

NT Institute of Sport

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BEST OF THE BEST RECOGNISED AT NTIS SOUTHERN REGION AWARDS

The Centrebet Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) Southern Region Awards will tonight celebrate the achievements of southern region NTIS athletes at the Alice Springs Desert Park.

NTIS Director Mr Lindsay Ellis said the southern region athletes have produced some strong performances during the past year.

"The NTIS is about developing the Territory's elite athletes and many of these come from the southern region, including the nominees and winners of tonight's awards.

"Daniel Johnston was selected in the Under 19 Australian team for Mountain Bike/Cross Country and recently won the overall NTIS International Individual Athlete of the Year Award.

"Another great southern success story is Peter Rolfe who has been invited to participate in the AIS/AFL Academy Camp which is a huge achievement and provides the pathway for future AFL draft."

Award categories, nominations and winners:

Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Individual Athlete of the Year:

Andrew McArthur (Tenpin)

Daniel Johnston (Mountain Biking) (WINNER)

David Johnston (Mountain Biking)

Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Team Athlete of the Year

Peter Rolfe (AFL) (WINNER)

Ben Reichstein (Cricket)

Steve Tonkiss (Hockey)

Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Coach of the Year

John Pyper (Cycling) (WINNER)

Warren Collits (Rugby League)

"PJ" Mabasa (Hockey)

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Ben Reichstein (Cricket) (WINNER)

Matt Fennell (Cricket)

Tegan Pannell (Netball)

The NTIS Southern Program is proudly supported by Centrebet, Carbine Club, YMCA and Fosters Australia.

The Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Awards will be held tonight at Madigans, Alice Springs Desert Park from 6:15pm. Media are welcome to attend.

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