

RYDE ATHLETICS  
CENTRE INCORPORATED



JUNIORS' ANNUAL AWARDS  
CRITERIA

## **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

To encourage attendance, improvement and effort, the Centre awards Monthly Merit Award Ribbons and Most Improved Merits throughout the season. The Centre also awards trophies at the end of the season. There are Age Group Trophies, Most Improved Trophies, Age Champion Medals and Ribbons, Perpetual Trophies and Other Awards. Age Group Trophies, including Most Improved and Age Champion awards,.

To be eligible for an **Age Group Trophy**, athletes must meet eligibility criteria. In summary, the trophies available for each age group are as follows:

	<b>Commitment Trophy</b>	<b>Zone Trophy</b>	<b>Region Trophy</b>	<b>State Trophy</b>
<b>Tots</b>	Eligible stc	NA	NA	NA
<b>U6</b>	Eligible stc	NA	NA	NA
<b>U7</b>	Eligible stc	Eligible stc	NA	NA
<b>U8</b>	Eligible stc	Eligible stc	Eligible stc	NA
<b>U9-U17</b>	Eligible stc	Eligible stc	Eligible stc	Eligible stc

The **Commitment and Zone Trophies** are subject to attendance criteria. To receive one of these trophies, the athlete must have attended three-quarters of the total weeks of the season where competition points have been recorded, **and** they must also have attended at least two of the weeks after the Christmas break. Attendance is only recorded on normal points weeks and rained out weeks are eliminated from the total weeks counted for competition.

In some instances (eg. athlete illness or injury), and at the Age Manager's request, an athlete may be awarded an **Encouragement Trophy** if he/she is close to reaching the attendance criteria.

The **Region and State Trophies** are subject to age and qualification criteria. To receive a Region trophy, the athlete must qualify through to the Region Championships, ie. be U8 or older and compete in the final at Zone Carnival. To receive a State trophy, the athlete must qualify through to the State Championships, ie. be U9 or older and attain 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a final at the Region Carnival for automatic qualification, or achieve a 'next best eight' performance across the state to be added as an additional qualifier.

If an athlete does not satisfy one of these trophy criteria, they will be awarded an unnamed **Participation Medallion or trophy**.

Note that only the highest level trophy achieved by the athlete will be awarded. For example, an u9 athlete who attends all Saturday competitions, competes at Zone, qualifies to Region and then to State will only receive a State trophy.

The Most Improved trophy is awarded to the athlete who has accumulated the most improvement points throughout the season but who has not received an Age Champion award.

From the first points week of the season, every athlete's Personal Best (PB) is recorded in the computer records for each event. In each subsequent week to the base week, where points are awarded, the athlete's results are compared to their PB for each event. If a PB is equalled, then one improvement point is awarded. If a PB is beaten (to become the new PB), three improvement points are awarded. The Most Improved trophy is awarded to the athlete who has accumulated the most improvement points throughout the season but who is not first, second or third in the age championships.

The Centre also presents several **Other Awards** on Presentation Day. The first of these, the '**Trent Whalan True Blue Medal**' is awarded to any under 13,14,15, 16 or 17 athlete who attains blue levels in at least 14 of their 15 events. All events must be attempted.

The '**Steve Refenes Medal**' is awarded to any Ryde Little Athlete who sets a LANSW State Record or Australian Best Performance (ABP), either as an individual or as a member of team.

Any athlete who achieves 10 years continuous registration in LANSW receives an '**Athlete Service Award**' certificate from LANSW. These certificates can be obtained as soon as the athlete is eligible – eg. An U13 will eligible if registered continuously with two years of Tots. The 10 years can be accumulated with centres other than Ryde. **Please see the Registrar during the season if you are entitled to one of these awards from LANSW.**

The **Age Champions** are decided in the U6 to U17 age groups for boys and girls. Athletes placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in U12s and below, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in U13s and above (as determined by our points system described below).

Each competitor accrues points for the events in which they compete. All athletes can compete in up to six events per week. Additional events offered to the U11-U17 age groups means they can have up to seven or eight events some weeks.

There are two points systems used in calculating these age group placings at the end of the season. These are the 'Placings/Competition Points' and 'Multipoints'. The Centre uses the LAD computer system which calculates these points as results are entered.

If an athlete competes at a LANSW or ANSW State or a LAA or AA National athletics event and misses a day's points competition at Ryde, to encourage attendance at such events, that athlete will be awarded average points for the days' competition missed. If a wet weather program is held at Ryde on a day when average points are awarded those points will be discounted due to the fewer events available to those competing at Dunbar Park. The discount will be calculated by obtaining the average points of the top six athletes of the relevant age group for both dry competition and wet weather competition and calculating the percentage difference between the two. This difference is the amount discounted.

#### Placings/Competition Points

In each event, first place receives eight points, second place seven points, third place six points, and so on down to one point for eighth place. Every competitor also receives one point for competing. If only two athletes go in an event then first place gets eight points and second gets seven points, plus a point each for competing. It doesn't matter how good you are, if you compete you get points. This points system does not differentiate by how much one athlete performs relative to another.

#### Multipoints

In the multipoint system, each event for each age group has a table of results (times or distances depending on the event type) and the number of points earned for that result. For example, the table for u11 boys' long jump will have an entry for all the distances that are possible for the age group, and each distance will have a number of points allocated to it. The longer the jump, the more points earned. There is a table for each age group/event combination. This points system does differentiate by how much one athlete performs relative to another.

#### Determining the Age Champions

The placings for each age group are calculated by averaging out both the Placings/Competition Points and the Multipoints. In our demonstration age group we have six athletes who have earned the following points:

Athlete Number	Placings/Comp'n Points	Multi-points
1	1364	3654
2	1277	3702
3	1439	4007
4	1043	2765
5	1597	4035
6	1165	2483

These points are then converted into 'Placings/Competition' percentages and 'Multipoint' percentages. This is achieved for each points system by dividing the number of points for each athlete by the total points for that points system. For example, the sum of the Placings/Competition points for the six athletes is 7885. The Placings/Competition percentage for athlete 1 is therefore  $1364/7885 \times 100 = 17.30\%$ . This is done for each athlete for both points systems to give the following:

Ath. No	Placing/Comp'n Points	Multi-points	Placing/Comp'n %	Multi-points %
1	1364	3654	17.30	17.70
2	1277	3702	16.20	17.93
3	1439	4007	18.25	19.41
4	1043	2765	13.23	13.39
5	1597	4035	20.25	19.54
6	1165	2483	14.77	12.03
Total	7885	20646		

Finally, the two percentages are averaged out by adding them together and dividing by two. This gives the following result and final positions:

Ath. no	Placings / Comp'n %	Multi-points %	Avg	Pos
1	17.30	17.70	17.50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2	16.20	17.93	17.07	4 <sup>th</sup>
3	18.25	19.41	18.83	2 <sup>nd</sup>
4	13.23	13.39	13.31	6 <sup>th</sup>
5	20.25	19.54	19.90	1 <sup>st</sup>
6	14.77	12.03	13.40	5 <sup>th</sup>
Total	100	100	100	

The following Perpetual Trophies may be awarded in cases where the Committee judges that a very

high standard of performance has been achieved and the specific criteria below have been met. In circumstances where there is no clear winner the Committee may at their discretion, apply additional criteria which could include comparison to State Little Athletics records or Age world records and Multi class records or other relevant comparative data.

#### SCULLION TROPHY

Awarded to the winner of the Most Improved athlete in the u6 girl and the u6 boy age group.

#### U7S BEST PERFORMANCE AT ZONE

Awarded for the best individual performance at the Zone carnival with the following order of merit:

1. Gold, silver or bronze medals achieved at Zone
2. If equal medals calculating on three points for gold, two points for silver and one point for bronze with the highest point being the winner

#### U8s BEST PERFORMANCE AT REGION

Awarded for the best individual performance at the Region carnival with the following order of merit:

1. Gold, silver or bronze medals achieved at Region
2. If equal medals calculating on three points for gold, two points for silver and one point for bronze with the highest point being the winner

#### LOUISE TRIMBLE JUMPS TROPHY

Awarded for the best individual jumps performance in achieving the most records broken at Ryde in:

1. 3 jumps disciplines;
2. 2 jumps disciplines;
3. 1 jump discipline.
4. the biggest percentage improvement over the previous record and the number of years since the previous record was set.

An additional factor to consider is the number of jump disciplines available to younger athletes.

#### BOB CRAWFORD THROWS TROPHY

Awarded for the best individual throws performance in achieving the most records broken at Ryde in:

1. 3 throwing disciplines;
2. 2 throwing disciplines;
3. 1 throwing discipline.
4. the biggest percentage improvement over the previous record and the number of years since the previous record was set.

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Additional factors to consider:

- Number of throwing disciplines available to younger athletes; and
- Where implement/event specification changes occur, records broken need to be assessed against prior records achieved.

#### MERRYN ALDRIDGE SPRINTS TROPHY

Awarded for the best individual sprint performance in a LANSW event in the following order of merit:

1. State performance
2. Regional performance
3. Zone performance
4. Records set at any LANSW event and at club level

#### BETTY MOORE HURDLES TROPHY

Awarded for the best individual hurdles performance in a LANSW event in the following order of merit:

1. State performance
2. Regional performance
3. Zone performance
4. Records set at any LANSW event and at club level.

#### DAVID LEWIS MIDDLE DISTANCE TROPHY

Awarded for the best individual middle distance performance in a LANSW event in the following order of merit:

1. State performance
2. Regional performance
3. Zone performance
4. Records set at any LANSW event and at club level.

#### THE LUKE ADAMS TROPHY

##### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN RACE WALKING

Awarded for the best individual race walking performance in a LANSW event the following order of merit:

1. State performances
2. Regional performance
3. Zone performance
4. Records set at any LANSW event and at club level.

#### SHANNON ARNOTT SINGLE MOST OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Awarded to the best Performance at a LANSW or LAA Championship in the following order of merit:

1. National - gold, silver, bronze, finalist, competitor
2. State – gold, silver, bronze, finalist, competitor

Where a gold medal = 3 points, silver medal = 2 points, bronze medal = 1 point. In the case of a tie, then this is awarded to both athletes.

#### LYN CRAWFORD ALL ROUND TROPHY & RYDE SPORTS FOUNDATION ALL ROUND TROPHY

These two trophies have the same criteria. The Lyn Crawford Trophy is awarded to an athlete from the u7-u11 age groups; the Ryde Sports Foundation Trophy is awarded to an athlete from the u12-u17 age groups.

The awarding of the trophies is decided by the Committee, taking into consideration the performance against the following criteria, with the following order of merit:

1. Achieving 60% of Blue patches
2. Average point score
3. Entering at least 60% of all events offered and attempting every event at least once.
4. Achieving at least 60% attendance
5. Demonstrated sportsmanship and enthusiasm

#### BEST RELAY PERFORMANCE

This trophy will be awarded to the Ryde team that performs best at the LANSW State Relays.

Factors to consider are:

- Medal awarded gold, silver or bronze;
- Whether a record was set;
- The age of the record and how much it was improved by; and
- If no record was set the team that was closest to the record percentage wise.

#### EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT TROPHY

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Awarded to an athlete with a disability with consideration of the following:

1. Displaying enthusiasm and effort in the spirit of Little Athletics
2. Number of weeks attended
3. Number of events attempted (with due consideration given to the number of events available to the age group and the ability of the athlete to compete in all events)
4. Performance at a higher level
5. Contribution to the Club.