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CRITERIA FOR ANNUAL AWARDS: BASED ON PERFORMANCE AND BY NOMINATION

ALL OTHER AWARDS NOT LISTED HERE ARE SELECTED BY AWARDS BANQUET SELECTION COMMITTEE

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:

- To recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments and contributions within the Association.
- To provide an opportunity to highlight these achievers and contributors to the media; and
- To increase awareness of these achievers and contributors throughout the membership.

Definition:

- Athlete Awards: Will be based on performances from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026. Athletics accomplishments to be considered will be listed in the criteria. These awards shall be chosen by the Awards Committee.

Eligibility:

- All award nominees must be members of Athletics Manitoba (AM) and registered within the appropriate category;
- Award nominees are expected to have followed the Code of Conduct and show a high level of integrity; and
- An individual may be nominated for more than one award if the award category description and criteria has been met.

Athlete Award Categories:

- i) Event Group Nominees (no nomination for these awards)
 - a. Sprints, Distance, Hurdles, Jumps, Throws, Combined Events, Para – each male and female
- ii) Age Class Nominees (no nomination for these awards, with the exception of the MASTERS age category)
 - a. U12 each male and female (under 12 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - b. U14 each male and female (12 or 13 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - c. U16 each male and female (14 or 15 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - d. U18 each male and female (16 or 17 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - e. U20 each male and female (18 or 19 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - f. Open each male and female (20 to 34 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - g. Masters each male and female (35 years of age or older on 31 December in year of Competition)



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- iii) Most Improved Athlete (each male and female)
 - a. Presented annually to a male and female athlete who have made substantial improvements in their performances from one year to the next.
- iv) Athlete of the Year (each male and female)
 - a. Awarded to the two athletes who have posted overall outstanding performances in 2023/24 across all event groups. No nomination for this award.
- v) Ron Melnichuk Award (each male and female)
 - a. Presented annually who have shown exceptional results in multiple disciplines in the Distance event group.
- vi) Charles (Chuck) Sigfusson Award (each male and female)
 - a. Presented annually to the male and female athlete who has recorded the furthest discus throw in the province. No nomination for this award.

Coach Award Categories:

- i) Coach to Watch
 - a. Presented annually to a coach who is relatively new to coaching and shows a great amount of potential. A coach who is committed to professional development opportunities to grow their knowledge of the sport and support athletes to achieve their goals.
- ii) Elite Coach of the Year
 - a. Presented annually to a coach or coaches who meet a number of the following criteria:
 - i. Named to a National/International team
 - ii. Coached athletes to achieving National Records
 - iii. National Events/Championships (total number of athletes under the coaches training program who competed at these events)
 - iv. Provincial Records (Total number of athletes under the coaches training program who achieved a Provincial Record)
 - v. Performance (Total number of athletes under the coaches training program who achieved a National Ranking)
 - vi. Award Winners (Consideration given to coaches who coached the total number of athletes to winning awards at the current years Awards Banquet)

Officials Award Categories:

- i) Official of the Year
 - a. Presented annually to an official who demonstrates an unrivaled commitment to Athletics. Highlights of officiating accomplishments that may include:
 - i. Highest level at which officiating took place
 - ii. Current level of certification



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- iii. Commitment to certification and upgrades
 - iv. Involvement in giving back to the sport
 - v. Consistent and high participation at AM events
 - vi. Positive Interaction with athletes, coaches, and other meet officials
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- ii) Marie Burgess Spirit Award (selected based on officiating levels)
 - iii) Keith Beard Award (selected based on hours of service during the past year)
 - a. No nomination for this award.

Volunteer Award Categories:

- i) Volunteer of the year Award
 - a. Presented annually to an individual who provides outstanding support through volunteer work to Athletics Manitoba.