

ATHLETICS ALBERTA AWARDS POLICY 2021

Purpose

To showcase the Athletics Alberta's performances and accomplishments for the year. This will be a recognition of Coaches, Athletes, Officials and Volunteers. The intent is:

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

Awards Overview

- a) **Athlete Awards:** In recognition of outstanding athletes based on performances throughout the previous calendar year to the awards presentation. The award winners will be determined on the basis of outdoor results.
- b) **Coaching Awards:** In recognition of coaching involvement with the Association over an extended period of time.
- c) **Officials Award:** In recognition of 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 for 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).

Selection

1. Finalists will be selected based on points allotted for events and finishes in said events.
2. The Technical Manager - Operations of Athletics Alberta will be responsible for validating the points allotted to each athlete.
3. The Technical Manager - Operations will present an evaluation/review document for the Awards Selection Committee (Ad-Hoc).
4. The Awards Selection Committee will submit their finalists to the Board for final ratification after the presentation of awards.
5. A finalist athlete will only be allowed to be considered for awards within their own respected age category.
6. In Cross Country, a finalist athlete (U 16 -aged and younger) must compete in their respective 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 Personnel.
7. In Track & Field and Road Running, a finalist athlete can receive an award in their age group category, even though individual performance may have been achieved outside of his/her age category. The athlete must, however, compete in their own age group at Provincials for their other results to be considered.



8. Athlete awards are based on outdoor performances.
9. Ties may occur if it is decided this is best.

Selection Committee

The Awards Selection Committee will be appointed annually by the VP Personnel 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: ex-Athletics Alberta board members, alumni, ex-sport administrators, non-affiliated colleagues and associates.



ATHLETE AWARDS

Track & Field

U 10, U 12, U 14 (top 10) Male & Female

In conjunction with the *Multi Event Policy*, *U 10, U 12, and U 14* Awards will be awarded at the Athletics Alberta Annual Awards Banquet each calendar year.

Top 10 overall *U 10, U 12, and U 14* will be recognized for both male and female. Overall results will be tabulated from both days' performances at the *U 10, U 12, and U 14* provincials, and a total of both days scores will be used to score the overall *U 12, and U 14* performances. *U 10* 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 overall top 10.

ABLE BODIED Point System:

U 16 - Male & Female

U 18 - Male & Female

U 20 - Male & Female

Senior - Male & Female

Finalists will be selected based on their respective points allotted via the following chart. International Relay team Members (athletes running qualifying rounds and/or finals) will score points as per individual events.

World Record – 200						
Canadian Record – 50						
Provincial Record – 25						
Olympic Medals	Gold – 85	Silver – 75	Bronze – 65	Top 8 – 55	Top 16 – 45	Made the team - 10
World Championships	Gold – 80	Silver – 70	Bronze- 60	Top 8 – 50	Top 16 – 40	Made the team - 10
Diamond League Final	Gold – 70	Silver – 60	Bronze – 50	Top 8 – 40	Top 16 – 30	Made the team - 10



Commonwealth/ Pan Am	Gold – 65	Silver – 55	Bronze – 45	Top 8 – 25	Top 16 – 15	Made the team - 10
NACAC	Gold – 30	Silver – 20	Bronze – 15			Made the team - 5
Canadian Championship	Gold – 15	Silver – 10	Bronze – 5	Top 8 – 3		
Provincial Championship	Gold – 5	Silver – 3	Bronze – 2			
IAAF Table	1300+ - 100	1250+ - 75	1200+ - 50	1150+ - 25	1100+ - 15	
(U16 Provincial ranking) <i>Max 2 events</i>	1st - 15	2nd - 14	3rd - 13	4th - 12	5 - 11	etc
Provincial Championships (U16) <i>Max 2 events</i>	Gold - 15	Silver - 7	Bronze - 3			

Cross Country

Top 10 overall *U 10, U 12, and U 14* both male and female will receive Athletics Alberta awards based upon their finishing rank at Cross Country Provincials and will be recognized at the Athletics Alberta Annual Awards Banquet.

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U 16 - Male & Female

U 18 - Male & Female

U 20- Male & Female

Senior - Male & Female

Finalists will be selected based on their respective points allotted via the following chart.



Cross Country Able-bodied Points:

World Championships	Gold – 80	Silver – 70	Bronze- 60	Top 8 – 50	Top 16 – 40	Made the team - 10
NACAC	Gold – 30	Silver – 20	Bronze – 15			Made the team - 5
Canadian Championship	Gold – 15	Silver – 10	Bronze – 5	Top 8 – 3		
Provincial Championship	Gold – 5	Silver – 3	Bronze – 2			

Road Running

Open Male & Female

Recommendations from Technical Manager - Operations made to Awards Committee based on annual results from various road running races, dependant on which races happen in the previous year.

Para Athlete

Open Male & Female

Para Point System

World Record – 200						
Canadian Record – 50						



Paralympic Medals	Gold – 85	Silver – 75	Bronze – 65	Top half– 55	Top 12 – 20	Made the team - 10
World Championships	Gold – 80	Silver – 70	Bronze- 60	Half – 50	Top 12 – 15	Made the team - 10
Pan Am	Gold – 65	Silver – 55	Bronze – 45	Top Half – 25	Top 12 – 10	Made the team - 10
IPC Meets	Gold – 15	Silver – 10	Bronze – 5		Only Paralympic Events	
Canadian Championship	Gold – 15	Silver – 10	Bronze – 5		Only paralympic events	
IPC Ranking	Top 8 - 15	Top 12 - 10	Top 16 - 5		Only Paralympic Events	

Athlete of the Year

Overall - Male & Female

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

Masters Awards

Track & Field - Male & Female

Cross Country & Road Running - Male & Female

Awarded 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. Major factors that are considered are:

1. Provincial, National or World masters records set.
2. Medals/Placement in Provincial, National & International open and masters competitions.



3. Age-grading for the performances. (Percentage assigned compared to the world record for the age-group in that event.)

OFFICIALS AWARDS

Novice Official of the Year

Outstanding Official of the Year

Outstanding Officials 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.

COACHING AWARDS

George Gemer Coaching Award

Awarded for a coach's long-term commitment to the sport of at least 8 years or more. This 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.

This award is open to nominations from the Athletics Alberta membership.

High Performance Coach of the Year - Professional/International

Awarded for a coach's commitment to the development of athletes at the International Level. This Coach may be named to an International Team. The coach must exhibit appropriate conduct at all times and is a role model to other coaches. The coach must be certified at the appropriate level.

Candidates for this award are selected from results related to their respective Canadian Team athletes



(&/or National relay teams) competing at the highest levels of international competition possible. The Technical Manager, Operations will present an evaluation/review and provide input to assist the selection committee in making its decision.

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.

This award is open to nominations from the Athletics Alberta membership.

High Performance Coach of the Year - Volunteer

Awarded to a volunteer high performance coach who is committed to the development of athletes in the U20 and Senior Levels. The coach will have been involved in coaching for an extended period of time in Alberta. This coach's athletes regularly qualify for Alberta Teams. The coach is a role model for other coaches and mentors other coaches. This coach exhibits appropriate conduct at all times.

This award is open to nominations from the Athletics Alberta membership.

Grassroots Coaches of the Year - Male & Female

Development of athletes in the *U 10, U 12, and U 14* Categories. Pre national competitive levels.

- Minimum Sport Coach (Level 1) Coaching Certification
- Major Contribution to the club as a Coach
- Preference given for at least 5 years of coaching and being responsible for a full Grassroots program beyond their own child's participation
- Coach is able to successfully organize an effective training program.
- Proof that the athletes have fun and continue participating beyond the entry level.
- The coach is dedicated to the LTAD concept.
- Athletes coached exhibit skill development. Emphasis is on skill development as opposed to the number of medals athletes win.
- The coach must exhibit appropriate conduct at all times.

This award is open to nominations from the Athletics Alberta membership.

Nominations for the grassroots coaching awards can be submitted by any individual or club to the Athletics Alberta Office. The Athletics Alberta Technical Manager - Operations will be responsible for validating the submissions from nominators. The nominations and recommendations from the office will be submitted to the Personnel Committee.



Junior Development Coach of the Year - Male & Female

Awarded to coaches who develop Athletes in the U16 and U18 Categories.

- Minimum Sport Coach (Level 1) Coaching Certification.
- Major Contribution to the club as a Coach.
- Preference Given for at least 5 years of coaching and being responsible for a full JD program beyond their own child's participation.
- Able to successfully organize an effective training program.
- Proof that the athletes have fun and continue participating beyond the JD level.
- The coach should be dedicated to the LTAD concept.
- Athletes coached should exhibit skill development.
- Coach has athletes making Alberta Provincial Teams.
- The coach must exhibit appropriate conduct at all times.

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Volunteers of the Year

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 Technical Manager - Operations (under the direction of the Executive Director) will be responsible for validating the submissions from nominators.

The nominations and recommendations will be submitted to the Personnel Committee.

The Personnel Committee will submit their recommendations to the Board for ratification, in the following categories:

Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer of the Year nominees will be evaluated based on the following:

- a. Leadership - refers to development of own club as well as provincial club system.
- b. Involvement - refers to service at events, on committees, within organizations, officiating, club and association Board and association programming.
- c. Contribution to the sport - refers to involvement with the Association on committees and other assignments.