



## BELMONT LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE INC.

Affiliated with Athletics West

# CENTRE AWARD POLICY

**To provide a consistent approach to the nomination, selection and awarding of Centre awards and trophies each season.**

### Purpose

To clearly describe the guidelines for the nomination, selection and awarding of all awards, trophies and certificates issued by the Belmont Little Athletics Centre.

### Extent of Policy

This policy applies to all awards, trophies and certificates administered by the Belmont Little Athletics Centre Executive Committee. It does not cover those awards and trophies administered by Athletics West, BLAC affiliated clubs or awards and certificates presented as promotional literature from sponsors.

### Definitions

The following definitions and abbreviations apply to this document;

Belmont Little Athletics Centre Inc. ("BLAC" or "the Centre") - This refers to the incorporated association responsible for administering the business and sporting competition of the Belmont Little Athletics Centre.

Executive Committee – The elected volunteers empowered to make and implement organisational decisions on behalf of the members of the Belmont Little Athletics Centre Inc.

Non-Executive Committee – The elected volunteers who fulfil key positions necessary for the effective running of weekly competition and support the affiliated clubs.

Affiliated Club – Is any Little Athletics club that has paid its affiliation fee in full to Belmont Little Athletics Centre and has submitted the relevant affiliation forms prior to the due date.

Club Delegate – Is a volunteer elected by a club to represent the club at BLAC meetings and vote on motions as directed by the club committee. A club may be represented by a maximum of two delegates at any committee meeting, but will have only have one vote.

Athletics West - This is the state association responsible for administering the sport of Little Athletics at a state level and coordinating state events.

Annual General Meeting ("AGM") – This is the meeting conducted at the conclusion of the Belmont Little Athletics Centre's financial year. Annual reports are tabled, including an audited financial report and constitutional changes may be voted on.

## Opening Day Awards

### BLAC Life Membership

Nominations and full resume are submitted to BLAC from affiliated clubs. The nomination must be submitted on the correct BLAC form accompanied by a signed copy of the club minutes confirming the club's endorsement of the nomination.

The nomination must be received by the Centre Executive Officer at least 21 days prior to the gazetted date of the AGM so that it can be circulated as part of the agenda for that AGM. There is no limit to the number of nominations that can be submitted by a Club each season.

The nominee must have completed a minimum of ten years of service with at least four years being at **Centre Executive** level. Meritorious service will be a mandatory prerequisite. Meeting the minimum requirements does not grant automatic selection.

Meritorious service is loosely defined as service which is praiseworthy. In essence this means that the completion of the minimum number of seasons of service at Club and Centre level, as well as simple attendance and assistance on competition days is not enough to warrant nomination as a BLAC Life Member.

Nominees must have demonstrated that they have gone above and beyond what is expected of them in their duties at Club level and their portfolio at Centre Level. This is in direct reference to the nominees "quality of service" and must be demonstrated by examples detailed in the "Resume of Service" submitted with the nomination.

The nominee should have:

- Displayed a level of service that has been significant, sustained and of high quality.
- A general attitude and overall demeanour that reflects a dedication to the values of the Belmont Little Athletics Centre.
- A demonstrated commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Shown values, leadership and good role modelling that reflects well upon the Belmont Little Athletics Centre.
- Demonstrated significant or outstanding contributions made to the progress of the goals and objectives of the Belmont Little Athletics Centre over several years which are clearly recognised, respected, acknowledged and endorsed by all members who know them.

Life Membership is awarded by a majority vote of eligible members present at an AGM. The member granted Life Membership is awarded a "Life Member Badge" which is presented at the next Opening Day following the successful nomination.

Centre Patron

Nominations and full resume are submitted to BLAC from affiliated clubs. The nomination must be submitted on the correct BLAC form accompanied by a copy of the Club minutes detailing the Club's endorsement of the nomination.

The nomination must be received by the Centre Executive Officer at least 21 days prior to the gazetted date of the AGM so that it can be circulated as part of the agenda for that AGM. There is no limit to the number of nominations able to be submitted each season, but there can be only one Centre Patron appointed per season.

The nominee should be a person who is still currently active in the local Community, be genuinely well known relative to the aims and purpose of the centre, must be able to attend Centre functions (in particular the Opening and Closing Ceremonies), should have a recognised history of involvement in the Belmont Little Athletics Centre and be of good standing within the local community.

The Centre Patron is appointed by a majority vote of eligible members present at an AGM. The person appointed as the Centre Patron is presented a Centre Patron badge at the next Opening Day following their successful nomination or the next suitable occasion.

March Past Trophy

This is voted on by Life Members and Special Guests at Opening Day and is announced on the day. All Life Members and Special Guests are given voting slips prior to the Opening Day March Past listing the names of all the clubs participating. Voting takes place during the March Past. Shortly afterwards the votes are gathered and tallied by the Publicity Officer. Once the winner is confirmed the Centre President is notified and an announcement is made at the conclusion of the ceremonies. The March Past shield is engraved and presented at the Centre's Closing Ceremony.

Centre Captains

Before the beginning of each season the affiliated Clubs are requested to nominate a maximum of 2 athletes for the position of Centre Captains. There is no age or gender restriction on who can be nominated. Nominations do not necessarily have to be from the Club's own members but the athlete must be registered with the Belmont Little Athletics Centre at the time of nomination. Registration shall be confirmed by the Centre Registrar.

**NOTE: Athletes must be approached by the club submitting the nomination to ensure the athlete agrees to be nominated. If the athlete declines, the nomination shall not be submitted. If the athlete does agree to be nominated, the athlete must sign the nomination form.**

The nominations are sent to the Centre Executive Officer by the nominated closing date and are voted on by the Centre Executive at a meeting prior to Opening Day of that season. Captains selected don't necessarily need to be 1 boy and 1 girl. Selection will depend on nominations received. Badges with "BLAC Centre Captain" and the athlete's name are presented at the Opening Day Ceremony. Centre Captains will also be presented with a Centre Captain shirt, once the order is received.

Centre Captains represent the Centre and its athletes, by leading the March Past while carrying the Centre banner at the Opening Ceremony of the season for which they are elected. They are expected to help out with BLAC Special Events when they are able. They should wear their Centre Captain shirt for those occasions. Centre Captains are expected to attend the majority of Belmont competitions.

## **Closing Ceremony Awards**

### **Centre Person of the Year**

This award is chosen by the Centre President, Arena Manager, Chief Track Umpire and Chief Field Umpire. Any eligible member may submit nominations for Centre Person of the Year. Nominations may be done verbally in the first instance but must be submitted by completing the correct BLAC nomination form to be considered for the award.

The Award is given to the person who puts in extra time and effort for the benefit of the Club and Centre and is dedicated to helping with various activities for the benefit of the sport. There is no minimum service required to attain this award, the person does not have to be an office holder or have specific jobs.

### **Belmont Sports Person of the Year**

Each Club may nominate one athlete only (either boy or girl). Nominations are made on the appropriate form and **sealed in an envelope labelled with the Club name**, not the athlete name. The nominations must be submitted to the Centre Executive Officer prior to the advertised closing date. The Centre Executive Officer will collate the unopened nominations and present them with a covering letter to the City of Belmont Mayor for selection.

The Centre buys the trophy and the Mayor presents it at the Centre's Closing Ceremony. The Mayor may choose to either inform the Centre President of the winner to arrange to have the engraving done, or may choose to contact the engraver themselves to organise it. For this reason the covering letter should include the contact details of the trophy engraver.

Athletes nominated should be those that put in a consistent effort and show dedication to all aspects of Little Athletics without being the athletes who win events or excel regularly. Resumes should include examples of how the athlete demonstrates these attributes.

There is no restriction on age group or gender to qualify for nomination. However, it is suggested that athletes could not have shown due dedication to the sport in their first season unless there are extenuating circumstances.

### **Athlete of the Year**

Junior (U6 – U8)

Intermediate (U9-U12)

Senior (U13-U17)

One trophy is given to the best athlete, boy or girl, in each of these three categories. In years where there are large numbers of athletes, the Executive Committee may choose to give two awards – one boy and one girl. The winner is chosen based on total season performances, taking into consideration the top athlete per event, records and points achieved. It is presented at the Centre's Closing Ceremony.

**Champion Athlete Awards**

Each of these awards follow the same basic selection criteria. There is only one winner in each category (can be either boy or girl). They are presented at the Centre's Closing Ceremony.

The awards in question are:

Category	Included Events
Sprints	70m, 100m, 200m, 400m,
Hurdles	60mH, 80mH, 90mH, 100mH, 110mH, 200mH, 300mH
Middle Distance Running	800m, 1500m
Walks	700mW, 1100mW, 1500mW
High Jump	High Jump
Jumps	Long, Triple
Throws	Discus, Shot Put & Javelin

These awards (with the exception of the Throws award) are selected by taking the top athlete from each boys event and each girls event for the **under nine age group and older** and comparing their result to the State Record for that event. This comparison is represented as a percentage of the State record. This method of comparison allows different events, results, age groups and genders to be compared to each other (where necessary).

When the comparisons have been completed for each event they are then grouped into categories based on those detailed for each award (as per above table). For each category, determine if any records have been broken - centre or state. If only one athlete has broken a record in that category, or one athlete has broken the record in multiple events in the category they would be awarded the trophy. If more than one athlete has broken a record, or no athlete has broken a record in that category, results are then compared to the state record.

The athlete who is closest to the State Record or exceeds the State Record by the greatest margin for that category is awarded the trophy for that category. If two or more athletes have tied, then the athlete who is closest to or exceeds the Centre Record (as at the beginning of the season) by the greatest margin is chosen. If both athletes have broken the Centre Record then the athlete who has beaten it by the biggest margin is the winner. In the event that both athletes have bettered the Centre Record by the same margin, then the athlete that breaks the record which has stood the longest is the winner.

*Example: Two athletes, Tom (U11 boy) and Jane (U12 girl) set new Centre Records for Long Jump and Triple Jump respectively.*

		Athlete Result	State Record	Difference	Percentage
Tom (U11B)	Long Jump	6.60m	8.65m	2.05m	76.30%
Jane (U12G)	Triple Jump	9.58m	12.21m	2.63m	78.46%

*While Tom's result was closer to the State Record (2.05m), Jane's result was a larger percentage of the State Record (78.46%) and therefore she would receive the award for Jumps.*

**Note:** It must be understood that for Field events the greater percentage is better, while in Track event the lower percentage is better.

The Throws Award is selected by the patron of the award, Vanessa French. A list of the top three or four throwers along with their season's results is mailed to Frances French, Vanessa's mother, who informs Vanessa, who lives in England, of the nominees' qualifications. Vanessa then selects the winning athlete and her mother notifies the Executive Committee. Vanessa may request additional information on the athletes besides their Centre results (eg. State event results).

### **Champion & Runner Up Boy & Girl per Age Group**

These are awarded to the athlete in each age group, Boy and Girl, who has accrued the highest and second highest amount of points at the end of normal competition. Centre Championship results are not included in the calculations.

### **Athlete 6 & 9 Year Service Awards**

BLAC presents this award to athletes who have participated in six or nine seasons at BLAC in recognition of the athlete's dedication and commitment to the Centre and to Little Athletics. The seasons do not have to be consecutive and the award is presented at the Centre's Closing Ceremony of the season the award is achieved.

### **Athlete 12 Year Service Awards**

BLAC present this award to athletes who have completed every year of competition at BLAC from U6 through to U17, in recognition of the athlete's dedication and commitment to the Centre and to Little Athletics. The award is presented at the completion of their final season at the Centre's Closing Ceremony. Any athlete affected by the change of age criteria is still eligible as long as they have competed every consecutive year.

### **Champion Club (French Family Trophy)**

This is awarded to the club which accrues the highest total Club Points for the regular season. Results are obtained from the current recording software by the Records & Ranking Officer at the conclusion of the regular season prior to the Centre Championships. The perpetual shield is awarded to the Club at the Centre's Closing Ceremony.

### **Champion Handicap Club (Joy Hardman Trophy)**

This is similar to the Champion Club Award except that the total points for each club is divided by the number of registered athletes for that club to give a points per athlete score. The club who attains the highest number of points per athlete score is awarded the trophy. Results are obtained from the current recording software by the Records & Ranking Officer at the conclusion of the regular season prior to Centre Championships. The perpetual shield is awarded to the Club at the Centre's Closing Ceremony.

### **Champion Club Age Group**

For each age group and gender the club whose athletes have accrued the highest number of Club Points for the regular season are awarded the Champion Club Age Group award for that age and gender. These awards are given as certificates. Results are obtained from the current recording software by the Records & Ranking Officer at the conclusion of the regular season prior to Centre Championships. The certificates are presented to the winning age groups at the Centre's Closing Ceremony.

**100% Participation Pin**

The 100% Participation pin has been introduced from the 2020/2021 season. Our Centre President, would like to acknowledge those athletes who compete in all available events each season.

**Criteria:** Awarded to each athlete who competes in every available event throughout the summer season excluding centre championships. 100% pins will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony.

**Christmas Gift**

The Christmas Gift is a handicapped 100m sprint race conducted on the last day of competition prior to Christmas. The top three place getters in each Boy & Girl, Junior & Senior Categories are awarded medallions on the day of the event. Additionally, the winners of the races have their names inscribed on the perpetual trophy. Anne Redmond is the patron of the Senior Christmas Gift and Trish Gunn is the patron of the Junior Christmas Gift.

**Record Breakers**

Record breakers receive a personalised plaque or medallion at the Centre's Closing Ceremony.