

SAMA ACHIEVERS AWARD



In 2020 the SAMA Achievers Award was introduced to recognise participation and improvement.

Aim of the Award

To introduce a scheme for an "Achievers Award" to acknowledge individual performances gained by athletes who strive from week to week to improve their performance ratings but who may not necessarily be at a "high" standard.

Advantages

Encourage more athletes to attend weekly meetings for both Summer and Winter seasons.

Increase motivation and competitiveness between athletes at all levels of competition for the full range of events.

Scheme

The Award will be applicable only to financial members of SA Masters Athletics (SAMA) and based on their performances during the weekly SAMA competitions. Awards will be made separately for each of the Summer and Winter seasons.

In the Summer season it will cover all athletic disciplines ie. runs, sprints, walks, jumps, throws. For the Winter season it will apply to all participants in the run and walk events.

The Award will be determined using a points-based system.

Points will be awarded on a weekly basis, commencing on the first week for each SAMA season ie. for the Winter season or Summer season. Athletes that actually compete at a meeting will be acknowledged with a point for each event entered.

Further allocation of award points for each athlete will be based on the degree of performance improvement of their best Age Grade Rating for every event entered; the more events entered, the more points could be earned.

Performance improvement will be assessed by comparing the latest achieved Age Grade Rating for a particular event with the previously achieved maximum Age Grade Rating for that event for the current season.

Points will be calculated for each unique event (except Race and Club walks are combined).

Points towards a seasons total will be awarded as follows:

- 1 point for participating in an event, plus
- An additional point for improvement over the best age grade % performance for the same event by 0 - 0.5%
- For improvement by 0.5% - 1.0% an additional 2 points
- For improvement by 1.0% - 1.5% an additional 3 points
- For improvement by 1.5% - 2.0% an additional 4 points
- For improvement over 2.0% an additional 5 points

In Winter points will be calculated as general distance events rather than a unique type and distance i.e if an athlete entered a 5km race one week and then a 10km the next week they were considered to have run distance events and the age grade % compared for points.

Accounting

Award points will be calculated based on the results entered in the SAMA Event Manager data base each week. Software algorithms have been incorporated to enable comparison of performance data each week as detailed above.

Reports

Two reports will be produced from Event Manager each week recording the points status for each athlete as they progress their attendance and performance improvements.

A report visible to all SAMA members at the bottom of the weekly Results published on the SAMA website. This report would be for the previous week's competition as points should not be allocated until all results are confirmed.

A paper report from the previous meeting would be on display at each meeting. The report can be printed from the SAMA printer at the registration desk but would not of course show results from that day.

The Award

The outcome of Achievers Award will be announced at the Presentation ceremony at the end of each of the Summer and Winter seasons.

Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd highest point scoring athletes based on overall points achieved at the end of each season, regardless of age, gender or athletic discipline.

Each Awardee will receive a certificate and a prize of a gift card. The winner (with highest points) will also be presented with a trophy.

Responsibility

The SAMA Awards Officer.