

EASTERN SUBURBS ATHLETIC CLUB

TROHPY/AWARDS POLICY

Eastern Suburbs Athletic Club (ESAC) members are eligible to receive a number of ESAC trophies and awards, as well as be nominated for various awards at both Athletics South (AS) and Athletics Tasmania (AT) level. Many of these awards have certain criteria, including age, participation and performance levels. This document outlines the various awards, and also the ESAC policy for nominations, as well as a summary of the key points in the criteria from the other organisations. It also outlines the procedure and the philosophy adopted by ESAC in selecting recipients and nominees.

Selection Committee; The Club committee shall select a selection committee, consisting of 4 people, at the start of the track & field season. The committee shall include at least one member of the Club executive, and one other member of the Club committee, as well as two others, who may or may not be on the Club committee, to form the selection committee for T&F Awards. That selection committee may remain for the same for the Out of Stadium awards, or the committee may be varied to include people with an OOS involvement.

Club Awards; The Club has a number of long standing perpetual trophies which may be awarded each season. These include the following;

- a. Male Athlete of the Year – Track & Field (Life Members' Trophy)
- b. Female Athlete of the Year – Track & Field (Life Members' Trophy)
- c. Male Athlete of the Year – Out of Stadium
- d. Female Athlete of the Year – Out of Stadium
- e. Male Consistency Award – Track & Field
- f. Female Consistency Award – Track & Field
- g. Male Consistency Award – Out of Stadium
- h. Female Consistency Award – Out of Stadium (Jennifer Lennon Trophy)
- i. Male 400m Handicap – Blake Trophy
- j. Female 400m Handicap – Blake Trophy
- k. Best Club Person Award.

There are often a number of other awards presented as appropriate, which may include awards such as Best First Year Athlete, Coaches' Award and President's Award.

When considering recipients for the 4 Athlete of the Year awards, the award may be made to the best performed athlete of each gender across the season. This can be based on one performance, or a series of performances across the season. When considering this award, it will be considered as an Open award, and performances using Open specifications will be considered. The selection committee also has the option to not name a recipient if they consider that there has not been a performance worthy of the award. In the past the minimum performance for awarding has been a Tasmanian Open Championship and/or an Australian Open Championships qualifier. In the case of the OOS award, the minimum performance would be a Tasmanian Open or U/20 XC/Road Championship and/or a top 5 finish in an Australian OOS Championship.

The Consistency Award will be awarded to the athlete who scores the most points for ES across the respective AS season and, depending on how many athletes have competed across the season, there will normally be a 2nd and 3rd placegetter trophy awarded in each category.

The Best Club Person is awarded to a person who the Club Executive feels has made a significant contribution to the operations of the Club across the 12 month period. The selection committee may make recommendations but the final decision will be made by the Club Executive.

Athletics South Award Nominations;

AS award AOY awards in U/14, U/16, U/18, U/20, O/35 and Open categories, which age groupings taken as at 31 March at the end of the T&F season. Each Club is able to nominate a maximum of 2 athletes of each gender in each age group, except for Open, in which each Club may nominate 3. In order to be eligible for nomination, an athlete must have competed in at least 50% of the AS T&F rounds (including Reunion Day) in that season, and AS supply a list of all eligible athletes by age group following the final round. Whilst high level performance/achievements are a contributing factor, it is the 4th of 4 selection criteria, which otherwise relate to attitude and performance at interclub, and to the Club

Normally the 2 athletes receiving the Consistency Award for the highest point scorer will automatically be nominated in their age group. The Club will normally nominate at least 1 athlete in each category, and may nominate a second (or third in Open) if the selection committee consider that there are other athletes worthy of nomination.

Athletics Tasmania Award Nomination;

AT award AOY awards in U/14, U/16, U/18, U/20 and Open categories, as well a Junior (U/20) and Open Para awards. They also award event group awards in Sprints/Hurdles, Jumps/Combined Events, Throws, Distance/Walks In Stadium, and Distance/Walks Out of Stadium. Age categories for the AT awards are as at 31 December in the middle of the relevant year, and the event categories are for performances at Open specifications. There is no limit to the number of athletes that a Club can nominate in any category, however ESAC have generally had a policy of only nominating one person in each age group, however will consider multiple if there are athletes who have achieved an extremely high standard during the season. As these awards are performance based, that is considered the main criteria, with National medals, National qualifiers, Tasmanian Championships, and Tasmanian records being considered. Similar to the ESAC AOY criteria, it is unlikely that consideration would be given to nominating an athlete who had not achieved a National Championships qualifying performance in their current age group (not including entering as a result of Tasmanian Championships placing).

For the Event group awards, we would normally nominate anyone who wins an Open Tasmanian Championship (provided the performance was suitable) for that event group, in addition to anyone else who may have a suitable performance across the season.

This document serves as a guideline of the minimum standards that would be expected before an athlete can be considered for nomination, and the Club Committee, reserve the right to vary the policy in extenuating circumstances.