No horsin’ around – first class guest speaker for 2016 NT Sports Awards

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Olympic gold medallist equestrian Gillian Rolton will be the special guest speaker at this year’s Northern Territory Sports Awards.

One of Australia’s most accomplished riders and the first Australian female to win an Olympic medal in equestrian sports, Gillian Rolton’s riding career has spanned more than 40 years.

“It is a thrill and an absolute honour to have Gillian speaking at this year’s awards,” Sport and Recreation Minister Gary Higgins said.

“She is a first class athlete who is now an International Judge and coach and runs Australia’s biggest Annual Equestrian Event. She has been inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, has an Order of Australia and won team Gold in the Atlanta and Barcelona Olympics.

“I’m sure she will entertain and inspire our sporting community when it comes together in Alice Springs for the Awards in April this year.”

Ms Rolton is looking forward to the Awards.

“I love returning to Alice Springs where I have both coached and judged over the years,” she said.

“I am very excited to be involved in the NT Sports Awards as it is important to recognise athletes, officials, volunteers on their achievements and to encourage them to keep chasing their dreams.”

Nominations are still open for the Awards which will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre.

“There’s still time to get in your nomination for the sports person, coach, official, volunteer, team, junior or masters athlete you think deserve recognition for their sporting efforts,” Mr Higgins said.

“Let everyone know of someone great who should be acknowledged for their excellence, their enthusiasm, their commitment – nominating that person is a fantastic way to give them plaudits for their efforts.”

Nominations are open until 29 January and can be completed online at www.ntsportsawards.com.au

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