

# AWARDS CRITERIA

## SA 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

*In memory of Adam Johnson*

This Award recognises the athlete who personifies the triathlon spirit, demonstrates good sportspersonship 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 Triathlon members for these awards.

Adam Johnson personified the true triathlon spirit through his consistent participation, commitment to excellence, and exemplary sportsmanship as both a competitor and club member. Respected by fellow athletes for his dedication, humility, and encouragement of others, Adam inspired those around him through his actions and friendships, leaving a lasting legacy within the triathlon community.

## 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 Triathlon members 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.

Winner of this category will be an automatic finalist for the AusTriathlon Awards.

## 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 (three events for 25/26 season due to Algal Bloom disruptions) and be a member. Nominations are accepted from members.

Winner of this category will be an automatic finalist for the AusTriathlon Awards.

## 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.

Winner of this category will be an automatic finalist for the AusTriathlon Awards.

## 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.

### 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.
- 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 Event TBD
- We respect your privacy and all the information provided by the applicant will remain confidential

# STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES AWARDS

## State Championship Series Age Group Champion

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

# RECOGNITION AWARDS

## Hall of Fame and Presidents Special Recognition Award

Board Nominated and Awarded when relevant for the state.

The SA Triathlon President may, at their discretion, award a 'President's Award' at the Annual Awards celebration. This award is decided solely by the SA Triathlon Board and is designed to recognise an individual, group or organisation that has made a significant contribution to triathlon in South Australia either in a single event or over a significant period, or during the season.

## Life Membership

As nominated and awarded at AGM.

## OTHER AWARDS

### Event of the Year

This award will highlight the most outstanding SA Triathlon sanctioned event held in the 2025-26 triathlon and or multisport season. The SA Triathlon Event of the Year Award may be awarded to a club event, community event, for profit race organiser event etc.

Winner of this category will be an automatic finalist for the AusTriathlon Awards.

The nomination will include:

- A description of the event and where the event has contributed/excelled (high organisation standards, race experience, innovation).
- A description of how the event has positively impacted the local community with which it is held.
- A description of the number of participants who attend the event.
- Does the nominated event ensure that a diverse range of participants can enjoy and compete in the event e.g., does this event have a paratriathlon category, female only categories etc.
- A description of how the event has demonstrated the triathlon values of Unity, Accountability, Courage, Enjoyment and Inclusivity.
- Any additional information to support the nomination.