



Stephen Curry Is Revealed as 2022 Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year

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The Annual Sportsperson of The Year Awards Presented by Chase and Hosted by Rob Riggle Will Honor An Unforgettable Year in Sports Live from The Regency Ballroom in San Francisco on December 8th

Inside The Issue, [On Sale Thursday: Why Stephen Curry Is The 2022 Sports Illustrated Sportsperson Of The Year; A Profile Of SI's 2022 Muhammad Ali Legacy Award Honoree, Olympic Icon And Activist Allyson Felix; A Farewell To 2022's Retired Sports Legends; One Family's Deeply Personal Quest To Ease The Mental Health Crisis In College Sports, and More](#)

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 6, 2022-- Today, Sports Illustrated (SI) revealed four-time NBA Champion and two-time MVP Stephen Curry as the 2022 Sportsperson of the Year. On and off the court, Curry accomplished it all in 2022; his stellar performance in the NBA Finals capped a personal two-year comeback from injury and earned him a fourth ring and his first Finals MVP award, cementing the Golden State Warriors as a modern dynasty. Curry extended his reach off the court this year as well: his [Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation](#) continues to fight food insecurity, promote early childhood literacy and create safe places for kids to play and be active throughout Oakland and the Bay Area. Additionally, he worked to make golf more inclusive by supporting the Howard University golf team and launched the [UNDERRATED Golf Tour](#) for underrepresented junior players. As SI senior writer Michael Rosenberg explains in today's [Daily Cover](#) feature, the greatest accomplishment of our Sportsperson of the Year was reminding the world that his superpower is making everyone around him better.

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The annual [Sportsperson of the Year Issue](#) goes on sale Thursday, December 8th. That same evening, SI will celebrate Curry with an awards gala presented by Chase at the Regency Ballroom in San Francisco, with Steve Kerr and Klay Thompson among those paying tribute to Curry. Event sponsors include Under Armour and Grand Coramino with The Reebok Human Rights Award winner celebrated during the show. *Sports Illustrated* will also honor Allyson Felix, Jocelyn Alo, Brian Robinson Jr., and SI Kids SportsKid of the Year Carter Bonas, with other notable athletes and stars presenting and attending including Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Jennifer King, Deebo Samuel, Joe Manganiello, and more. Rob Riggle hosts the event with live coverage on [SI.com](#) and SI social channels, starting on the red carpet at 6:00 pm PST.

Sportsperson of the Year is an honor for athletes, coaches and teams who best represent the spirit and ideals of sportsmanship, character and performance, given annually since the inception of *Sports Illustrated*. The event is co-produced by [Authentic Brands Group \(Authentic\)](#), [Sports Illustrated](#), [The Arena Group](#), and [TIME Studios](#).

Other Sportsperson of the Year Issue Features

- **Muhammad Ali Legacy Award, Allyson Felix:** The most decorated U.S. track athlete in history retired this year, but her post-competition legacy as an entrepreneur and activist on behalf of working mothers ensures that her impact will continue. Felix leaves track and field with thirty-one total medals at the World Championships and Olympics, and her lifestyle and shoe brand Saysh continues to create an encouraging and supportive community for women. She left the track world better than she found it, and she's not done yet, by Maggie Mertens.
- **SportsKid of the Year:** Introducing 11-year-old Carter Bonas, an elite golfer who is already charting a path of activism and entrepreneurship. He inspires everyone – especially those who, like him, live with autism. By [Mark](#)

- **Goodbye, GOATS:** The year began with a bit of a false alarm, but even without Tom Brady's retirement, the class of GOATS who said goodbye this year is peerless. SI gives one last salute to Albert Pujols, Rob Gronkowski, Serena Williams, Roger Federer, Mike Krzyzewski, Sylvia Fowles, Sue Bird and Jimmie Johnson.
- **Talk About Tyler:** College sports face a mental health crisis and addressing the problem head-on are Mark and Kym Hlinski, whose son Tyler quarterbacked Washington State before his 2018 suicide. [Greg Bishop](#) details how the Hlinskis are shaping the future of college sports and mental health, even as their work comes at a steep cost.

Also in this issue:

- **Hail to the Champs:** A gallery of the year's biggest victories and most memorable victors, from Georgia in the college football championship, to the Astros in the World Series.
- **The Year in Sports Media:** The best sports shows, movies and books of 2022.
- **Steve Rushin** recaps the year's lowlights, dubious moments and memories that are funny for all of the wrong reasons.
- **Mattress Mack's** extremely profitable World Series wager, by Mark Bechtel.
- The odd trend of food-related NCAA NIL deals.

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