

The Sports Journalists'  
Association of Great Britain

# BRITISH SPORTS JOURNALISM AWARDS 2018

**The SJA British Sports Journalism Awards** is the major national competition open to all sports writers, staff or freelance contributors, to national, regional, daily or weekly newspapers, as well as specialist sports magazines, news agencies and websites.

**The John Bromley Sportswriter of the Year** is chosen by a vote of national and regional sports editors. To be eligible for this award journalists must be shortlisted in one of the other competition categories.

**The Ed Lacey Trophy for the Sports Photographer of the Year** Is awarded to the photographer who, in the opinion of the judges, has been the overall best sports photographer of 2018 and has demonstrated an outstanding range of photographic skills. This will be judged on submitted entries into the categories listed below. All other awards are subject to entered submissions which are then put before our panel of judges.

**The Sports Newspaper of the Year** is for the first time open for entered submissions. This award is for the newspaper that best covered sport in 2018. An independent judging panel will be looking for entries which show style, good writing, exclusives and consistency throughout the year. Entries must consist of three full editions accompanied by a 500-word citation.

All other awards are subject to a judging process.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Submitting your entry



#### What format should my entry be submitted in?

Entries can be submitted in a multitude of formats from a pdf of the article as it was printed in the newspaper or magazine, to the URL of the digital article. Please make sure your entry is clear and readable for judges. If submitting digital articles via a URL please make sure the article will remain online until February 2019 so it is able to be judged. Please also ensure that the article is able to be accessed i.e. not behind a paywall.



#### How to submit URLs?

If submitting digital articles via URL then these should be presented on a PDF document and submitted via the file uploader ([www.BritishSportsJournalismAwards.co.uk](http://www.BritishSportsJournalismAwards.co.uk)). To see an example, [click here](#).



## **Submitting your entry**

Entries should be submitted via [www.BritishSportsJournalismAwards.co.uk](http://www.BritishSportsJournalismAwards.co.uk). Entries should be accompanied by a completed entry form and for entries to be valid payment must be made. Payment is not required before the entry deadline but is required before the shortlists are released on 30 January 2019. Entries are collated by James Green ([james@s2fevents.co.uk](mailto:james@s2fevents.co.uk)), if you prefer to use another file sharing service or send your entry via email then this is allowed, but please liaise with James to ensure your entry has been received.



## **Can I include a coversheet or a citation?**

You are able to submit a short citation or cover sheet with your entry (250 words max unless otherwise stated in the category description). Entries do not require a citation or cover sheet.



## **Judging**



### **Who are the judges?**

All our judges volunteer their time and experience. They include current and past sports editors of national newspapers and websites, journalists working in sport in all forms of the media, including broadcasters, photographers and other professionals with a track record in sport.



### **How are the judges for the writing categories decided on?**

The chairman of the sports writing judges allocates up to two categories to each judge, based on who he believes is best suited to those categories, while ensuring that nobody judges a category in which their publication is entered. No two people currently working for the same media organisation can be on the same judging panel. None of the sports writing judges know who else is judging their categories.



### **How does the voting work?**

There are five or six judges judging each category. They rank the entries in order from one to six. The entries that make the shortlists are those with the most points accumulated, the ultimate winner being the entry with the most votes.



### **Are the judges' names made public?**

Yes. The names of the complete panel will be made public prior to the awards presentation, in the menu programme and on the SJA website.



### **What about the photography awards?**

The photo entries are viewed by a panel of independent experts at a judging venue, entries are discussed and deliberated before making decision on shortlists and winners.



## Key dates

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### Shortlists

Shortlists will be available via the SJA website (<http://www.sportsjournalists.co.uk>) on the following dates:

- Photography categories 30 January 2019
  - Written categories 31 January 2019
  - Broadcast categories 1 February 2019
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### Winners

Winners will be announced at the SJA British Sports Journalism Awards Dinner taking place on Monday 25 February at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge. The event will begin with a drink's reception at 18.00, with seats taken for dinner at 18.30, the awards will finish at approximately 22.30 with the bar open until late.

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### The Event

Tickets can be purchased for the awards dinner via the awards website:

<http://www.sjabritishsportsjournalismawards.co.uk>

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## FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT

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