



Major Award Selection Criteria 2017 - 2018

1. Centre Most Improved (PBs)

Selection is made based on the number of PB's achieved over the course of the season at club weekly carnivals, commencing from the first week of competition (not including the trial weeks). The winner is worked out by the computer system. More than one award can be given out in this category in the case of a tie.

2. Club Champion (Points) *new

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3. Centre Coaches Award

This award is presented to an athlete who has not necessarily won the most medals at major competition but 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. All registered centre coaches are asked to nominate an athlete they think is worthy of this award and justify their nomination. All nominees will be announced at presentation along with the winner.

4. Centre Outstanding JUNIOR Athlete (U7-U12)

This award is presented to a junior athlete who shows great potential.

The junior athlete would have represented the club at Zone, Region and possibly State Championships. The progressing championships are used to determine the award winner as there is a level playing field – the events are all held in the Sydney Metro Area and everybody has the same opportunity to attend and advance through the championships.

The award structure is based on a points system on how well the athlete performs at zone, region and the state championships. Athletes will also be awarded 1pt per record broken.

These points will be tallied up to determine the winner of this award.

In the event that a Junior wins the Centre Outstanding Athlete award (open to all ages), the Junior award will become obsolete for the season.

5. Centre Outstanding Athlete (Open to all age groups)

The recipient of this award is an outstanding athlete who has represented the club at Zone, Region and State Championships. The recipient may also have been selected on the NSW team for the National Championships. The progressing championships are used to determine the award winner as there is a level playing field – the events are all held in the Sydney Metro Area and everybody has the same opportunity to attend and advance through the championships.

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Age Champion Award

Every week an athlete receives points for each event they participate in, receiving a point for entering and further points based on where they place. The more events an athlete enters and places in, the more points they will accumulate over the season. At the end of the season the computer system collates 1st, 2nd and 3rd places per age group and gender.

Personal Improvement Award

Each week an athlete has the opportunity to better their previous time, distance, height etc in an event. This is referred to as a PB (Personal Best). Athletes PBs are recorded each week and the computer collates 1st, 2nd and 3rd places based on the most PBs gained throughout the season per age group and gender.

Age Champion and **Personal Improvement** awards are awarded to athletes based on points allocated and PB's achieved throughout the season.

To be eligible for these awards the athlete must have 50% attendance after Christmas.

Attendance at the zone, region, state multi's and state championships are included in the attendance count. In the event of a tie, two athletes will receive the award for that placing.

Each year the PB achieved by an athlete rolls over, therefore the final PB for an event achieved from the previous season becomes the athletes starting PB to beat in the new season. The exception being if there is a weight change in a throwing event, or a new event to the age group where the PBs start fresh as there were no PB recordings of this event in the previous season.

All new Illawong athletes will set their own PBs to beat the first time they compete in the events available.



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Age Manager Award

We have many young enthusiastic athletes across all age groups who attend Little A's most weeks, try their hardest, they may not be the best performing within the age group, however deserve to be recognised for their efforts.

The Age Manager will carefully select 3 children (boys/girls) within their age group who they feel are valid recipients for this award.

The nominated athlete/s must attend Little Athletics most weeks. Try their best in all or most events during competition weeks and have a great attitude towards Little A's and their peers.

The selected athlete to receive the Age Manager award cannot be a major award winner at the presentation day, and should not be a Region or State representative.

The awards sub-committee will review all nominations, using the computer system statistics on attendance, events and effort over the entire season.

Volunteer of the Year Award

We believe recognising our volunteers is important to Illawong Little Athletics and they should be recognised for their dedication and hard work.

As Little As is run on the foundation of volunteers each week and throughout the season, the award recipient is someone who offers assistance where needed, week to week and throughout the season.

The recipient is always happy to help to fill gaps when we are short on helpers across the age groups.