

Align & Shine Awards – Terms and Conditions of Entry – 2026

These Terms and Conditions govern entry into the Align & Shine Awards 2026 (the “Awards”), a recognition program celebrating creativity, innovation and community spirit shown during Spinal Health Month. By registering for Spinal Health Month and/or submitting a nomination for the Awards, entrants agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.

1. The Promoter

The Awards are promoted by the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA) (“the Promoter”, “we”, “us”, “our”), of Suite 102, Level 1, 18 Smith Street Parramatta, NSW 2150, ABN 50 050 096 038.

2. Eligibility

- a. Entry is open to individuals, businesses, organisations, associations, chiropractors, councils, government agencies, education providers, media, medical/healthcare professionals, and elected representatives who registered to take part in Spinal Health Month 2026 (1–30 June 2026) at spinalhealth.org.au.
- b. Entrants must be operating in Australia.
- c. Employees, contractors and directors of the ACA who are directly involved in the administration or judging of the Awards, and their immediate families, are ineligible to enter.
- d. Entrants must be over the age of 18 to enter.
- e. The Promoter reserves the right to verify eligibility and to request evidence of participation in Spinal Health Month 2026 at any time.

3. Key Dates

- a. Spinal Health Month: 1 - 30 June 2026
- b. Nominations open: 2 July 2026 at alignandshine.org.au
- c. Nominations close: 31 July 2026 (“Closing Date”)
- d. Award recipients announced: late August 2026, at the ACA 2026 Conference

The Promoter reserves the right to vary these dates at its discretion. Any change to key dates will be published at alignandshine.org.au.

4. How to Enter

- a. Step 1 – Register: Take part in Spinal Health Month 2026 activities via spinalhealth.org.au.
- b. Step 2 – Nominate: Eligible participants may submit a nomination via the online entry form at alignandshine.org.au between 2 July and 31 July 2026.
- c. Step 3 – Assessment: Nominations will be reviewed and judged by the Promoter’s judging panel in August 2026.
- d. Step 4 – Announcement: Winners will be announced in late August 2026 at the ACA 2026 Conference and celebrated via ACA newsletters and social media.

Entrants may submit a nomination for one or more of the Award categories using a single nomination form per organisation/entrant, as set out on the official nomination form.

5. Nomination Requirements

To be considered complete, a nomination must:

- a. Be submitted using the official Align & Shine Awards nomination form via alignandshine.org.au;
- b. Nominate at least one Award category;
- c. Respond to all required questions within the applicable word limits specified on the nomination form;
- d. Include a maximum of five (5) supporting material uploads, each not exceeding 5MB, with all file names including the entrant's organisation or business name (e.g. "Organisation Name – A&S Support-1"); and
- e. Be received by the Promoter no later than 11:59pm (AEST) on the Closing Date.

Incomplete, illegible, corrupted, late, or otherwise non-compliant nominations may be deemed invalid and excluded from judging at the Promoter's sole discretion. The Promoter accepts no responsibility for nominations that are lost, delayed, misdirected or not received for any reason, including technical or network failures.

6. Award Categories

The following awards categories may be issued to both ACA Members and Community participants.

- **Outstanding Engagement Award** – for consistent, active participation throughout Spinal Health Month.
- **Community Impact Award** – recognising individuals or organisations who made a meaningful difference in their local community.
- **Innovation Award** – celebrating inventive, fresh, unique and creative approaches to engaging the public and promoting spinal health.
- **Social Media Champion Award** – presented to an individual who led the charge in online engagement and visibility.

The Promoter reserves the right to introduce, amend, merge, or discontinue any Award category, including where an insufficient number of eligible nominations are received in that category.

7. Certificates of Appreciation

All participants who registered for Spinal Health Month 2026 will receive a digital Certificate of Appreciation, regardless of whether they submit a nomination for an Award category. Certificates of Appreciation are not transferable or redeemable for cash and do not guarantee selection as an Award recipient.

8. Judging

- a. Nominations will be assessed by a judging panel appointed by the Promoter, having regard to the objectives of the Awards, including recognition of active participation, encouragement of innovative and creative engagement, and demonstration of community impact.
- b. Judging is conducted at the sole discretion of the Promoter and its judging panel.
- c. The Promoter's decision is final and binding, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the judging process or outcome.
- d. Award recipients will be announced at the ACA 2026 Conference and notified by the method of contact provided on their nomination form.

9. Prizes and Recognition

Award recipients will receive recognition as determined by the Promoter, which may include a trophy, public acknowledgement at the ACA 2026 Conference, features in ACA newsletters and social media channels, and any other recognition specified by the Promoter at the time of the Awards. The Align & Shine Awards do not include a monetary prize. Any recognition or prize offered is not transferable, and no cash or other alternative will be provided.

10. Intellectual Property and Use of Materials

- a. Entrants retain ownership of the intellectual property in any materials submitted as part of their nomination (“Entry Materials”).
- b. By submitting a nomination, entrants grant the Promoter a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual licence to use, reproduce, publish, adapt and communicate the Entry Materials (including entrant and organisation names, logos, images and quotes) for purposes connected with the Awards, including judging, promotion, publication, and marketing of Spinal Health Month and the Align & Shine Awards across ACA-owned channels, newsletters, website and social media.
- c. Entrants warrant that they own or have obtained all necessary rights, licences and consents (including from any individuals identifiable in supporting materials) to submit the Entry Materials and to grant the licence in clause 10.2, and that the Entry Materials do not infringe the intellectual property, privacy or other rights of any third party.
- d. Entrants are responsible for ensuring they have permission from any individuals featured in photographs, videos or other materials submitted as part of their nomination.

11. Publicity

Entrants consent to the Promoter using their name, organisation name, likeness, and details of their nomination or Award recognition for publicity purposes, without further compensation, including via ACA newsletters, website, social media and at the ACA 2026 Conference.

12. Privacy

Personal information collected as part of the Awards will be collected, used, stored and disclosed by the Promoter in accordance with the ACA Privacy Policy, available at chiro.org.au. Personal information will be used to administer the Awards, including for judging, notification of results, and publicity as described in these Terms and Conditions. Entrants may request access to, or correction of, their personal information by contacting the Promoter.

13. Limitation of Liability

- a. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Promoter (including its officers, employees, agents and judging panel) excludes all liability for any loss, damage, cost or expense (including but not limited to direct, indirect, incidental or consequential loss), whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, in connection with the Awards, including but not limited to any technical failure, lost, late, incomplete or misdirected nominations, or any error in the administration of the Awards.
- b. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions excludes, restricts or modifies any consumer guarantee, right or remedy conferred on an entrant by the Australian Consumer Law or other applicable law that cannot lawfully be excluded, restricted or modified.

14. General

- a. The Promoter reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to amend, suspend, or cancel the Awards, or vary these Terms and Conditions, at any time, including if the Awards are not capable of running as planned for any reason.
- b. The Promoter reserves the right to disqualify any entrant who, in the Promoter's reasonable opinion, has breached these Terms and Conditions, engaged in fraudulent conduct, or acted in a manner inconsistent with the spirit of the Awards or Spinal Health Month.
- c. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of Australia, and entrants submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Australia.
- d. Enquiries about the Awards or these Terms and Conditions can be directed to the Promoter via alignandshine.org.au.

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