

ATHLETICS NEW BRUNSWICK POLICY STATEMENT

12.1: CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

- 1) Purpose: To highlight the Association's competitive year and performances, as well as outstanding accomplishments, the Association will annually recognize selected athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers. This recognition will serve three purposes:
 - a) To recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments and contributions within the Association;
 - b) To provide an opportunity to highlight these achievers and contributors in the media; and
 - c) To increase awareness of these achievers and contributors throughout the membership.

- 2) Definition:
 - a) Athlete Awards: Will be for the outstanding athlete based on performance throughout the previous 12 months prior to the deadline for nominations. Athletics accomplishments to be considered will be listed in the criteria. These awards shall be chosen by the Awards Committee. The Board of Directors' Masters Representative shall be asked to prepare a nomination for the Masters Athlete of the Year Award.
 - b) Coaching Excellence Award: Will be for coaching involvement with the Association over an extended period of time, with particular focus on the prior 12 months. This award shall be chosen by the Awards Committee.
 - c) Officiating Excellence Award: Will be for involvement over an extended period of time, with particular focus on the prior 12 months. This award shall be chosen by the ANB Board of Directors Officials Chair.
 - d) Award for Outstanding Contribution: Will be for involvement over an extended period of time, with particular focus on the prior 12 months. This award shall be chosen by the Executive Director.

- 3) Eligibility:
 - a) All award nominees must be members of Athletics New Brunswick (ANB) and registered within the appropriate category;
 - b) Award nominees are expected to have followed the Code of Conduct and show a high level of integrity; and
 - c) An individual may be nominated for more than one award if the award category description and criteria has been met.

4) Award Categories:

- a) Athlete Awards: Track & Field
 - i) Bantam each male & female (12 or 13 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - ii) Midget each male & female (14 or 15 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - iii) Youth each male & female (16 or 17 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - iv) Junior each male & female (18 or 19 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - v) Senior each male & female (between 20 and 34 years of age on 31 December in year of Competition)
- b) Team of the Year
- c) Masters Athlete of the Year each male & female (35 years of age or over on 31 December in year of Competition)
- d) Cross Country Running:
 - i) Under 18 each male & female (18 years of age or older on 31 December in year of Competition)
 - ii) 18+ each male & female (18 years of age or older on 31 December in year of Competition)
- e) Outstanding Performer each male & female
- f) Spirit of Sport Award
- g) Coaching Excellence Award
- h) Officiating Excellence Award
- i) Harold Nicholson Award for Outstanding Contribution

5) Award Criteria:

- a) Athlete Awards: Track & Field
 - Best Performances Indoor and/or Outdoor;
 - Honours and achievements (e.g. Gold Medal at Legion Championships, Named to National Team, etc.);
 - Provincial and National, and world ranking;
 - Provincial and National Records;
 - Overall high participation at events (for Run Jump Throw Wheel).
- b) Team of the Year
 - To recognize a relay or cross country running team that has achieved an outstanding performance such as winning a title, banner, medal, established a new record, or other notable achievement.

c) Masters Athlete of the Year

- Best Performances Indoor and/or Outdoor;
- Honours and achievements (Medals, titles, teams, etc.);
- Provincial, National, and world ranking;
- Provincial and National Records;
- Overall high participation at events (for Run Jump Throw Wheel).

d) Cross Country Running

- Best Performances;
- Honours and achievements (Medals, USport All-Star, University Conference All-Star, Team MVP, team banners, etc.);
- Overall high participation at events.

e) Outstanding Performer each male & female

- To recognize an athlete who has been chosen as ANB's top performer;
- Must be chosen from an award winner in categories a), c), d).

f) Spirit of Sport Award

To recognize an athlete who represents Athletics and ANB in a positive manner as a good steward of the sport of Athletics and may include:

- Enthusiastically promotes the sport of Athletics and encourages others to participate;
- The athlete shows a high level of training or involvement in or giving back to the sport;
- The athlete shows consistent and high participation at ANB events;
- The athlete may have achievements under adverse conditions, unique achievement;
- The athlete has good provincial performances (medalist);
- Although it is not encouraged that an individual win this award more than once, there are no limits or restrictions as to the number of times an individual can win this award.

g) Coaching Excellence Award

Highlights of coaching accomplishments that may include:

- Highest level to which athletes were coached (i.e. national championships, provincial records, etc...) and their best results;
- Provincial, National or International Team/Coaching appointments (e.g. Legion Team Coach, National Team Coach, etc.);
- Current level of NCCP certification;

- Commitment to NCCP certification and upgrades;
- Professional Development undertaken to further their coach development;
- Participation in summits, clinics, presentation;
- Years Coaching;
- Club Development initiatives;
- Innovation in coaching strategies/techniques and support of Long Term Athlete Development principles;
- Development of athletes (continued improvements in sport, life, emotional well being, etc);
- Positive interaction with athletes, other coaches, meet officials, and administrators;
- Good steward of the sport of Athletics;
- Any other important information about this candidate. This may include club development, involvement in or giving back to the sport, consistency and high participation at ANB events, achievements under adverse conditions, unique achievements, or athlete/parent testimonials;
- Although it is not encouraged that an individual win this award more than once, there are no limits or restrictions as to the number of times an individual can win this award.

h) Officiating Excellence Award

Highlights of officiating accomplishments that may include:

- Highest level at which officiating took place (i.e. National Championships, World Championships, etc.);
- Current level of certification;
- Commitment to certification and upgrades;
- Number and level of officiating appointments;
- Positive interaction with athletes, coaches, and other meet officials;
- Involvement in or giving back to the sport;
- Consistent and high participation at ANB events;
- Although it is not encouraged that an individual win this award more than once, there are no limits or restrictions as to the number of times an individual can win this award.

i) Harold Nicholson Award for Outstanding Contribution

Harold Nicholson was president of ANB from 1989-2004 and from 2007-2011 making him the longest sitting president in ANB's history. He was responsible for incorporating ANB with Athletics Canada in 1991 and the development of its first set of policies. Harold was a Canadian Legion Youth Championship Team coach and Canada Games Team coach for many years. In 2012 he was awarded the National Investors Group Volunteer Sport Administrator of the Year at the Coaching Association of Canada.

Highlights volunteer accomplishments that may include:

- Tirelessly promotes Athletics in New Brunswick, champions the sport tirelessly and enthusiastically. Has a record of volunteering for their local club or ANB event or being an active ANB promoter;
- Number of events and number of years as volunteer;
- Consistent and high participation at ANB events;
- Consistent and high participation as an ANB administrator working towards advancement of the sport

and towards programs;

- Positive interaction with athletes, coaches, meet officials, and administrators;
- Good steward of the sport of Athletics;
- Involvement in or giving back to the sport, club development, promotion and advancement of Athletics in New Brunswick, Atlantic Canada, and Canada;
- Although it is not encouraged that an individual win this award more than once, there are no limits or restrictions as to the number of times an individual can win this award.

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