



2023/24 Awards Criteria

For athlete-based awards:

- Athletes must be registered with an Athletics Bendigo club (Eaglehawk, South Bendigo, Bendigo Harriers, Bendigo University, and/or Little Athletics Bendigo) for the 2023/24 season.
- Clubs can and should put forward their club nominees. The Athletics Bendigo Board can add to the nominee list.

Grand Prix – Awards are for four Grand Prix discipline areas.

Sprints – 100m, 200m, 400m, short and long hurdles

Distance – 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, steeple and walks

Jumps – long, triple, high and pole vault

Throws – javelin, discus, shot put and hammer.

Point scores are to be taken from the AVSL scores and to be the best three events in a discipline. At seasons end the worst round score in each or a missed round can be dropped. ie. if six rounds of a counting event, five will be scored.

Allen Stuchbery Aggregate

Total AVSL points scored over all available rounds to be used for calculating top three females and top three males.

Sally Conroy Female Contributor of the Year and Charlie Nolan Male Contributor of the Year

The individuals considered to have made the most significant contribution across any Athletics Bendigo competitions. As an official, coach or administrator or in the general operations for the betterment of Athletics Bendigo.

AWD Athlete of the Year

Awarded to the athlete with a disability who is registered with an Athletics Victoria classification. Taking into consideration their performances over the athletics season (April 2023 to March 2024).

Geoff Major Rising Star

Athletes who have shown improvement in their performances without necessarily needing to place in each event. A maximum of 12 nominees to be shortlisted for the overall award. Both track and field and cross country seasons are to be considered.

Neil Macdonald Veterans Award

To be eligible for this award athletes must be over the age of 40. Results from either Cross Country or Track and Field seasons will be considered first and foremost. All Australian Masters Events, Athletics Victoria and Athletics Australia sanctioned Masters events can only be considered after the above criteria has been met.

Alby Jack Junior Male and Anne Flack Junior Female

- Must be registered with Athletics Victoria
- Underage definition u20
- Compete for a Bendigo Club in either Cross Country or Track and Field or both.

Participation in all sanctioned higher-level competition can be considered when choosing candidates. Consideration should be given to training and competing to meet higher performance needs when assessing time spent with local competitions and representation.

H H Hunter Memorial Athlete of the Year

The Athlete of the Year shall be awarded as the best performing athlete belonging to an Athletics Bendigo club and also registered with Athletics Victoria. Considerations in athlete awards deliberations are to be used.

Special Achievement Awards for Athletes and Officials

This award is an optional presentation in any nomination period for those Bendigo club & Athletics Victoria registered athletes deemed to have had noteworthy or exceptional performances or individual achievements that do not receive recognition in any of the categories.

Considerations in athlete awards deliberations:

1. Status of event - e.g. International, National, State, Local
2. Quality of the competition – strength of fields and competition
3. Age groups – for example under 14 compared to masters compared to an open age.
4. Popularity of the discipline – for example 100m compared to pole vault.
5. Records and performance in relation to records
6. Conduct and standing of the athlete.

Athletics Bendigo voting committee will consist of:

- Athletics Bendigo President
- Athletics Bendigo General Manager
- Three individuals with a broad knowledge of Athletics Bendigo's athletes