



## AWARDS POLICY

To be eligible for end of season awards, athletes must compete in at least 60% of available competition events, including three competition nights after the Christmas holiday break and parents (guardians) must complete at least 60% of their rostered duties throughout the season (at least 5 competition nights). This calculation may be altered at the discretion of the Committee if the number of competition nights is reduced due to cancellations.

### Age Champion & Runner-Up Awards

The following point score system is used to determine the boy and girl Age Champion and Runner-Up in each age group. Points are awarded in the following manner on competition recording nights only:

- 1st in each weekly event receives 5 points
- 2nd in each weekly event receives 4 points
- 3rd in each weekly event receives 3 points
- 4th in each weekly event receives 2 points
- All other participants receive 1 point

*Definition: 1st refers to the fastest time in running events and the greatest distance in jumping and throwing events. These results are calculated across the age group, not for a particular heat or group.*

Rules governing the Age Champion and Runner-Up awards:

- At the end of the season points from all competition recording nights are totalled and the athlete with the most points receives the award for Age Champion and the athlete with the second highest point score receives the Runner-Up award.
- If two or more athletes gain an equal number of highest points for an age group, then each athlete with that total number of points receives the award for Age Champion.
- If two or more athletes receive the award of Age Champion then no Runner-Up award is presented for that age group.

### Encouragement Award

Points will be awarded in the same manner as for Age Champion.

An Encouragement Award will go to the boy and girl with the third highest point score in each age group.

Rules governing the Encouragement Award:

- At the end of the season points from all competition recording nights are totalled and the athlete with the third highest points receives the Encouragement Award.
- If two or more athletes gain an equal number of third highest points for an age group, then each athlete with that total number of points receives the Encouragement Award.

## **Improvement Award**

A point is awarded every time an athlete improves their performance in an event, compared to their previous performances. Points are only awarded on competition recording nights.

The boy and girl in each age group with the most points at the end of the season receives the Improvement Award.

*Note: Age Champion, Runner-up and Encouragement Award winners may also receive the Participation Award, but are not eligible for the Improvement Award.*

Rules governing the Improvement Award:

- At the end of the season points from all competition recording nights are totalled and the athlete with the most personal best points receives the Improvement Award.
- If two or more athletes gain an equal number of highest points for an age group, then each athlete with that total number of points receives the Improvement Award.

## **Participation Award**

A point is awarded every time an athlete competes in an event on a competition recording night. This award encourages children to compete in all events. The boy and girl athlete in each age group with the most points at the end of the season receives the Participation Award, to promote competition over the full range of athletic events.

To gain a participation point an athlete must make a reasonable attempt to participate in an event.

A reasonable attempt by an athlete is defined as *an athlete who is medically fit to compete at an event and commences the event with the intention of completing it.*

The Committee reserves the right to exclude an athlete from participating in an event, who, in their opinion is not medically fit to compete.

*Note: All athletes are eligible for the Participation award irrespective of whether they have won another award.*

Rules governing the Participation Award:

- At the end of the season points for participating in all available events from competition recording nights are totalled and the athlete with the most points receives the Participation award.
- If two or more athletes gain an equal number of highest points for an age group, then each athlete with that total number of points receives the Participation trophy.

Any athlete who is competing in an official LANSW championships event, including Region, State Combined Events Carnival or State Championships and would otherwise be able to compete at the Centre competition will be awarded participation points for all the events in that athlete's age group run on the Friday night that they are absent due to the conflicting competition.

## **First Year Athlete Awards**

All athletes competing with RWLAC for the first time will be presented with a generic award recognising their efforts in their first season. All athletes U6 - U17 are eligible for this award in their first season with RWLAC, except those who qualify for any of the above age group awards.

## **Personal Best Certificates**

Certificates will be awarded to athletes based on the number of Personal Best performances tallied over all recorded events throughout the current season. In all events the first result recorded will not count as a personal best.

- Bronze Certificates will be awarded to athletes who achieve between 10 and 19 personal bests.
- Silver Certificates will be awarded to athletes who achieve between 20 and 29 personal bests.
- Gold Certificates will be awarded to athletes who achieve 30 or more personal bests.

All athletes will be eligible for these awards irrespective of any other awards they may have received.

Should the program be reduced due to bad weather, the number of PB's required may be altered at the discretion of the awards sub-committee.

## **Participation Certificates**

A Participation Certificate will be awarded to each registered athlete who competes in 60% of available competition events. This must include 3 competition nights after the Christmas holiday break. Participation Certificates will have individual athlete names and their Season Best results for each event they participated in throughout the season.

## **Centre Record Certificates**

A Centre Record Certificate will be awarded to any athlete who breaks or equals a Centre Record. If a record is broken, it needs to be verified by the Event Official and a Committee member to be valid as a Centre record. Track events must have two official times recorded and the slowest time shall be applied. For field events, the measuring spike / tape shall NOT be removed until a Committee member has verified the result.

## **Banks Outstanding Sporting Achievement Awards**

One boy and one girl from each age group will be awarded the Banks Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award. Age Managers will be asked to nominate 3 athletes from each age group who have demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, friendship, effort and personal achievement. Athletes who qualify for any of the above age group awards are not eligible for this award. The awards sub-committee will review Age Manager nominations to determine eligibility.

## **Multi Event Night Medals**

When a multi-event night is scheduled into the program in a season medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each age group (boys and girls) based on the LANSW Multipoints scoring system. The medals shall be awarded at the first competition night held after the multi-event night. The points from the multi-event night are not included in the points tally for participation or any other awards. Records broken on this night are not counted in the records tally for the Michael Irwin Award.

## **Club Event Champion**

The Club Event Champion may be awarded to an athlete in the U9 to U17 boys and girls age groups combined based on outstanding performance at Region and State level.

Athletes in U6, U7 & U8 will not be eligible for event champion awards.

The awards sub-committee will select event champions for each event category. They may not always be awarded in each category if no athlete fits the criteria of an outstanding performance, at the discretion of the awards sub-committee.

Event Champion will be open to the following categories:

- Long Jump/Triple Jump (combined) (U9 - U17)
- High Jump (U9 - U17)
- Throws (Shot Put/Discus/Javelin combined) (U9 - U17)
- Middle/Long Distance (U9-U17 800m, 1500m, 3000m combined)
- Sprints (U9 - U17 100m, 200m and 400m combined)
- Hurdles (U9 - U17 all distances combined)
- Walks (U9 - U17 all distances combined)

Should an athlete be deemed eligible for more than one of the above awards, only one award will be presented, with all events listed.

## **State Representatives**

All athletes who qualify to represent RWLAC at the State Championships will be presented with a Centre jacket or suitable alternative at the discretion of the general committee. Athletes who already have a State jacket will have the new season embroidered on their jackets.

## **Regional Representatives**

All athletes who qualify to represent RWLAC at the Regional Championships will be presented with a memento.

## **Five and Ten Year Service Awards**

Awards are presented to athletes who have completed five and ten consecutive years membership with RWLAC.

5 years: a shirt.

10 years: a Football jersey/jacket (or similar) and certificate.

## **LANSW Athlete Service Award**

A certificate is awarded by LANSW to any U13-U17 athlete who has completed a minimum ten years continuous registration with any LANSW club - proof of registration with other clubs is required.

## U17 Leaving Gift

Every U17 athlete who has competed in the U17 age group and is finishing Little Athletics will receive a farewell gift.

## Coaches Award

Any Coach who is training a squad at the Centre may nominate an athlete of their choice for an award, subject to review by the awards sub-committee. This award will be presented to an athlete who has regularly attended and participated in training sessions, has displayed a positive attitude, shows respect to their coach(es) and has shown improvement over the season.

## Joan Carroll Memorial Volunteer Award

The original Joan Carroll Award was given to athletes for record breaking performances. As at season 2014-15 this award was retired and renamed the Joan Carroll Memorial Volunteer Award. This award is presented to a Centre volunteer who has been deemed to have given exceptional service to the Centre in the current season. (eg. an age manager, event manager or any other volunteer). This award should not be presented to Life members. Nominations for this award will be considered by the general committee in February each year.

## Michael Irwin Award for Athletic Excellence

This award is based on a points system taking into account participation and results from Zone through to State competitions as well as Centre records for the current season. The three leading point scorers are nominated for this award and the awards sub-committee votes on the nominations.

Points are awarded as follows:

<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Centre Record	1 pt (but only once per event by the same athlete, further 'breaks' to be viewed as improvements)
Zone 1 <sup>st</sup> place	4 pts (max 16 points)
Zone 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	2 pts (max 8 points)
Zone record	5 pts
Region 1 <sup>st</sup> place	7 pts (max 28 points)
Region 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	5 pts (max 20 points)
Region 4 <sup>th</sup>	3 pts (max 12 points)
Region 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> place	2 pts (max 8 points)
Region record	8 pts
State 1 <sup>st</sup> place	10 pts (max 40 points)

State 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	7 pts (max 28 points)
State 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> place	5 pts (max 20 points)
State record	15 pts
Australian best	25 pts

Note: In recognition of the [enter name of new award], points are not awarded for multi-class category events.

**[ENTER NAME OF NEW AWARD]**

In recognition of the different pathways for multi-class athletes, this award is based on a points system taking into account participation and results from Zone through to State competitions for the current season, for classified multi-class events. The three leading point scorers are nominated for this award and the awards sub-committee votes on the nominations. This award may not always be awarded if no athlete fits the criteria of an outstanding performance, at the discretion of the awards sub-committee.

Points are awarded as follows: (TO BE DETERMINED)

Achievement	Points Awarded

**State Champions Perpetual Trophy**

The State Champions Perpetual Trophy recognises those athletes winning medals at the LANSW State Championships and is presented when the results are known (preferably at Presentation Night).

Special Note: With the exception of the State Champions Perpetual Trophy, all awards are presented at the Annual Presentation night. The State Champions Perpetual Trophy may be presented then also if timing permits between State Championships and Presentation Night. The Michael Irwin Award may be held over if there is any athlete competing at the Australian Championships who may be a contender for this award. This is at the discretion of the awards sub-committee.

## SUMMARY OF AWARDS

<b>Award</b>	<b>Age Groups Awarded to</b>
Age Champion	u6 to u17, boys and girls
Runner Up	u6 to u17, boys and girls
Encouragement Award	u6 to u17, boys and girls
Improvement Award	u6 to u17, boys and girls
Participation Award	u6 to u17, boys and girls
First Year Athlete Medals	All athletes u6 to u17 in their first season with RWLAC who do not win any of the above awards
Personal Best Certificates	u6 to u17, boys and girls
Participation Certificates	u6 to u17, boys and girls
Centre Record Certificates	All athletes who break or equal a Centre record
Banks Outstanding Sporting Achievement	One boy and one girl from each age group, nominated by Age Managers
Multi-event Night Medals (when held)	u6 to u17, boys and girls
Club Event Champion	u9 to u17, boy or girl (see criteria)
State Representatives	u9 to u17, boys and girls
Regional Representatives	u8 to u17, boys and girls
5 Year Service	u10 and over, boys and girls
10 Year Service	u15 to u17, boys and girls
LANSW Athlete Service Award	u13 to u17 boys and girls
U17 Leaving Gift	u17, boys and girls
Coaches Award	u9 to u17, boys and girls
Joan Carroll Memorial Volunteer Award	Nominated volunteer
Michael Irwin Award for Athletic Excellence	u9 to u17, boys and girls
[insert name of new multi-class award]	Criteria to be determined
State Champions Perpetual Trophy	u9 to u17, boy and girls