

# **NSWMA Annual Awards and Selection Guidelines**

## **NSWMA Awards**

**Award period** – Previous calendar year

**Presented** – NSWMA Awards Dinner March/April the following year

## **Event Categories (1 winner, male and female)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Events included</b>
Sprints/Hurdles	60, 100, 200, 400, sprint hurdles, long hurdles
Middle Distance/Steeplechase	800, 1500, 3000, Steeplechase
Long Distance	5k, 10k, half marathon, marathon, cross country
Walks	Track, Road
Throws	Javelin, Discus, Shot Put, Hammer, Weight, Throws Pentathlon
Jumps	High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump
Multis	Heptathlon, Decathlon, Pentathlon
Relays & Team Events	Relays (any distance), Team events as in winter competition

## ***Results at the following events to be considered:***

- WMA Championships (Indoor and Stadia)
- Oceania Championships
- AMA National Championships
- Other National Masters Championships (as applicable)
- ANSW State Masters Championships (Track and Field, Cross Country, Road, Walks)
- All ANSW other competitions (Treloar Shield, Allcomers, State Open Championships)
- AA National Championships
- NSWMA Specific sponsored events
- Other – eg. Masters Games (World Masters Games, Pan Pacs, GBR Masters Games)
  - Members may need to submit results for consideration if not a major event

## **Award Selection Criteria (Performance and Subjective)**

- Primarily based on age graded percentages (2 best performances) to determine the most outstanding athlete in each category. However, note that age-grading favours the shorter races and older age groups, and disfavors some jumps and the throws events. Use of the merit awards table could be utilised where relevant.
- Consider any other notable performances.
- Depth of competition - was the event a straight final or did the athlete have to progress through the rounds?
- Records broken (was it considered soft?)
- Sportsmanship
- Did the athlete actively participate across a depth of competitions?

## Overall Awards

<b>J&amp;J Award</b>	Awarded to the athlete with the highest combined point score at the State Throws Pentathlon Championships. Athletes can only win this award once in each age category.
<b>Newcomer of the Year</b>	Awarded to an athlete for their performances in their first full season at master's athletics.
<b>Marcus Tooley Award</b>	Awarded to a member considered to embody the true spirit of Masters Athletics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations welcome from NSWMA member base</li> </ul>
<b>Official/Administrator/Volunteer (President's Award)</b>	Outstanding service to either NSWMA or the wider masters athletics community
<b>Most Outstanding Male Athlete</b>	Awarded for an individual event, for multiple successes at a single competition or for multiple successes in a particular event over the year.
<b>Most Outstanding Female Athlete</b>	Awarded for an individual event, for multiple successes at a single competition or for multiple successes in a particular event over the year.
	<i>* These two awards may go to an outstanding athlete in one of the event categories, however they are also subject to the discretion of the committee. Age grading is only part of the determination for these awards.</i>
<b>Most Outstanding Individual Performance</b>	Award may go to an all round athlete who may not excel at any one discipline or it may go to an athlete who showed particular determination and success under adverse conditions.