



Athletics NSW Awards Criteria

The Athletics NSW Annual Awards are important for recognising some of those clubs and individuals who have made a significant contribution to athletics in NSW in the most recent summer and winter seasons.

The Board of Athletics NSW is committed to ensuring good governance, fairness and transparency in the annual awards process, and is in the process of developing or updating criteria for each of the annual ANSW awards. Good governance practice is to have clear, transparent, objective Awards criteria, so that members know how awards are determined, and what someone needs to do to be eligible for an award.

A number of new awards, including some awards for Recreational Running coach, Champion Club, Special Awards and an out-of-stadium officials award have been created to recognise these contributions to the sport.

The new award criteria has been developed by researching existing practice and criteria used by other sports for similar awards, and by consulting some knowledgeable stakeholders and advisory committees.

The new awards criteria will be implemented for the current season. At the conclusion of the season we will further review the criteria.

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Please note that the following are draft awards and awards criteria and may change following feedback received through the consultation process.

The Athletics NSW Awards are awarded annually for performances over the prior year ending on 31 March in the year of the Awards.

1. Club Awards

There are four awards in this category

- a. **Champion Club of the Year**
- b. **Metropolitan Club of the Year**
- c. **Country Club of the Year**
- d. **Club Development Award of the Year**

Input for all club awards will be sought from relevant Athletics NSW and NSW Little Athletics staff and other organisations. Written nominations for these awards may be sought from clubs

Criteria and eligibility

- a. **Champion Club of the Year**
- b. **Metropolitan Club of the Year**
- c. **Country Club of the Year**

These awards recognise the Athletics NSW registered clubs that have been most successful. To be eligible for the award the clubs need to satisfy many of the 'A' criteria, but the award will largely be determined on achievements in the 'B' criteria. The Champion Club of the Year is ineligible for the Metropolitan Club and Country Club of the Year awards. A Country Club is one eligible to compete at the NSW Country Championships.

A Criteria

- Participates in winter and summer competition
- Has a significant number of club members
- Provides officials and volunteers for Athletics NSW competition
- Has registered coaches
- Hosts summer and/or winter premiership events and/or State championships

B Criteria

- Winter Club Premiership placing
- Performances at Australian Winter & Summer Championships
- Summer Club Relays point score
- Treloar Shield placing
- Country Championships placing (Hooper Cup)
- Summer Club Championships placing
- NSW (Track & Field) Championships results
- Selection in Australian senior and junior teams
- Results at international championships

d. Club Development Award of the Year

This award recognises the Athletics NSW registered club that has shown growth, development or commitment in any of the below areas.

- Recreational running
- Participation in athletics
- Diversity and inclusion
- One Sport outcomes
- Innovation
- Coaching
- Officiating
- Venue
- Sponsorship
- Event hosting
- Club development
- Promotion
- and any other relevant factors.

2. Athletics NSW Chairperson's Award

The award will be made to someone who, in the Chairperson's opinion, has made a significant contribution to Athletics NSW and/or the sport of Athletics in NSW in any capacity.

- This award will be made annually at the discretion of the current Chairperson of ANSW.
- This significant contribution may be for a single contribution in the year concerned or immediate past year, or for a contribution made over a period of years. There is no minimum service requirement on this award.
- The recipient must be a current member of Athletics NSW.
- The Chairperson may consult with or seek input from others at his/her own discretion however this is not essential.
- The recipient will receive a Special Achievement Award from Athletics NSW

3. Administrator of the Year

This award recognises an administrator of an Athletics NSW registered club who:

- has made a significant contribution to his/her club for a minimum of five years.
- is an inspiration to their community for their tireless work, commitment and dedication to their club and athletics.
- models good sportsmanship and values,
- has contributed significantly to change their club for the better and/or grow their club. This may be through (but not limited to) initiatives to increase membership, improved systems and governance, obtaining grants, sharing information and resources with other athletics or Little Athletics clubs, organising events, or through other initiatives or actions.
- encourages greater participation by club members as athletes, officials, volunteers, and/or coaches.
- is a current member of a club registered with Athletics NSW and is a volunteer member of the executive committee (or equivalent body) managing this registered club.

Written nominations for this award may be sought from clubs. Input will be sought from relevant Athletics NSW staff.

4. Athletics NSW Coaches Awards

We have five awards in this category

- a. International Coach of the Year**
- b. International Para-athletics Coach of the Year**
- c. Club Coach of the Year**
- d. Country Coach of the Year**
- e. Recreational Running Coach of the Year**

Criteria and eligibility

- Is a current accredited and registered coach with Athletics Australia.
- Demonstrates awareness of needs of each of his/her athletes and their holistic development.
- Always exhibits positive behaviour on and off the competition field, role models good sportsmanship and instils positive values in his/her athletes. This includes showing respect for athletes, officials, competitors, competitor's coaches, officials, and supporters within the athletics community at all levels, and adhering to relevant club and association policies

Input for all coaching awards will be sought from relevant Athletics NSW and NSW Little Athletics staff and other organisations. Written nominations for this award may be sought from clubs

Specific criteria

a. International Coach of the Year

This award recognises the coach whose squad members have been the most successful in international competition. Assessment will include:

- Achievements of athletes in international competition
- Progression of athletes in international competition
- Number of athletes in international competition

b. International Para-athletics Coach of the Year

This award recognises the coach whose squad members have been the most successful in international para-athletics competitions. Assessment will include:

- Achievements of athletes in international para-athletics competition
- Progression of athletes in international para-athletics competition
- Number of athletes in international para-athletics competition

c. Club Coach of the Year

This award recognises the coach who has been an excellent club coach. Assessment criteria include:

- He/she primarily coaches at or he/she and his/her coaching is linked to one Athletics NSW club
- He/she coaches athletes at all ages and performance levels.
- High level achievements are not significant in this award, more specifically inclusions and progression of athletes
- Creates an exceptionally positive, inclusive, enjoyable training environment.

d. Country Coach of the Year

This award recognises a country-based coach who has been a successful state, national and/or international coach. Assessment criteria will include:

- He/she resides and coaches outside the Sydney metropolitan area and/or he/she predominantly coaches athletes who reside outside the Sydney metropolitan area
- Achievements of his/her athletes in state/national/international competition
- Progression of his/her athletes in state/national/international competition
- Number of his/her athletes in state/national/international competition

e. Recreational Running Coach of the Year

This award recognises the coach who has been an excellent recreational running club coach. Assessment criteria will include:

- Based upon recreational athletes they coach.
- Coaches athletes at all ages and performance levels.
- Level of achievements and progression of athletes.
- Creates an exceptionally positive, inclusive, enjoyable training environment.

5. Official of The Year

This award recognises an Athletics NSW technical official who has:

- served in excess of three years as a technical official (may not necessarily have been served in consecutive years) and has made a valuable contribution to the sport in doing so
- demonstrated good interpersonal and communication skills and is respectful to others in the athletics community
- officiated at ANSW competitions regularly in either one role or across roles
- modelled good leadership skills

- been a supportive team member
- mentored and supported other technical officials (formally or informally)
- complied with the technical officials' Code of Conduct
- is a current member of Athletics NSW and/or a registered Athletics NSW technical official.

Written input will be sought from the Officials Advisory Panel and Athletics NSW staff.

6. Out-of-stadium (Road/Cross Country/Walks) Official of The Year

This award recognises an Athletics NSW technical official who has served in excess of three years as a technical official for Out-of-Stadia road, cross country and/ or walks events (may not necessarily have been served in consecutive years), and in addition who has in their officiating generally:

- made a valuable contribution to athletics
- demonstrated good interpersonal and communication skills and is respectful to others in the athletics community
- officiated at Athletics NSW Out of Stadia competitions regularly in either one role or across roles
- modelled good leadership skills
- been a supportive team member
- mentored and supported other technical officials (formally or informally)
- complied with the technical officials' Code of Conduct
- is a current member of Athletics NSW and/or a registered Athletics NSW technical official

Written input will be sought from the Officials Advisory Panel and Athletics NSW staff.

7. Novice Official of the Year

This award recognises an Athletics NSW technical official who has officiated for no more than three years and who has:

- made a substantial effort to become a better official by improving their officiating skills
- demonstrated good interpersonal and communication skills, and is respectful to others in the athletics community
- demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team
- officiated at ANSW competitions regularly in either one role or across roles
- complied with the technical officials Code of Conduct
- is a current member of Athletics NSW and/or a registered Athletics NSW official.

Written input will be sought from the Officials Advisory Panel and Athletics NSW staff.

8. Athlete of the Year Awards

Athlete of the Year awards, including those for each event category (sprints and hurdles, middle distance and distance, jumps, throws, walks, multi, winter running (cross country and road) will be based on:

- Placings and performances (assessed on the IAAF points score tables), with greater consideration to performances achieved at higher level meets/championships in accordance with the Tiers below.
- Winter Awards will be based on placings achieved, with greater consideration to performances at higher level/championships in accordance with the Tiers below.
- High regard will also be given to performances by an athlete that has broken or equalled Australian or NSW records and/or ranked high on the Athletics Australia all-time rankings.
- **Open and Junior Award Categories:** The above methodology will be applied. Only performances when an athlete is still under-20 will be considered. For some this will be 31 December during the awards period 1 April to 31 March. (For cross country, road running and road walks, this will be under 20 for the most recent winter season).
- **Masters Award Categories:** Assessment will be a combination of:
 - Places at the World Masters Championships or any national/international non-masters championship, and/or
 - Performances achieved at state championships or higher level in masters or non-masters competition. Performances will be assessed using the World Masters Association event scoring tables and Masters Age Graded percentage tables <http://www.mastersathletics.net/index.php?id=2595>
 A masters athlete does not need to be a member of NSW Masters to win this award.
- **Most outstanding Para-Athlete:** will be determined based on a combination of places in international competition and performances at competitions state level or higher. The Athletics Australia MDS tables will be used in this assessment. <http://athletics.com.au/Compete/Rules-Technical-Information/Jnr-MDS-Open-Tables>
- **Best at Nationals:** will be determined based on performance and place at the Australian Championships and where relevant using the IAAF point scoring tables. However, in tactical events such as distance events place maybe more relevant than performance (time).
- **Aspiring Triple jumper:** The most successful U18 or U20 athlete in international or national level competition.

Additional criteria:

The following additional criteria will be taken into consideration:

- Regular participation in Athletics NSW events
- Sportsmanship and respectful treatment of others in the athletics community
- Nominee exhibits a high degree of compliance with the Athlete Code of Conduct.

Tier One

- Performance at: SENIOR athletes - Olympic Games, World Championships and World Indoors; JUNIORS - World U20 Championships
- Selection for Australian teams in the above.

Tier Two

- Performance at: SENIOR athletes - Commonwealth Games, World Cross Country Championships, World Relays, World Race Walking Teams Championship, World University Games, World University Cross Country Championships; JUNIORS -

Commonwealth Youth Games Youth Olympic Games, World U20 Cross Country Championships, World U20 Race Walking Teams Championship.

- Selection for Australian teams in the above.
- Performances at Diamond League meets.

Tier Three

- Performances at Athletics Australia Championships
- Performances at Athletics Australia Track Classic meets or other events of a comparable nature

Tier Four

Performances

- Performances at NSW Championships.

9. The Winter Club Championship Award (previously known as the Jan and Rod Gibb Award and renamed at their request)

This award recognises the Athletics NSW club that hosted the best winter road, cross country or walks championship in the most recent winter season taking into consideration:

- Quality of the event
- Venue
- Course/s
- Facilities
- Parking
- Children's activities
- Accessibility
- Availability of refreshments
- Also course maps, first aid, water, event program, etc

Basic point score to be assessed by relevant Athletics NSW staff and the Technical Delegate or other senior officials.

10. Life Membership

Life membership is awarded to recognise the outstanding service that an individual has made to Athletics NSW over at least ten years (not necessarily served in consecutive years).

The Athletics NSW By Laws state the following on the award of Life Membership:

8. Life Members

8.1.1. Life Membership and Service Merit Awards may be awarded by the Board from time to time on the recommendation of the Awards Advisory Panel

8.1.2. Life membership shall be restricted to those persons who have rendered at least ten years outstanding service to the company, or have rendered at least fifteen years outstanding service to the sport of athletics in New South Wales

8.1.3. A Life Membership may be cancelled by a special resolution at a general meeting, following the recommendation of the Board.

8.1.4. A Life Member is not a voting member of ANSW and does not have a personal right to vote at ANSW meetings.

- Outstanding service may have been provided in one or a number of capacities, including, but not be limited to: officiating, training and developing officials, serving on ANSW committees or the ANSW Board, coaching, team management, actively serving on club and/or regional committees in addition to service to Athletics NSW, promotion or growth of the sport, organising events, media/communications, live-streaming, social media or another capacity.
- Normally the outstanding service rendered would have been in a voluntary capacity.
- Service should have been significant and regular over the period. It may have been continuous or if not continuous, at least ten years of service has been served over a longer period.
- This acknowledges and enables recognition of the important contribution and prior service that some members have provided to the sport of athletics in other capacities, such as through Little Athletics or NSW Masters at a State level.
- Awards may be made posthumously.
- A nomination for life membership must be provided in the required form and may be made by any of:
 - any club registered with Athletics NSW
 - any current individual member of Athletics NSW (other than the nominee), and seconded by another currently registered member
 - the Board of Athletics NSW
 - the Awards Advisory Panel

When assessing a nomination, written input for this award may be sought from:

- Relevant Athletics NSW committees or advisory panels
- Members
- Clubs
- Relevant Athletics NSW staff and Little Athletics staff
- Any other person considered relevant

11. Service Merit Awards

Clause 9.2.7.2. of the Athletics NSW By-laws states that Service Merit Awards may be granted to any registered member who has rendered distinguished service to athletics in New South Wales for a period of at least ten years (which may or may not have been served consecutively).

- The award may be for meritorious service provided in a single or a number of capacities.
- Awards may be made posthumously.
- A nomination for a Service Merit Award must be provided in the required form and may be made by any of:
 - any club registered with Athletics NSW

- any current individual member of Athletics NSW (other than the nominee), and seconded by another currently registered member
- the Board of Athletics NSW
- the Awards Advisory Panel

Written nominations and/or input for this award may be sought from:

- Athletics NSW Board, committees and/or advisory panels
- Members
- Clubs
- Relevant Athletics NSW staff
- Any other person considered relevant

12. Special Achievement Award

This award is for special service to Athletics NSW and/or athletics, cross country, or recreational running in NSW.

- There is no minimum period of service criteria for this award. A special achievement award may be awarded to an individual or group of individuals for a significant contribution provided for a short period of time or undertaken for a single purpose, or for regular, outstanding service over a number of years.
- The award may be for meritorious volunteer service provided in a single or a number of capacities including, but not be limited to: officiating, training and developing officials, serving on Athletics NSW committees or the Athletics NSW Board, coaching, team management, providing specialist advice, undertaking or overseeing a major project, actively serving on club and/or regional committees in addition to service to Athletics NSW, promotion or growth of the sport, organising significant and/or innovative events, live-streaming, or another capacity.

Written nominations for this award may be sought from:

- Athletics NSW Board, committees and/or advisory panels
- Members
- Clubs
- Relevant Athletics NSW staff and Little Athletics staff
- Any other person considered relevant

13. People's Choice Award

This award is voted on by the members of the association from athlete nominations decided by Athletics NSW staff, the board and nominations.

The nominations could include special moments or high achievements by athletes.

Other Miscellaneous Award Nominations

- Australia Day and Queens Birthday Honours
- Sport NSW Award nominations

- Athletes to be considered for Hall of Fame nominations.

Athletics Australia awards

- Nominations for Annual Awards
- Nominations for Platinum & Gold service awards
- Nominations for Life Governor and Life Members

Important notes for all awards:

- All awards are at the discretion of the Athletics NSW Board.
- Each award is primarily for performances/contribution made in the most recent summer and winter season prior to the awards. Prior period performances/contribution will be considered where relevant to a particular award's criteria (for example, length of service).
- Any athlete that has been subjected to a disciplinary yellow card, breach of Code of Conduct, or has brought Athletics NSW or the sport of athletics into disrepute will be ineligible for consideration for an award for one year. This will apply also to poor conduct at international, national and state meets.