

Athletics SA Laurel Wreath Selection Criteria

The allocation of Laurel Wreaths recognises South Australian athletes that support the South Australian State Championships and Athletics South Australia competitions.

This includes Championship events conducted In Stadia (Track and Field) and Out of Stadium for both Able Bodied and Para Athletes for the membership year – 1 October to 30 September.

Numbers with a Laurel Wreath are awarded to the athletes that win either an Open or U20 State Championship. A full Laurel Wreath is awarded to Open Athletes and a half Laurel Wreath is awarded to U20 Athletes.

Athletes 1 – 20 will receive a Gold Wreath

Athletes 21 – 60 will receive a Green Wreath

Athletes 61 – 99 will receive a Half Green Wreath

Ranking Process for Athletes

All Athletes (Open and U20) that have represented Australia at an International event (Olympics, Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, World U20 Championships. Area Championships not included) will receive a Gold Wreath and be the highest ranked athletes.

Open athletes that have won State titles will be ranked based on World Athletics Overall Rankings at 30th August 2022.

Athletes that do not appear on the World Athletics Overall Rankings will be ranked by their position on the World Athletics Ranking in Australia for their event at 30th August 2022. If they do not make the World Athletics Rankings then the Athletics Australia Rankings for their event will be used.

Athletes that do not appear on the Athletics Australia Ranking list will be ranked by the percentage of State record that their performance achieves.

Out of Stadia athletes will be ranked by the selection panel where they believe they should fit amongst the overall athlete rankings.

Para athletes will be ranked using a combination of the following data

1. the percentage difference of the world para record (using the formula 'athlete result - world record/world record' to 2 decimal places) for their event.
2. MDS Points for the athletes result.
3. athletes result as a % of the world record.

Each selection panel member will then place/rank the athlete where they believe they should fit amongst the overall athlete rankings.

The average of the selection panel's ranking position will then be taken as the final ranking position.

For example:

Athlete	Selector 1	Selector 2	Selector 3	Selector 4	Average
Athlete A	5th	7th	6th	8th	6th
Athlete B	10th	12th	14th	12th	12th

The selection panel may rank the athlete's performance on variables such as, but not limited to:

- How the athlete's performance compares against the best time at the latest equivalent national
- Whether the athlete has won multiple events at the state titles

Under 20 athletes will be ranked in alphabetical order starting at A in odd years and Z in even years. Eg; 2022-23 is an even year.