

## **1. SAMA ATHLETIC AWARDS**

These awards largely mirror the AMA awards and serve as part of the process in nominating SAMA members for these awards. The award period is for a calendar year and categories are as follows:

- Sprints
- Middle Distance
- Distance
- Walks
- Throws
- Jumps
- Official
- Most Outstanding Individual Performance
- Most Outstanding Male Athlete and winner of the Ruth and Jack Weber perpetual trophy
- Most Outstanding Female Athlete and winner of the Pat and Geoff Peters perpetual trophy

In determining the winners of the first 5 of these categories the following events are considered:

- All SAMA T & F Champs
- All SAMA summer scratch events days
- National Championships
- Oceania Championships
- W.M.A. Championships
- All SAMA Winter Championships
- Greenbelt 1/2 marathon
- Barossa 1/2 marathon
- Adelaide 1/2 and marathon

Times and distances are assessed for age group percentages at each of the events to determine the most outstanding athlete in each category. (For each event the best 2 age-graded performances are recorded.) Any other notable performances will also be considered.

For the Most Outstanding Individual Performance category, this can be awarded for an individual event, for multiple successes on a single day or a single competition or for multiple successes in a particular style of event over the year.

The last two "Most Outstanding" categories are less regimented and while they may go to an outstanding athlete in one of the above categories, they are also subject to the discretion of the committee. As age-grading within Australia favours the shorter races and older age groups, and disfavours some jumps and the throws events, it will only be part of the determination for these awards.

As examples the 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.