

# ATHLETICS ALBERTA

## Awards Policy

### Purpose

To highlight the Association's competitive year and performances, as well as outstanding accomplishments, the Association will annually recognize selected athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. This recognition will serve three purposes:

1. To recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments and contributions within the Association.
2. To provide an opportunity to highlight these accomplishers and contributors within the media.
3. To increase awareness of these accomplishers and contributors within the membership.

### Awards

- a) **Athlete Awards:** Will provide recognition for an outstanding athlete based on performances throughout the previous 12 months prior to the awards presentation. The award winners will be determined on the basis of outdoor results. In the event of a tie between two athletes, indoor result performances may be considered in order to break the tie.
- b) **Coaching Awards:** Will be for coaching involvement with the Association over an extended period of time.
- c) **Officials Award:** Will be for officiating involvement over an extended period of time with the Association's many levels. It can be in one area or many areas such as national involvement, presence at events, contribution to the sport and personal development.
- d) **Volunteer Awards:** Individuals may be acknowledged from Club involvement, Association involvement, and/or National involvement.

### Eligibility

1. All award recipients must be members in good standing of Athletics Alberta, and registered within the appropriate category.
2. Athletes must be Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status (as required by the team selection/competition dates from which they seek awards acknowledgement).

### Categories

#### Athlete Awards

#### Track & Field

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| • Tyke Pee Wee & Bantam (top 10) | Male & Female |
| • Midget                         | Male & Female |
| • Youth                          | Male & Female |
| • Junior                         | Male & Female |
| • Senior                         | Male & Female |

#### Cross Country

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| • Tyke Pee Wee & Bantam (top 10) | Male & Female |
| • Midget                         | Male & Female |
| • Youth                          | Male & Female |
| • Junior                         | Male & Female |

- Senior Male & Female

### Road Running

- Open Male & Female

### Para-Athlete or Athlete with a Disability (AWAD)

- Open Male & Female

### Athlete of the Year

- Overall Male & Female

### Coaching Awards

- George Gemer Coaching Award
- High Performance Coach of the Year Professional
- High Performance Coach of the Year Volunteer
- Junior Development Coach of the Year
- Grassroots Coaches of the Year Male & Female

### Masters Awards

- Track & Field Male & Female
- Cross Country & Road Running Male & Female

### Officials Awards

- Novice Official of the Year
- Outstanding Official of the Year

### Volunteer Awards

- Volunteer of the Year
- Athletics Alberta Service Award
- Club of the Year Division 1, Division 2, Cross Country.

### Tyke Pee Wee & Bantam Awards (Track & Field)

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#### Criteria

The following criteria are to be used as a guide in determining the developmental athlete awards for those athletes in the Tyke, Pee Wee, and Bantam age category.

#### Selection Process

In conjunction with the *Multi Event Policy*, Tyke, Pee Wee, and Bantam Awards will be awarded at the Athletics Alberta Annual Awards Banquet each calendar year:

Top 10 overall Tykes, Peewees, and Bantams both male and female. Overall results will be tabulated from both days performances at the Tyke, Pee Wee, and Bantam provincials, and a total of both days scores will be used to score the overall Pee Wee and Bantam performances. Tykes will be scored with a total for either day one or day two performances; no event combinations over the two days will be allocated for total performances. All athletes will have to compete in all the events in the multi-event format to be eligible for the over all top 10.

**Tyke** (girls & boys)

**Pee Wee** (girls & boys)

**Bantams** (girls & boys)

The Athletics Alberta Office will be responsible for validating and compiling the results for these awards.

Awards recipients will be notified in writing from the Athletics Alberta Office.

### **Guidelines**

The top 10 athletes in each category will be recognized at the Athletics Alberta Annual Awards Banquet and will receive an individual award of recognition

The top 10 athletes in each category will be selected based on:

- a. Mandatory participation at the Alberta Provincial Track & Field Championships, in all the multi-events on both days events to be considered in the overall awards.
- b. Tykes will be scored with a total for either day one or day two performances; no event combinations over the two days will be allocated for total performances.

### **Athlete of the Year Awards**

(Track & Field, Cross Country Running and Road Running categories)

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### **Preamble**

The intent of these awards are to recognize the best overall Alberta athletes competing at the highest levels possible; Whereby in today's competitive sports environment, individual recognition is critical for the success of our athletes and hence the association.

### **Criteria**

The following selection process will be used as a guide in determining the athlete awards:

### **Selection Process**

- Athletes must be Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status. Athletes must be registered Athletics Alberta athletes and be in good standing with the association.
- Nominations for the athlete awards can be submitted, by any individual or club/association, to the Athletics Alberta Office.
- The Athletics Alberta Office (under the advisement of the Technical Manager) will be responsible for validating the submissions from nominators.
- The Technical Manager will present an evaluation/ review document for the nominations with recommendations to the Awards Selection Committee (Ad-Hoc).
  - The Technical Manager will prepare an evaluation/ review document and provide input to assist the selection committee in making their decisions.
- The Awards Selection Committee will submit their recommendations to the Board for final ratification in December of each calendar year.
- Nominees will be notified in writing from the Athletics Alberta Office in December of each calendar year with information on the Athletics Alberta Annual Awards Banquet.

The Awards Selection Committee will be appointed annually and will be composed of not less than 3 members, appointed for their knowledge of the sport and for their objectivity.

- Awards Selection Committee members can include, but are not limited to peers that comprise of: ex-Athletics Alberta board members, alumni, ex-sport administrators, non-affiliated colleagues and associates.

### **Guidelines**

- A nominated athlete will only be allowed to be considered for awards within their own respected age category
- In Cross Country, a nominated athlete (Youth-aged and younger) must compete in their respected age group category at the Provincial Cross Country Championships, in order to be considered for an award. Additional criteria may be considered under the advisement of the VP Programs.
- In Track & Field and Road Running, a nominated athlete can receive an award in their age group category, even though individual performance may have been achieved outside of his/her age category.
- Athlete awards are based on outdoor performances.
- Ties may occur if it is decided this is best.

**Please note:** There is no limit to how many times an Athlete of the Year Award can be received.

## **Overall Athlete of the Year Award**

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### **Preamble**

The intent of this award is to recognize the best overall Female and Male Alberta athlete competing at the highest level possible. Athletics Alberta recognizes that individual recognition is critical for the success of our athletes and for Athletics Alberta.

### **Criteria**

The following selection process will be used as a guide in determining the Overall Female and Male Athlete of the Year Awards:

### **Selection Process**

- The Technical Manager will present an evaluation/ review document for the nominations with recommendations to the Awards Selection Committee (Ad-Hoc).
  - The Technical Manager will prepare an evaluation/ review document and provide input to assist the selection committee in making their decisions.
- The Awards Selection Committee will submit their recommendations to the Board for final ratification in December of each calendar year.

### **Guidelines**

- This award requires that the Overall Female and Male Athlete of the Year have received an award in their respected 'Athlete of the Year' category.

**Please note:** There is no limit to how many times an Overall Athlete of the Year Award can be received.

## High Performance Coach of the Year Award Professional and Volunteer

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### Preamble

The intent of the High Performance Coach of the Year is to recognize the outstanding Alberta coach whose Canadian Team athletes have competed at the highest levels of international competition.

### Criteria

The following selection process will be used as a guide in determining the High Performance Coach of the Year award:

### Selection Process

- Nominations for the High Performance Coach of the Year award can be submitted by any individual or club to the Athletics Alberta Office.
- The Athletics Alberta Office Staff (under the direction of the Technical Manager) will be responsible for validating the submissions from nominators.
- The Technical Manager will present a review document for the nominations with recommendations to the Awards Selection Committee (Ad-Hoc).
- The Awards Selection Committee will submit their recommendations to the Board for ratification.
- The Awards Selection Committee will be appointed annually and will be composed of not less than 3 members, appointed for their knowledge of the sport and for their objectivity.
  - Awards Selection Committee members could include, but are not limited to peers that comprise of, ex-Athletics Alberta board members, alumni, ex-sport administrators, non-affiliated colleagues and associates.

### Guidelines

- Candidates are selected from results related to their respected Canadian Team athletes (&/or National relay teams) competing at the highest levels of international competition possible;
- The Technical Manager will present an evaluation/ review and provide input to assist the selection committee in making their decisions.
- The High Performance Coach of the Year award will be based on:
  - a) **National athletes/coaching** - refers to the number and performance level of athletes coached, or being coached - including National and Provincial champions, AC Nationally Carded athletes, and the success of these athletes.
  - b) **Contribution to the Sport** - refers to work on coaching seminars, committees, National coaching programs, and National & Provincial Team staff.

**Please note:** There is no limit to how many times a High Performance Coach of the Year Award can be received.

## Grassroots and Developmental Coach Awards

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### Criteria

The following criteria are to be used as a guide in determining the grassroots and developmental coach award:

### Selection Process

- Nominations for the developmental coaching awards can be submitted by any individual or club to the Athletics Alberta Office.
- The Athletics Alberta Office Staff will be responsible for validating the submissions from nominators.
- The nominations and recommendations from the office will be submitted to the Personnel Committee.
- The Personnel Committee will submit their recommendations to the Board for ratification, in identifying no less than two (2) but no more than five (5) coaches within this category.

### Guidelines

- This category applies to track and field, cross country, and road race coaches of Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, Youth and Junior-aged athletes.
- Athletics Alberta staff will prepare an evaluation table and provide input to assist the selection committee in making their decisions.
- The Grassroots and Developmental Coach awards are based on:
  1. **Coaching Development** - refers to the coach's involvement in developing track and field and coaching knowledge within their club, community area as well as work within area clubs, camps, clinics and talent identification programs.
  2. **Number of athletes coached** - refers to the athletes who consistently show development; refers to the level of athletes coached, or being coached including national and provincial champions.
  3. **NCCP Involvement** – includes working towards levels of certification, course conductor work and/or program coordination work.

**Please note:** There is no limit to how many times a Developmental Coach of the Year Award can be received.

## George Gemer Coaching Award

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### Criteria

The following criteria are to be used as a guide in determining the George Gemer coaching award:

### Selection Process

- Nominations for the George Gemer coaching award can be submitted by any individual or club to the Athletics Alberta Office.
- The Athletics Alberta Office Staff will be responsible for validating the submissions from nominators.
- The nominations and recommendations from the office will be submitted to the Personnel Committee.
- The Personnel Committee will submit their recommendations to the Board for ratification.

### Guidelines

- This award is for long-term commitment to the sport. The term 'long-term' meaning more than 8 years involvement in the sport.
- The award is based on the coach's entire record.
- As this award is to recognize a significant contribution to coaching over the years, the award may not necessarily be given out every year, but will be given out at the discretion of the Personnel Committee when there is a worthy nomination that deserves recognition as per the policy.

## Official of the Year Awards

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### Criteria

The following criteria are to be used as a guide in determining the outstanding Officials' of the Year award:

### Selection Process

- Will be for the outstanding official based on their record throughout the previous 12 months prior to the awards presentation.
- The Officials sub-committee will determine the following award recipients:
  1. Outstanding Official of the Year
  2. Novice Official of the Year
  3. Additional categories may be considered under the advisement of the VP Programs
- Official nominees may be rated out of 100 points based on the following:
  1. **National involvement** (*15 points*) - refers to involvement in National rating program and level of grading.
  2. **Contribution to the sport** (*15 points*) - refers to involvement with the Association on committees and other assignments.
  3. **Presence at events** (*50 points*) - refers to contribution to meets of all calibre throughout time of consideration.
  4. **Officials' development** (*20 points*) - refers specifically to involvement in developing quality officiating through clinics, seminars, and recruitment.

## Masters of the Year Awards

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### Criteria

The following criteria are to be used as a guide in determining the outstanding Masters' of the Year award:

### Selection Process

- Will be for the outstanding performances based on their age-grading results throughout the previous 12 months prior to the awards presentation.
- The Masters' sub-committee will determine the award recipients for Female and Male Track & Field Athlete of the Year and the Cross Country & Road Running Athlete of the Year.



## Volunteer of the Year Award

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### Criteria

The following criteria are to be used as a guide in determining the Volunteer of the Year awards. The purpose of these awards is to recognize those persons who have provided long service to the Association on a provincial level.

### Selection Process

- Will be for the outstanding contribution, leadership and involvement in the sport of athletics throughout the previous 12 months prior to the awards presentation.
- The Athletics Alberta Office Staff (under the direction of the Executive Director) will be responsible for validating the submissions from nominators.
- The nominations and recommendations from the Executive Director will be submitted to the Personnel Committee.
- The Personnel Committee will submit their recommendations to the Board for ratification, in the following categories:
  1. Volunteer of the Year
  2. Athletics Alberta Service Awards
  3. Club of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year nominees will be evaluated based on the following:
  1. **Leadership** - refers to development of own club as well as provincial club system.
  2. **Involvement** - refers to service at events, on committees, within organizations, officiating, club and association Board and association programming.
  3. **Contribution to the sport** - refers to involvement with the Association on committees and other assignments.