

## SAMA ATHLETICS AWARDS



These awards largely mirror the Australian Masters Athletics (AMA) awards and serve as part of the process in nominating SAMA members for these awards. Awards and runners-up certificates can only go to financial members.

Each Awardee will receive a certificate and an individual engraved trophy.

Starting from 2022, the award period is aligned with the competition seasons, commencing at the completion of Summer season/commencement of Winter season in late April and concluding after the completion of the Summer Season in April of the following year. The awards ceremony take place each year at a social event for all members either in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting or separately at a similar time of the year.

The award categories are as follows:

- Sprints
- Middle Distance
- Distance
- Walks
- Throws
- Jumps
- Official (includes administrators)
- Most Outstanding Individual Performance
- Most Outstanding Male Athlete and winner of the Ruth and Jack Weber perpetual trophy
- Most Outstanding Female Athlete and winner of the Pat and Geoff Peters perpetual trophy

The awards for Sprints, Middle Distance, Distance, Walks, Throws and Jumps each consist of Male and Female athlete awards, with two trophies for each category. In determining the winners of the first 5 of these categories the following events are considered (others may also be considered):

- All SAMA Track & Field Championships
- All SAMA summer scratch events days
- National Championships
- Oceania Championships
- W.M.A. Championships
- All SAMA Winter Championships
- All SAMA winter scratch event days
- Greenbelt 1/2 marathon
- Barossa 1/2 marathon
- Adelaide 1/2 and marathon

Times and distances are assessed SA Masters Awards Committee for age group percentages at each of the events to help determine the most outstanding athlete in each category. (For each event the best 3 age-graded performances are recorded.) Age grade percentages do not always clearly reflect the most outstanding athletes in each category. In addition to the age grade percentage the Committee should consider the spread of performance across the category. For instance; if a thrower rates at 95% in shot put but does not compete in other throwing disciplines then the awards committee may determine that another athlete whose age grade percentage is lower, but better represented across the discipline (Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, Weight), is the winner. Similarly, the committee could consider the number of SAMA meets that are attended to help determine the winner in a particular category. In this instance special care needs to be taken not to disadvantage country members who may not be able to routinely attend SAMA meets.

It should be noted that the method of determining winners of all the awards is not purely a quantitative judgment. Subjective assessment is part of the determination by the SA Masters Awards Committee. The SA Masters Awards committee is a sub-committee of the SAMA committee. Once the sub-committee has made initial selections these must then be agreed to by the full committee. If not initially agreed then nominations will be reviewed until agreement is reached and the decision of the committee is final"

For the Most Outstanding Individual Performance category, this can be awarded for an individual event, for multiple successes on a single day or a single competition or for multiple successes in a particular style of event over the year.

The last two "Most Outstanding" categories are less regimented and while they may go to an outstanding athlete in one of the above categories, they are also subject to the discretion of the Committee. As age-grading within Australia favours the shorter races and older age groups, and disfavours some jumps and the throws events, it will only be part of the determination for these awards.

As examples the award may go to an all round athlete who may not excel at any one discipline or it may go to an athlete who showed particular determination and success under adverse conditions.

### Responsibility

The SAMA Awards Officer.