

Sports awards night

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

17:30 – 18:15 Red Carpet Arrival & Media Wall

Athletes, coaches, and distinguished guests arrive on the red carpet for step-and-repeat photography and press interviews.

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer, Metropolitan Center

18:15 – 19:00 Welcome Drinks Reception

Guests mingle in the foyer enjoying complimentary champagne and tray-passed appetizers before the doors open.

Location: Pre-Function Lounge, Metropolitan Center

19:00 – 19:15 Opening Remarks & Call to Seats

The master of ceremonies officially opens the evening and welcomes guests to their tables.

Location: Main Ballroom, Metropolitan Center

19:15 – 20:15 Gourmet Dinner Service

Attendees are served a two-course meal while video highlights of the sporting season play on the main display screens.

Location: Main Ballroom, Metropolitan Center

20:15 – 20:35 Keynote Address

A legendary Olympic gold medalist delivers an inspiring keynote speech on resilience and athletic excellence.

Location: Main Stage, Metropolitan Center

20:35 – 21:15 Category Award Presentations

Trophies are presented for Coach of the Year, Breakthrough Performance, and Community Impact awards.

Location: Main Stage, Metropolitan Center

21:15 – 21:40 Dessert & Coffee Intermission

Guests enjoy plated desserts and hot beverages during a short break in the program.

Location: Main Ballroom, Metropolitan Center

21:40 – 22:25 Premier Awards & Athlete of the Year

The major awards of the night are presented, concluding with the coveted Male and Female Athlete of the Year honors.

Location: Main Stage, Metropolitan Center

22:25 – 22:40 Champion's Toast & Closing

The athletic director leads a final toast celebrating all nominees and winners before concluding the formal ceremony.

Location: Main Stage, Metropolitan Center

22:40 – 23:30 After-Party & Celebration

Attendees celebrate the night with live DJ entertainment, dancing, and networking to wrap up the evening.

Location: Celebration Lounge, Metropolitan Center