

## **SAMA ACHIEVERS AWARD**

Introduced in January 2020

### Aim of the Award

To introduce a scheme for an "Achievers Award" to acknowledge individual performances gained by athletes who strive from week to week to improve their performance ratings but who may not necessarily be at a "high" standard.

### Advantages

Encourage more athletes to attend weekly meetings for both Summer and Winter seasons.

Increase motivation and competitiveness between athletes at all levels of competition for the full range of events.

### Scheme

The Award will be applicable only to financial members of SA Masters Athletics (SAMA) and based on their performances during the weekly SAMA competitions. Awards will be made separately for each of the Summer and Winter seasons.

In the Summer season it will cover all athletic disciplines ie. runs, sprints, walks, jumps, throws. For the Winter season it will apply to all participants in the run and walk events.

The Award will be determined using a points-based system.

Points will be awarded on a weekly basis, commencing on the first week for each SAMA season ie. for the Winter season or Summer season. Athletes that actually compete at a meeting will be acknowledged with a point for each event entered.

Further allocation of award points for each athlete will be based on the degree of performance improvement of their best Age Grade Rating for every event entered; the more events entered, the more points could be earned.

Performance improvement will be assessed by comparing the latest achieved Age Grade Rating for a particular event with the previously achieved maximum Age Grade Rating for that event for the current season.

Specific allocation of points for an athlete is as follows:

1 point - Attendance and participation in each event.

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0 points - if the previous maximum rating is not reached

1 point - if the previous maximum rating is improved by 0 to 0.5%

2 points - if the previous maximum rating is improved by >0.5% to 1%

3 points - if the previous maximum rating is improved by >1% to 1.5%

4 points - if the previous maximum rating is improved by >1.5% to 2%

5 points - if the previous maximum rating is improved by > 2%

### Accounting

Award points will be calculated based on the results entered in the SAMA Event Manager data base each week. Software algorithms have been incorporated to enable comparison of performance data each week as detailed above.

## Reports

Two reports would be produced from Event Manager each week recording the points status for each athlete as they progress their attendance and performance improvements.

1. A report visible to all SAMA members at the bottom of the weekly Results published on the SAMA website. This report would be for the previous week's competition as points should not be allocated until all results are confirmed.
2. A paper report from the previous meeting would be on display at each meeting. The report can be printed from the SAMA printer at the registration desk but would not of course show results from that day.

## The Award

The outcome of Achievers Award will be announced at the Presentation ceremony at the end of each of the Summer and Winter seasons.

Awards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> highest point scoring athletes based on overall points achieved at the end of each season, regardless of age, gender or athletic discipline.

Each Awardee will receive a certificate and a prize of a gift card. The winner (with highest points) will also be presented with a trophy.

## Responsibility

The SAMA Awards Officer.