



ORKNEY SPORTS AWARDS

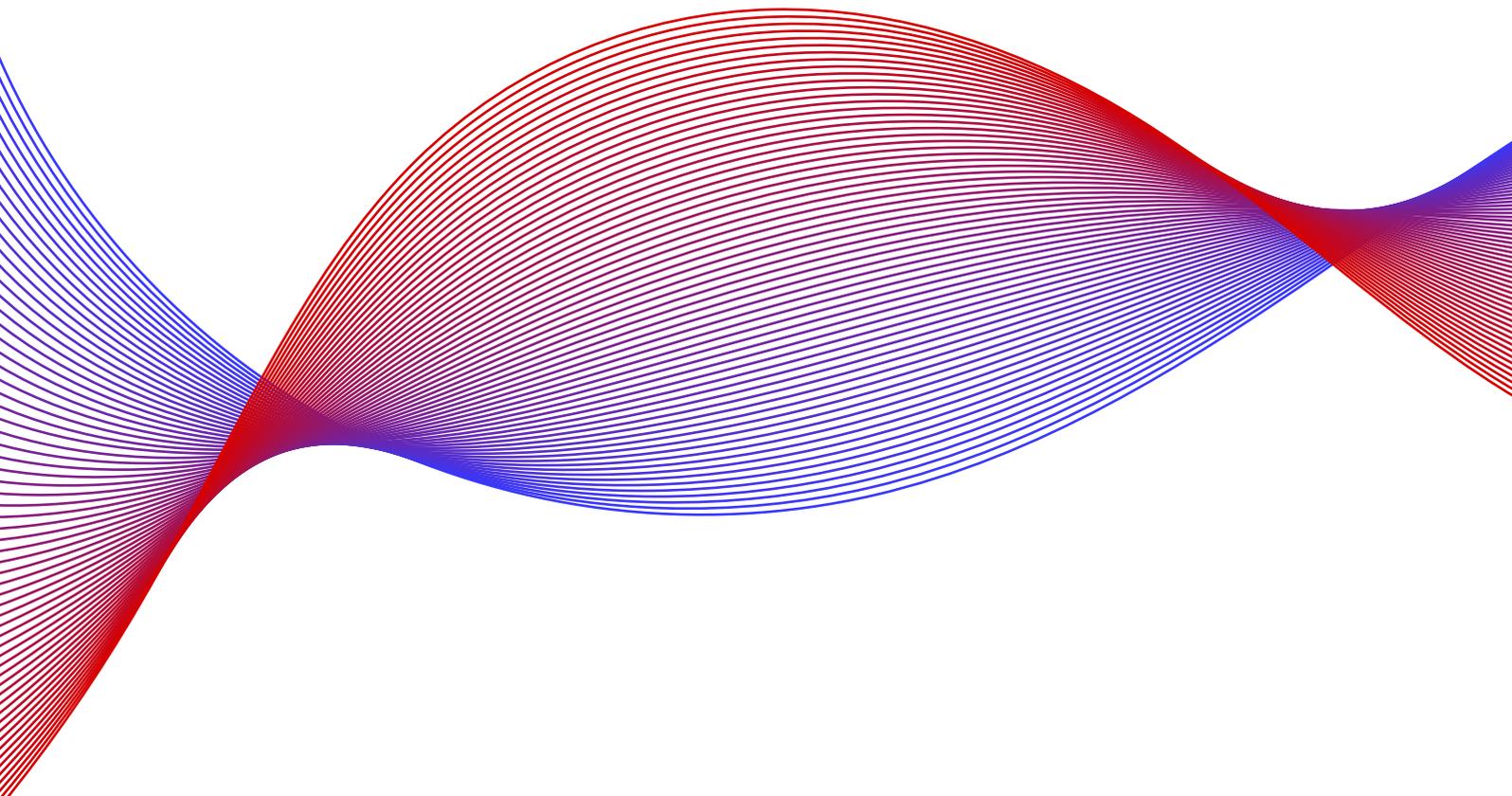
Selection Criteria and Eligibility

Selection Criteria for the Orkney Sports Awards

- Individual nominees must either be registered at birth in Orkney or have resided in Orkney for at least two years prior to the nomination deadline
- Nominees must be non-professional
- Nominated teams must be from a club within Orkney
- A team must consist of a group of two or more athletes representing their age group/club/parish/district/region or country
- A minimum of three nominations in a category must be received before an award can be presented
- Only achievements from the current year are eligible for consideration

Judging Panel Considerations

- Achievements of the individual/team/persons
- Progress of the individual/team, at local, regional, district, national or international level
- The commitment of the nominated persons
- Personal awards/achievements of the nominee
- Barriers overcome throughout the year/season
- Any other significant areas highlighted by the applicant
- All nominations will be considered based on the quality of nominations rather than quantity
- Previous winners of this award will be considered based on the current nomination only



Categories

Sportsperson of the Year

Awarded to the athlete that has shown achievement, commitment and dedication to their sport and celebrate their sporting achievements on either a: local, regional, national and/or international stage.

Sports people are eligible to win the Sportsperson of the Year Award if the following criteria apply:

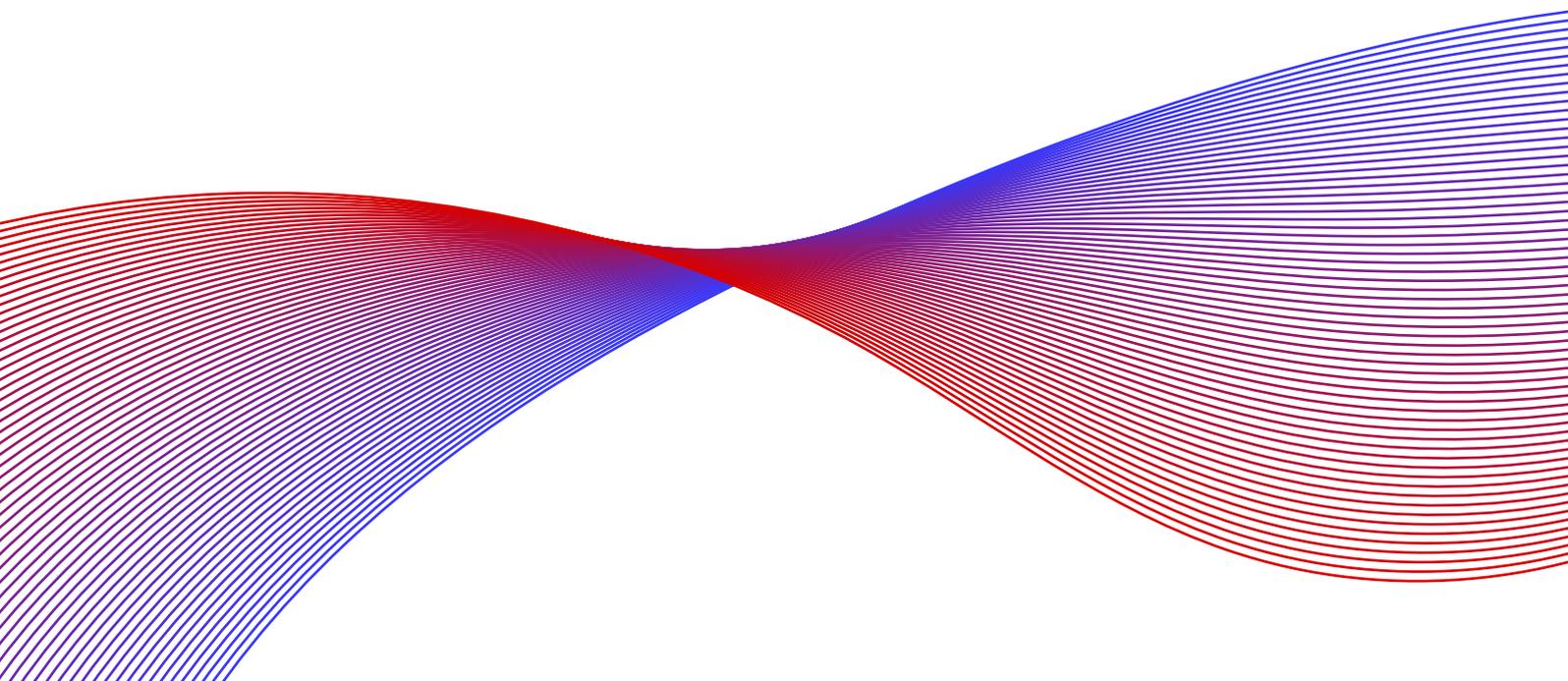
- Their core achievements this particular year were achieved in Orkney or representing
- Orkney at district, regional, national, or Inter-national level, with an Orkney based team, or representing their sport at a local, district, regional or national level
- The 'impact' over and beyond the sport or sporting achievement

Young Sportsperson of the Year

Awarded to the athlete that has shown achievement, commitment and dedication to their sport and celebrate their sporting achievements on either a: local, regional, national and/or international stage.

Sports people are eligible to win the Sports person of the Year Award if the following criteria apply:

- Their core achievements this particular year were achieved in Orkney or representing Orkney at district, regional, national, or Inter-national level, with an Orkney based team, or representing their sport at a local, district, regional or national level
- The 'impact' over and beyond the sport or sporting achievement



Team of the Year

Team of the Year will be presented to an Orkney team that has been successful in local, regional national or international competitions over the past 12 months.

The following will be taken into consideration when judging the nomination:

- Success of the team at the level they compete - e.g. school/local/regional/district /national/international competition
- Improvements throughout the season
- Any other significant areas highlighted by the nomination will be considered if they highlight a contribution to sport

Young Team of the Year

Young Team of the Year will be presented to an Orkney team that has been successful in local, regional national or international competitions over the past 12 months.

The following will be taken into consideration when judging the nomination:

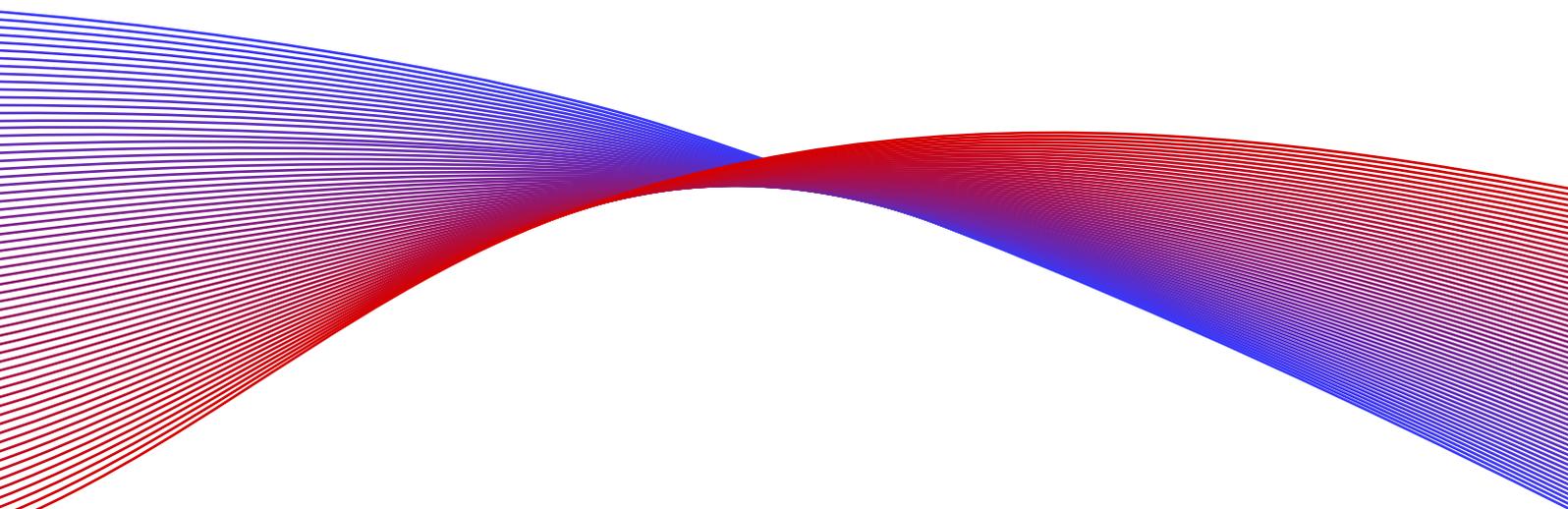
- Success of the team at the level they compete - e.g. school/local/regional/district /national/international competition
- Improvements throughout the season
- Any other significant areas highlighted by the nomination will be considered if they highlight a contribution to sport

Official of the Year

This award recognises the hard work and dedication that referees, umpires and match officials make to the competition structure in their sport.

Evidence:

- Has demonstrated outstanding officiating commitment to their club by officiating at either: local, regional, national or international
- Has invested time and energy in their development as an official, undertaking continuous professional development opportunities
- Has been an inspiration and positive role model for participants, the organisation and spectators



Volunteer of the Year

This award will be made to a volunteer, aged over 25 years, who has made an outstanding contribution to their club or sport, in recognition of their commitment over the past 12 months.

Evidence:

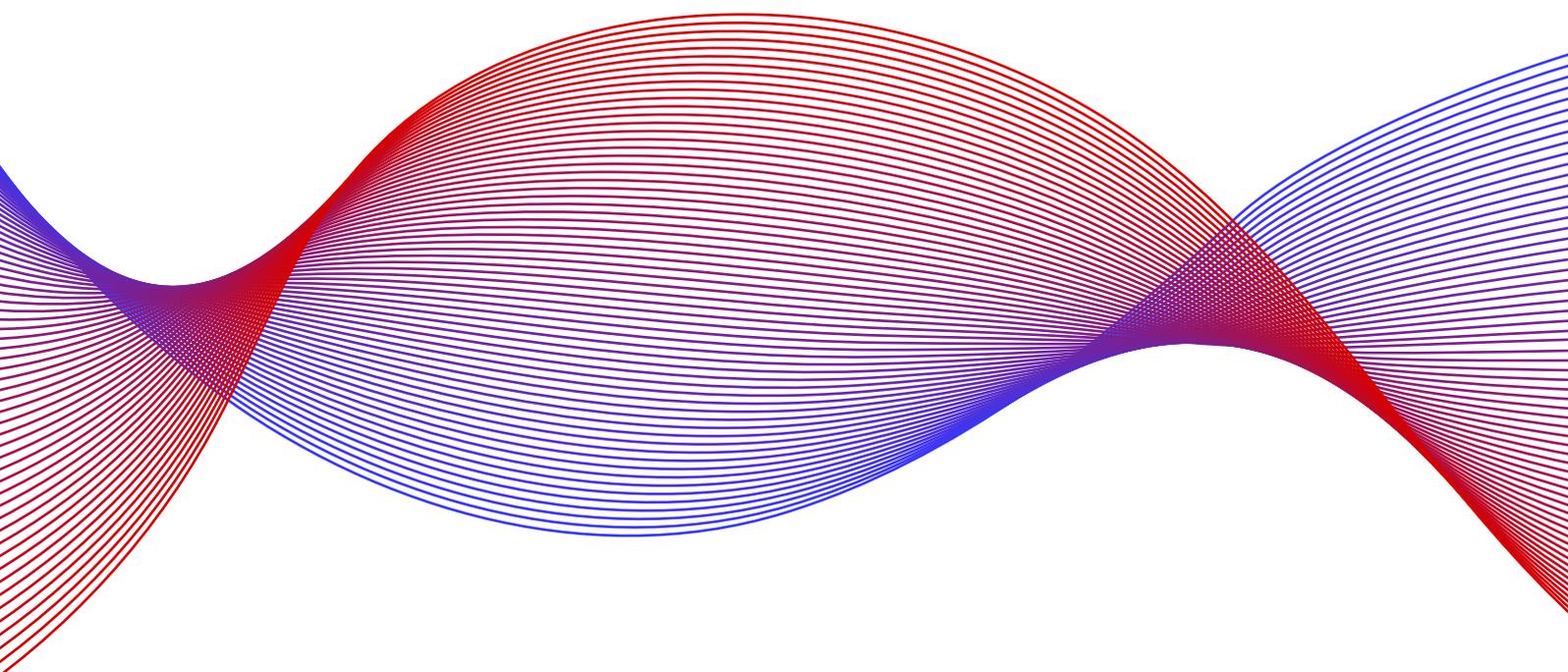
- Has worked in any aspect for their sport/club – without them, the sport/club would not be the same
- Has given up a substantial amount of time to volunteer
- Has been an inspiration and positive role model for participants, the club and spectators

Young Volunteer of the Year

This award will be made to a coach or volunteer aged 25 years or younger in recognition of their achievements to date. This award looks for young coaches or volunteers that have invested in their development as a coach and/or made a significant difference to the sport they are involved in.

Evidence:

- Has delivered regular quality coaching sessions to a group or to individual
- Created a safe and enjoyable environment for participation and demonstrated good practice in their coaching
- Has invested time and energy in their development as a coach, undertaking continuous professional development opportunities



Coach of the Year

This award will be made to a coach who has either:

1. Made an outstanding contribution to the development of sport for athletes of any ability
2. Has supported the development of athletes or teams and has significantly increased the sporting opportunities available and participation levels within, their community
3. Has ensured that athletes or teams with emerging talent have made an impact at district, regional, national or international level

Evidence:

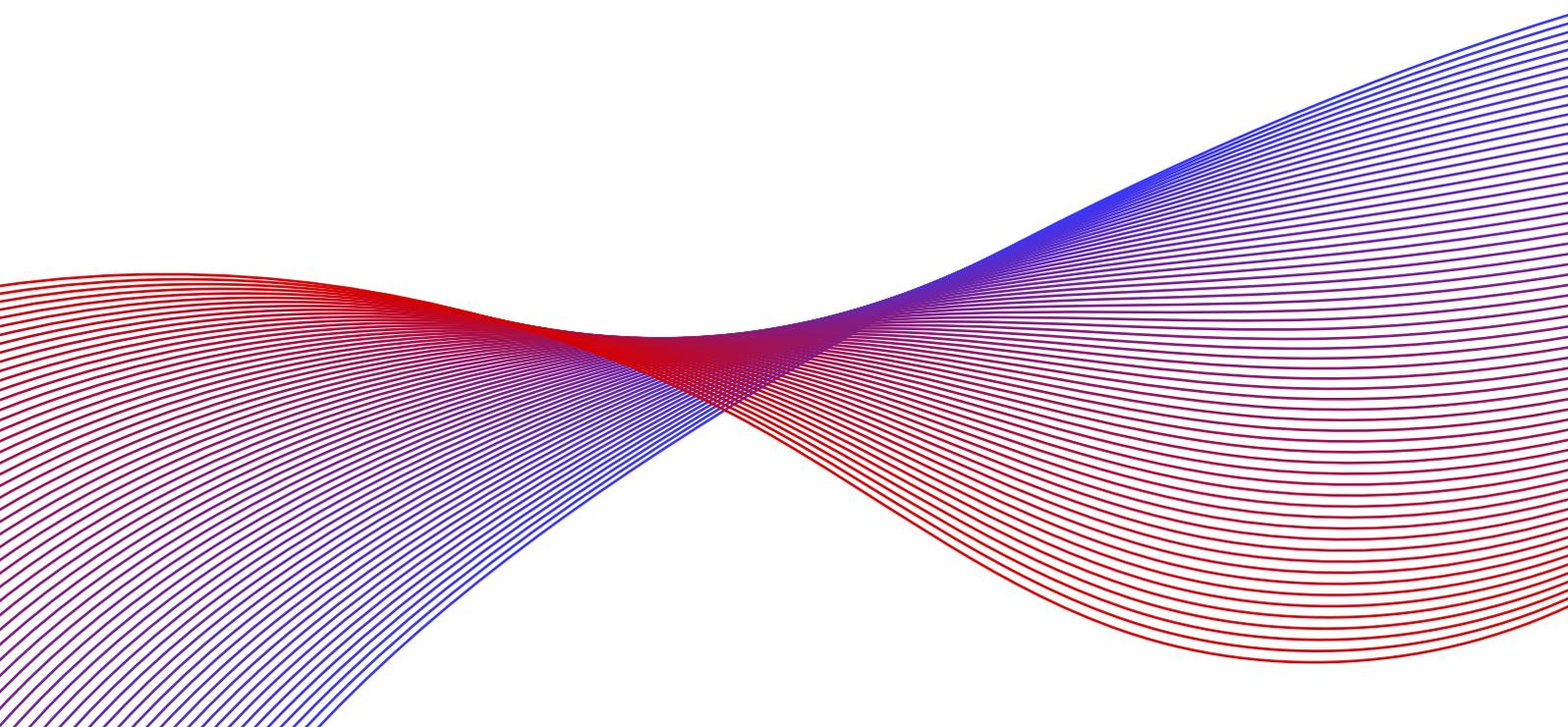
- Has delivered regular quality coaching sessions to a group or to individuals
- Has invested time and energy in their development as a coach, undertaking continuous professional development opportunities
- Has helped their athletes or teams reach their potential
- Has overcome barriers throughout the year to improve self, team, individuals or clubs
- Has coached athletes or teams who have made an impact at local, district, regional, national or international level which may include a significant improvement in performance, although not necessarily the winning of trophies

School Sport Volunteer of the Year

This award will be made to a volunteer, who has made an outstanding contribution to their school club / sport, due to their commitment this year.

Evidence:

- Has worked in any aspect of their school/school club – without them, the sport/club would not be the same
- Has given up a substantial amount of time to volunteer
- Has been an inspiration and positive role model for participants and the school



Selection Criteria for Orkney's Sporting Hall of Fame

1.1 Introduction

Nominees to Orkney's Sporting Hall of Fame (OSHoF) will have achieved a high level in their chosen sport and have been an inspiration or positive role model.

It is expected that those athletes will have contributed significantly to their chosen sport within the County and will have promoted Orkney as part of their sporting and/or representative commitments.

1.2 Selection Criteria

To be eligible for selection into the OSHoF, the following criteria applies:

Athlete

- a) the nominee must have represented Orkney or equivalent in a team or as an individual at a Senior or open level
- b) the selected athlete must have been born in Orkney or have participated in sport in Orkney for at least five years
- c) it is essential that nominations for athletes be supported by their local sports club/association (where there is a local sporting body/association), or in the absence of such a local association, by the authority or governing body
- d) nominees shall be considered when:
 - I. they have retired/completed their highest level of competition
 - II. the performance of a particularly outstanding athletic achievement that warrants special recognition (e.g. winner of a Commonwealth medal, setting an international record)

Volunteer

To be eligible for selection as a volunteer, the following criteria applies:

- a) long and meritorious service to their sport along with significant achievement in their sport. Achievement arising from personal effort or initiative is essential.

and/or

- b) represented their sport as an administrator, coach, manager or other support role to an Orkney Junior or Open side
- c) it is essential that nominations be supported by their local sporting association (where there is a local sporting body/association), or in the absence of such a local association, by the county or national association
- d) recognised as an integral part of the development of the sport within the county
- e) a select number of candidates under the following categories: coach, technical official, referee, volunteer or photographer etc. will be admitted

Additional Information

- a) in considering nominees, such as those from an earlier era, who had limited opportunity to compete at an elite level, the OSHoF Panel shall give due weight to the opinions of:
 - I. the nominee's sporting peers (e.g., fellow competitors from the same earlier era)
 - II. clubs/associations and/or professional sporting bodies providing those opinions have been recorded (i.e., letters, tapes, video, newspapers etc.) and authenticated
- b) the OSHOF Panel will consider in addition to a nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship, and character
- c) the decision of the panel shall be final. No appeal can be made against those decisions, nor shall any correspondence be entered

Queries

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Orkney Active Schools team on **01856 873535 ext. 2442** or at active-schools@orkney.gov.uk

