

Country Athlete of the Year

Country Athlete of the Year, supported by the Statewide Super - is a resident in the country regions of South Australia who has achieved outstanding sporting success at the state, national or international level of competition. The Award finalists are:

Georgia Hood

Organisation: Softball SA

After winning the Most Valuable Player award at this year's National Championships and the All-Tournament team selection, it's fair to say Georgia is considered to be the best player in Australia for her age group. Each week during the softball season she and her mother would travel from Mount Gambier to Adelaide ... a 440km trip ... each way ... to compete at the highest club level and train with the state U19s women's team. As it got closer to finals, they'd do an extra trip mid-week as well. On top of this, she's studying for Year 12, works part-time and plays basketball and netball in winter. At only 17 years of age, Georgia is one of the state's more dominant players, a powerful batter and an accomplished pitcher.