NT Sports Awards will be held in Darwin on Friday 27 March 2015. The Awards celebrate major sporting achievements in the Territory from 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2014.

The 2015 Awards will welcome a new non-nominated Award recognising a Territory sporting initiative that has raised awareness about domestic and family violence prevention.

Nominations for the 2015 Awards close on 30 January 2015. Nominations can be made online at: www.ntsportsawards.com.au

The award categories are:

Nominated Awards:
- NT Sportsperson of the Year
- NT News NT Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- NT Masters Sportsperson of the Year
- Coleman's Printing 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

**Non-nominated Awards:**

- NT Hall of Champions
- NT Roll of Honour
- Steve Abala Role Model - The 'Administrator's Medal'
- Action Against Domestic Violence Award

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