

Awards Selection Policy

1. Selection Committee

The Board of Athletics SA appoints a Selection Committee to make decisions relating to annual awards of Athletics SA. The Selection Committee must have at least one Board member. The Committee is charged with making decisions regarding the winners of awards. Decisions of the Selection Committee are final.

2. Awards Year

The award year shall normally be that commencing on the day following the conclusion of the Australian Open Track and Field Championships. Where special circumstances exist e.g. Commonwealth Games in 2018, cancellation of National Championships etc, the Selection Committee shall determine the dates of the Awards Year.

3. Age Group Awards

Age group awards shall be as follows:

Age Group	Sex	Out of Stadia	In Stadia
Under 14 (Restricted)	Male	✓	✓
	Female	✓	✓
Under 16 (Restricted)	Male	✓	✓
	Female	✓	✓
Under 18 (Restricted)	Male	✓	✓
	Female	✓	✓
Under 20 (Restricted)	Male	✓	✓
	Female	✓	✓
Open (Unrestricted)	Male	✓	✓
	Female	✓	✓
Over 35 (Restricted)	Male	✓	✓
	Female	✓	✓

Selection Guidelines – Age Group Award

- 3.1 To be eligible for an Age Group Award a nominee must be registered with Athletics South Australia at the time of the performance(s);
- 3.2 There are two categories of awards – Unrestricted (includes all Open events) and Restricted (includes all events that limit participation e.g. Masters, Paralympics, Underage etc).
- 3.3 The overriding principle in determining an awards winner in the unrestricted category is *'the best performance at the highest level of competition'*. This is determined by the highest point score using the World Athletics Point Scoring/Ranking System.
- 3.4 In determining the award winners for restricted categories the Selection Committee shall, in addition to the eligibility criteria specified in this policy, take into account the nature of the competition e.g. international, regional or domestic, the finishing position and performance(s) of the athlete, the extent of competition and any other factors the Selection Committee may deem appropriate at the time;
- 3.5 Performances in one or more competition age groups (e.g. Under 16 and Under 15) within an award age group (Under 16) shall be considered equally for the purpose of determining an award age group winner.
- 3.6 Athletes are eligible to win an age group award in more than one age group. It should be noted that Athletes may compete in one age group prior to the 1st January and another in the year commencing 1st January.
- 3.7 Performances at State level will only be considered when a decision is unable to be reached after using the selection criteria outlined in this policy;

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- 3.8 The Selection Committee may consider an athlete's performance(s) in a higher age group when considering the award for the lower age group i.e. an athlete who competes in the Under 14 Pole Vault and the Under 18 Pole Vault shall have their performances in both events taken into account when determining the winner of the Under 14 age group. In these circumstances, the athlete is eligible to win the award for both age groups;
- 3.9 The Selectors reserve the right not to make a selection in any category.

Selections made by the Awards Selection Committee for the Age Group Awards shall be presented to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Athletics SA for the **sole purpose** of checking the deliberations of the Awards Selection Committee. Should omissions be discovered the CEO shall advise the Chair of the Awards Selection Committee accordingly.

4. Perpetual Trophies

Winners of the following Perpetual trophies are selected by the Awards Selection Committee. To be eligible for a Perpetual Trophy an athlete must have been a registered athlete with Athletics South Australia in the Awards Year.

- Allan Iversen Award (Best High Jumper)*
- Di and Rodger Helier Award (Best Horizontal Jumper)*
- Di Burge Award (Best Female Sprinter)
- Scotchy Gordon Trophy (Best Male Sprinter)
- Keith Faulkner Award (Best Performance in Distance Running)*
- Deb McKell Award (Encouragement Award for Javelin)*
- Carlin Trophy for Throws (Best Performance for Junior Men) – see 4.1
- Caroline Jackman Trophy for Throws (Best Performance for Junior Women)
- TB Dodds Memorial Shield (Outstanding Field Games Performance in the State Championships)* and
- Barb Stevens Award (Most Promising Multi Eventer)*

Notes:

- (a) Trophies specified thus ‘*’ may be awarded to either male or female registered athletes.
- (b) Awards for Sprinters shall consider overall performances across 100 metres, 200 metres and 400 metre events.
- (c) The Award for Distance Running shall include performances for all events 1500 metres and longer on both track and road.
- (d) Field Games shall include all events other than track events.

4.1 Carlin Trophy Selection Criteria:

The Carlin Throws trophy shall be awarded for:

“The highest finishing position by a nominated junior male athlete on the performance in their actual age group at the highest level of national or international competition”

The selection committee will follow these guidelines for this trophy:

- An Under 14 finishing position shall be considered equal to an Under 15,16,17,18, 20 and AWD age group finishing position;
- For differentiation between athletes who have the same finishing position in different age groups or where an athlete medalled in an event with 3 or fewer competitors, the following shall be considered;

The actual performance in relative distance to the national record for that age group shall be considered first. For further differentiation, if required, the athletes' second best performance in their actual age group at national or international competition.



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- The Hierarchy of Events as specified by the selection committee will be applied noting that the Australian Junior Track and Field Championships are now rated at the same level of competition as All Schools Track and Field Championships;
- To ensure that the Carlin Throws Trophy only recognises significant performances, the Carlin Throws trophy will not be awarded if there are no junior men's national or international performances; and/or the performance was below the AA qualifying standard for the Australian Junior Track and Field Championships for that age group.

5. Special Awards

Winners are determined by Groups/Persons other than the Awards Selection Committee with the exception of those awards in *italics* which are selected by the Selection Committee. To be eligible for a Special Award the awardee must be a currently registered athlete, official, coach (AA or AFTCA) or a registered volunteer.

- Derek McFadden Memorial Cup (Nominated by the McFadden Family)
- Coach of the Year (High Performance) – see 5.1
- Coach of the Year (Athlete Development) – see 5.2
- A & C Mangos Family Trophy - Club(s) of the Year (Determined on points scored throughout the Competition year)
- Official of the Year (Nominated by the Officials Commission)
- SARWC Trophy (Nominated by the SARWC)
- The Tony Keynes Award -Volunteer of the Year (Nominations called for by ASA via communication with affiliated clubs. Selected by a Panel)

5.1 Coach of the Year (Athlete Development) Selection Criteria:

This award recognises the contribution made by a coach to the development of young athletes.

The Coach of the Year (Athlete Development) shall:

- be a financial member of Athletics South Australia during the year in which the award is given;
- be a registered coach with either the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association or Athletics Australia;
- have participated in coach education and/or development of other coaches;
- demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the personal and athletic development of athletes of all ages and all abilities registered with Athletics South Australia and/or Little Athletics South Australia;
 - demonstrate coaching success by consistently having athletes finish in the top six places at national underage competitions; and
- be held in high regard by fellow coaches within South Australia and elsewhere.

Note: The Selection Committee may decide, in any year, not to award Coach of the Year (Athlete Development) if it so determines.

5.2 Coach of the Year (High Performance)

This award recognises a coach whose athletes are considered to be an elite athlete(s) and perform accordingly.



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The Coach of the Year (High Performance) shall:

- be a financial member of Athletics South Australia during the year in which the award is given;
- be a registered coach with either the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association or Athletics Australia;
- has an athlete(s) who performs at an elite level at national or international level; and
- be held in high regard by fellow coaches within South Australia and elsewhere.

Note: The Selection Committee may decide, in any year, not to award Coach of the Year (High Performance) if it so determines.

6. Major Awards

Eligibility is inclusive and all athletes i.e. able-bodied athletes, athletes with a disability and those competing in "Special Olympic" events are eligible for nomination for each award.

An individual cannot win more than one of these awards in any one year.

- President's Award (For outstanding service to athletics either as an official, volunteer, supporter, sponsor or athlete). The award is selected by the President of Athletics South Australia. He/she reserves the right to award the President's Award to persons or groups other than those specified in this policy
- Athlete of Year with a Disability
- Brian Wyld Junior Athlete of the Year
- Athlete of the Year

7. Biographical Notes for Named Trophies:

Following are brief bios of the persons named on Athletics South Australia trophies:

ALLAN IVERSEN AWARD - Best High Jumper

Allan Iversen was a Port Adelaide Athletics Club Multi Events coach and was part of the original Field Event Training Squad (FETS) group in SA as the shot put and discus coach. Allan will be remembered as coaching Sharon Barber, who still holds the current State record for the Open (1.90m) and Under 20 (1.85m) High Jump.

DI HELIER AWARD - Best Horizontal Jumper

Di Helier was a great official who specialised in Jumps events. Di's immediate family were also heavily involved in Athletics, with her husband also being a brilliant official, and her son being a champion jumps athlete for South Australia. The family were members of the Saints Athletics Club.

DI BURGE AWARD - Best Female Sprinter

Dianne Burge is a former Australian sprinter who competed in two Olympic Games and won three gold medals at the Commonwealth Games. She was awarded the title South Australian 'Athlete of the Century' by Athletics South Australia in 2005. She competed for Adelaide Harriers, with her personal bests being 11.2 seconds for the 100m sprint and 23 seconds for the 200m, both achieved in 1968.

SCOTCHY GORDON TROPHY - Best Male Sprinter

Alastair "Scotchy" Gordon was a South Australian athletics Empire Games gold medallist and coach of some of South Australia's finest sprinters. He was a life member of Athletics SA, a merit award holder of Athletics Australia and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

Among the many athletes who benefited from Gordon's knowledge were Bruce Frayne, Kathy Sambell and Tania Van Heer.



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KEITH FAULKNER TROPHY - Best Performance in Distance Running

Keith Faulkner was a Mile runner for Western Districts Athletics Club and represented Australia in the 1938 British Empire Games (now known as Commonwealth Games) for the 3 mile. Keith was one of the principal administrators of the Athletics SA and was a former President of the Western Districts Athletics Club. Faulkner held the SA mile record at 4 min, 24.5 sec for 15 years.

DEB MCKELL TROPHY - Encouragement Award for Javelin

Deb McKell was a promising young javelin thrower, who sadly died in her early teens. As a 14-year-old, she was throwing nearly 40 meters, which was an extraordinary achievement. This award remembers Deb, as well as acknowledges her great strength and persistence.

CARLIN TROPHY FOR THROWS - Best Performance Men's Junior

This Award recognises the Carlin family, who had made an astonishing contribution to throws within South Australian athletics for many decades, primarily as athletes and coaches. Sean Carlin was a hammer thrower who represented Australia at two consecutive Summer Olympics, starting in 1992. He won two gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in 1990 and 1994. His brother Paul Carlin was also an extremely successful hammer and discus thrower who represented Australia at the 1988 World Junior Augmented Team and the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

CAROLINE JACKMAN TROPHY FOR THROWS - Best Performance for Junior Women

Caroline Jackman was a Javelin athlete who represented South Australia on many occasions from 1991 to 2000. Caroline is a Life Member of the Tea Tree Gully Athletics Club and is now one of South Australia's highest accredited officials, as an International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Area Technical Official. Caroline recently officiated at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

TB DODDS MEMORIAL SHIELD - Outstanding Field Games Performance in State Championships

Tom Dodds was heavily involved with athletics as a key field official and was involved in a various range of administration duties with Athletics SA and Athletics Australia. He is a Life Member of both organisations.

Dodds was appointed a member on the Australian Athletics Selectors Committee and the Scoring Table and Standards Committee, which he held for many years. He officiated at many national titles as a field official, including the first Australian Titles held at the Olympic Sports field in 1967.

BARB STEPHENS AWARD - Most Promising Multi Eventer

Barb is an Australian Track & Field Coaches Association (ATFCA) Level 5 Multi Events coach and was one of the states most experienced and qualified multi event coaches. Over many decades, Barb was integral to the ATFCA, and has developed and delivered hundreds of coaching courses. Barb has relocated to NZ now and until recently worked with athletes and other coaches in a mentoring capacity, and also supported the Henley High School's Specialist Athletics Program.



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DEREK MCFADDEN MEMORIAL CUP - Best and Fairest Team Manager

Derek McFadden was an athlete, Development Officer and Club Manager for Athletics SA and the Salisbury Amateur Athletics Club. This award remembers Derek, as well as acknowledges his family who had made a valuable contribution to the sport of Athletics in South Australia over many decades.

This award acknowledges a club team manager who has shown fair and generous behaviour in the season by showing respect to athletes, officials, and recognises successful performance of club results. The winner is selected by a member of the McFadden Family.

A & C MANGOS FAMILY TROPHY - Athletics SA Club of the Year

Arthur and Cherrie Mangos become involved with Athletics SA when their son Nick competed for United Collegians. When Nick no longer competed, they continued to stay involved with the sport, Arthur as a Board Member and both as Officials, officiating at state, national and international events. As a family they decided to give back to the sport they all loved by donating a trophy to recognise the Club of the Year.

PAT PETERS - Official of the Year

Patricia Peters AM devoted 60 plus years (from 1944) of service to Athletics SA and the then Australian Women's Amateur Athletics Union as an athlete, administrator and most often remembered as an official. Pat was Controller of Officials for over forty years at all athletic events held in South Australia for Athletics SA, School Championships, Blind & Disabled Games and Police Games. She was on the City-Bay Committee for 27 years. Pat is a life member of Athletics Australia, the Western Districts AC, SA Masters and Athletics South Australia. She was also a Patron of the South Australian Officials Club.

TONY KEYNES - Volunteer of the Year Award

Tony Keynes was a previous President of Athletics South Australia, a position that he held for more than 10 years. As President, Tony worked tirelessly and was (and still is) a regular volunteer of the association, and of the Saints Athletics Club. Tony's contribution to the sport is far reaching and will have a long term positive impact on the future of athletics in SA. Tony has donated this award to honour and recognise an exceptional volunteer who has demonstrated significant contribution or commitment in helping a club or the association.

BRIAN WYLD - Junior Athlete of the Year

Brian Wyld was a quiet achiever who worked tirelessly for Athletics in South Australia for a great many years. His addiction to running began way back in 1960 when as a 20-year-old, he won both the 880 yards and the mile at the combined Army, Navy and Air Force Championships in Perth.

Brian was heavily involved in the administration side of athletics as the President of the United Collegians, Committee member of the City Bay Fun Run and the Trust Fund and Committee member of SA Masters Athletics. Brian was selected as the Official of the Year in 2000/2001, and is also a Life Member of Athletics SA.

In 2012, Brian brought parkrun to South Australia and it was after one such run in Queensland that he unfortunately passed away in 2015. His award remembers Brian.