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Entries open for ECB Domestic Cricket Journalism Awards

Entries for the 2020 Domestic Cricket Journalism Awards have opened to recognise outstanding domestic coverage during an unprecedented year for cricket.

The prestigious ECB awards, which are presented in association with the Cricket Writers' Club, are now in their 10th year with entries invited across five categories.

A panel of highly-respected journalists and broadcasters from across the

world has been assembled to judge this year's awards, which are highlighted by The Young Cricket Journalist of the Year and the Domestic Cricket Broadcaster of the Year awards.

BBC Somerset's Charlie Taylor won both of those awards for 2019 and which are named after Christopher Martin-Jenkins – the former BBC Radio Test Match Special commentator and cricket correspondent of The Times and The Daily Telegraph - who died in 2013.

The closing date for entries is Sunday, 17 January 2021.

AWARDS

CHRISTOPHER MARTIN-JENKINS YOUNG CRICKET JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

This category is open to any newspaper, online or broadcast journalist who was under the age of 30 on 1 January 2020. Each entrant is required to submit a maximum of three examples of their coverage of women's and/or men's domestic cricket, preferably including evidence of exclusive stories or original material, which must have been published or broadcast after 1 January 2020 and before 31 December 2020.

CHRISTOPHER MARTIN-JENKINS DOMESTIC CRICKET BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR

This award is restricted to live commentary only with each entrant required to submit an example of live commentary from a women's or men's domestic fixture staged in 2020. This should be between 15 and 20 minutes in length and uninterrupted but may also feature contributions from a co-summariser. There is no age restriction for this award.

REGIONAL NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

This category is open to any daily, evening or weekly regional newspaper in England and Wales. Entrants are required to submit examples of their newspaper's coverage of domestic cricket – county, Rachel Heyhoe Flint Trophy or recreational – with a maximum of five articles. All articles must have been published after 1 January 2020 and before 31 December 2020.

Entrants are also required to supply a short statement of no more than 200 words explaining how the publication improved its coverage of domestic cricket in 2020. The panel will factor in the resources available to all shortlisted titles before making its final decision.

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF DOMESTIC CRICKET

Entrants can submit up to three examples of coverage of domestic cricket – news stories, interviews, match coverage, etc – or a more general submission outlining the quantity and quality of coverage during 2020.

OUTSTANDING ONLINE COVERAGE OF DOMESTIC CRICKET

Entrants can submit specific examples of domestic coverage (up to three), or a more general submission of coverage for the domestic 2020 season.

Please note: There is no financial reward for the winners of this year's awards due to the impact of COVID-19. The ECB and Cricket Writers' Club would like to thank CWC Members from across the world's media, who will help to form the judging panel, for their generous support to ensure the awards can be staged this year. Their commitment underlines the high esteem and importance that the awards are held in, to recognise domestic cricket journalism across national and regional media.

Entries for awards should be sent via email in the form of PDF or MP3 files to ECB Communications Manager, Domestic Cricket Matt Somerford: matt.somerford@ecb.co.uk

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