



## Mt Barker District Athletics Club awards and recognition policy

There is a rich history of recognition within our club and a continued array of awards for all members will be presented at an annual end of season presentation day. MBDAC recognises and values the celebration of high performance, commitment, participation, personal bests and service contribution to our club.

### **Recording results**

Results are recorded weekly by age group chaperones and uploaded to the Results HQ recording system. This centralised recording system is synchronised with the SALAA registration system and is used for state event qualifications and consistent recording across all clubs.

### **Minimum attendance criteria – eligibility**

To be eligible to receive any award, an athlete must have attended a minimum of 50% of our Friday night competition meets, which must include 2 meets before the Christmas break and 2 after the Christmas break. Attendance is classified as 4 completed events on a Friday night.

Little athletics encourages all athletes to develop confidence and skills by **regular** participation, to compete to the best of their ability, and to improve personal performances over the season.

### **Tiny Tot Awards**

All tiny tots satisfying the attendance criteria will receive a participation medal and certificate.

### **Participation Awards**

All registered club athletes satisfying the attendance criteria will receive a participation medal and certificate.

## Point scoring criteria

- A) If an athlete achieves a PB improving their time/distance/height from their previous best for the season they are awarded 2 points.
- B) If an athlete breaks (not equals) a centre record, they achieve 5 points. So, an athlete achieving a PB, and breaking a centre record will achieve 7 points.
- C) Season average points are calculated at the end of the summer season based on athletes' average performance calculated by results HQ recording system. These averages are used to determine our Age Group Champions and Overall Club Champions. Athletes with the highest average will receive 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place 4 points and 5<sup>th</sup> place 2 points. By using season average scoring, athletes are encouraged to maintain consistent attendance, improvement and performance.

## Personal Best (PB) Medals

Personal Best medals (gold, silver and bronze) are awarded to our most improved athletes. The very heart of little athletics is PB's, and athletes are constantly reminded by our foundational motto 'to always do your best'. These most improved medals are therefore awarded to the athletes who have shown consistent improvement each week during the season by achieving regular PB'S.

**GOLD** – Athletes who achieve 30 or more new PB's in one season

**SILVER** – Athletes who achieve 25-29 new PBs in one season

**BRONZE** – Athletes who achieve 20-24 new PB's in one season

## Club Overall Most Improved

One perpetual trophy, boy or girl, senior or junior with the overall highest number of recorded home PB's will be awarded with our *Club Champion Most Improved Trophy*. This award is a true reflection of commitment, consistency and most importantly focuses on rewarding the athlete who has shown the most improvement and growth within the season.

## Age Group Champions

*Age Group Champions* and *Runner Up Age Group Champions* are awarded to the athletes with the highest number of points obtained during the season. One champion and one runner up champion boy and girl will be selected in every age group in accordance with our point scoring criteria. Our age group champions are a reflection of high achievement, obtained by commitment, as well as personal bests, centre records and points for season average performance. Winner must meet attendance requirements. No points are allocated for attendance or any 'away records' achieved at State events or other external club meets.

\*\* If there are reduced registrations in senior age groups (U12 and over), age groups can be combined for trophy calculations at the discretion of the committee.

### **Club Champions - Performance**

Three perpetual trophies are awarded to the 3 Club Champions with the overall highest number of points obtained throughout the season. The Club Champions are considered to be the centres' most outstanding all-around athletes, they are selected from the highest ranked Age Group Champion winners, and are acknowledged as exceptional athletes. Winners must meet attendance requirements. Three perpetual Club Champion trophies are awarded to an U6-U8, U9-U12 and an U13 and over.

### **Chris Lane Memorial Trophy**

The *Chris Lane Memorial Award* is named in honour of Chris Lane, and her service to our club for many years. Chris was a dedicated and passionate committee member of our club, who sadly lost her battle with breast cancer.

Two perpetual trophies are presented to a Junior Boy or Girl (U6 to U11), and a Senior Boy or Girl (U12 and up). The award is chosen at the discretion of the committee, and their decision will be based upon the athletes who they observe to be regularly demonstrating the values Chris Lane hoped would always remain at the core of our club. Friendship, commitment, sportsmanship, leadership, encouragement, and an unwavering passion for grassroots athletics. The winners must meet the attendance criteria.

### **Most Outstanding State Athlete**

Trophies will be awarded, 2 to a junior boy and girl U8-U12 and 2 to a senior U13-17 boy and girl. These awards are to recognise the high achievement, performance and commitment of athletes who attend regular State events at the Athletics Stadium. The award is chosen at the discretion of the committee; however, members can nominate any athlete they believe fits the criteria for consideration.

The criteria includes performance/results at all state events including State Relay Day, State Combined event, State Challenge and the State Championships. Additional events that can be taken into consideration include PB days, and any qualifications for State or National teams. Winners must meet attendance requirement to be eligible.

### **Michael McInnes Volunteer Award**

Michael McInnes is the true definition of a volunteer, and the contribution he made to our club over many years was to the highest level. Michael gave everything of himself and never once asked for anything in return. He demonstrated to each and every one of us the true meaning of service and volunteering, and without him this club would not be where it is today. If there was something broken, Michael would fix it, if there were lines needing to be marked, he would give up his weekend to do it. He has helped at cross country events, Bunnings BBQ's, Conquer the Summit, and even parkrun.

Without volunteers like Michael, sporting clubs would cease to operate. The Michael McInnes Volunteer of the year award was created in honour of Michael, to not only acknowledge his contribution to our club, but to acknowledge and thank the future volunteers. The award will be presented annually and decided on by the committee. It can be either a committee or non-committee member that has demonstrated all of the above values for a minimum of 5 years. If the committee do not feel there is anyone who meets the criteria in a particular season, the award will not be presented.

### **Cross Country Awards**

Our cross-country season runs through the winter months, to be eligible for cross country awards, athletes must attend at least 3 cross country meets. Trophies will be awarded to the centre's best junior boy and girl U6-U9, and senior boy and girl U10 and over. We will also award trophies to the Mum and Dad who accumulated the most points in the parents' races. An overall cross-country club champion will be awarded a perpetual trophy for the highest points achieved across all age groups; this is our 'David Fryer Cross Country Champion'. Awards will be presented in week 3 of the summer season.

### **Attendance Milestones**

Attendance milestone certificates will be awarded to athletes who have recorded 50 meets. Milestone trophies will be awarded to athletes who have achieved, 75, 100, 125, and 150 meets during the season. Attendance and regular club participation, as well as long term commitment to our club and the sport of athletics is essential to club culture, community and commitment. We feel it is essential to acknowledge the athletes who commit to our club, by showing dedication and loyalty over many years.

## **Life Membership**

Junior Life membership is awarded to athletes who have shown an outstanding commitment to the club throughout their years of membership as an athlete. The athlete must have been able to show commitment, leadership, passion and involvement at all club levels including weekly meets and SANTOS events. They must have been an athlete of the club for 10 years, or attended at least 150 meets. Junior life membership is awarded at our presentation evening, and candidates are selected at the discretion of the committee.

Life membership (service) is awarded as recognition for the dedication to those volunteers who have actively contributed to the running of the Mount Barker club for over 10 years, including being an active member on the committee for at least 5 years. Life membership is the highest volunteer recognition of our club and is awarded to those who uphold all the values of the club. Life membership is awarded at our presentation evening, and candidates are selected at the discretion of the committee.