

AWARDS CRITERIA

STATE BASED AWARDS

Professional Athlete of the Year

Male / Female

This Award recognises the athlete who attains the highest level of professional performance in Domestic WT Draft Legal and/or Professional Long Course Non-Drafting events. The winner of this Award must be a member. **Public nominations are not required for these awards.**

Dependent on number of candidates this award can be given to a person of each gender or just one person for an “overall” award.

Paratriathlon/Multiclass Athlete of the Year

Male / Female

This Award recognises the athlete who attains the highest level of professional performance in the Paratriathlon or multiclass categories. The winner of this Award must be a member. **Public nominations are not required for these awards.** **Dependent on number of candidates this award can be given to a person of each gender or just one person for an “overall” award. In smaller states this could also be combined with the professional athlete of the year award.**

Youth/Junior Athlete of the Year

Male / Female

This Award recognises the athlete who attains the highest level of performance in Domestic Draft Legal Youth/Junior events. The winner of this Award must be a member. **Public nominations are not required for these awards.** **Dependent on number of candidates this award can be given to a person in each age category (youth and junior) or just one person for an “overall youth/junior” award.**

Youth/Junior Most Improved

Male / Female

This Award recognises the athlete who has displayed a significant level of improvement through their commitment, good sportspersonship and attitude to training and racing. The winner of this Award must be a member of the State team and must be a member. **Public nominations are not required for these awards.**

The Athlete's Athlete

This Award recognises the athlete who personifies the triathlon spirit, demonstrates good sportsmanship and consistently participates in events while inspiring others. The winner of this Award must be a member and a member of an affiliated Club/Squad. Nominations are accepted from members.

Most Inspiring Performance

This award will highlight the most inspiring overall or one-off performance from an athlete over the previous racing season and is inclusive of all events, membership types and racing categories. The winner of this Award must be a member. Nominations are accepted from members.

Junior Coach of the Year

This Award recognises a Coach who makes a significant contribution to the development of juniors in a healthy, fun, safe and competitive environment. The winner of this Award must be an accredited AusTriathlon Coach at an affiliated club/squad, who actively coaches across the three triathlon disciplines – swim, cycle and run. Nominations are accepted from members. Coaches may self-nominate for this Award.

Coach of the Year

This Award recognises a Coach who creates a positive culture and training environment, where athletes are given the opportunity to develop skills and strive to achieve personal bests. The winner of this Award must be an accredited AusTriathlon Coach at an affiliated club/squad, who actively coaches across the three triathlon disciplines – swim, cycle and run. Nominations are accepted from members. Coaches may self-nominate for this Award.

Technical Official of the Year

This Award recognises a Technical Official, who in the field of play, is seen by athletes, race directors and their peers as someone who has made a significant contribution to enhance the equality, fairness and safety of triathlon. This person demonstrates, through patience and communication, the skills of officiating appropriately to the level of event and participant. The winner of this Award must have officiated at a minimum of five events and be a member. Nominations are accepted from members.

Volunteer of the Year

This Award recognises a member who through their voluntary actions has made a significant and positive contribution to the sport of triathlon at any level. This person must not receive any tangible reward for their services. Nominations are accepted from members.

Club Initiative of the Year

This award recognises an affiliated club/squad who has made a significant contribution to triathlon during the season through the development of a program, event or activity that has increased 'participants on the starting line'. Nominations are accepted from members. Clubs/squads may self-nominate for this Award.

NEW AWARD CATEGORIES

Club Event of the Year

This award recognises an event, organised by an affiliated club/squad, that is considered the "best starting line" experience. To support your nomination please explain what appealed to you about this event, identify if it was inclusive, outline how the event demonstrated high participant satisfaction and outline any other supporting information you have. Nominations are accepted from members. Clubs/squads may self-nominate for this Award.

Event of the Year

This award recognises an event that is considered the "best starting line" experience. To support your nomination please explain what appealed to you about this event, identify if it was inclusive, outline how the event demonstrated high participant satisfaction and outline any other supporting information you have. Nominations are accepted from members.

Awards Conditions

- To be eligible to receive an Award, the recipient must be an active AusTriathlon and member for the 2025-26 season. Coaches must hold a valid AusTriathlon coach accreditation with scope relevant to the award.
- Provide good and relevant examples of why the person, or event, gets your nomination. Aspects such as how they/the event met the award criteria, and how their role/contribution assisted triathlon.
- Nominations can only be submitted via the online form.
- Only complete nominations submitted prior to the closing date will be accepted.
- Award recipients will be determined by the Awards Committee and their decision is final.
- Winners will be announced online and presented at the Awards Breakfast on Saturday 30 May 2026.
- We respect your privacy and all the information provided by the applicant will remain confidential.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES AWARDS

State Championship Series Age Group Champions

This title is awarded to the male & female who accrue the highest points in each Age Group Category.

State Championship Series Shield

The State Championship Series Shield is awarded to clubs/squads based on results from the state championship series events across the 2025-26 season. Organisations must be an affiliated club/squad (referred to as clubs) to be eligible for the State Championship Series Shield and will be classified according to their size/type.

- Small Club – less than 100 members
- Large Club – over 101 members

For individuals to be awarded points, towards the club award, they must be a member of the affiliated club/squad.

State Championship Series Club Performance Award

The **Club Performance Award** title is awarded to clubs/squads based on results from the selected multisport series events across the 2025-26 season.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Hall of Fame (Legend of Multisport) and Presidents Special Recognition Award

Board Nominated and Awarded when relevant for the state.

Life Membership

As nominated and awarded at AGM.