



AMA Service Merit Award Criteria

Background

The AMA Merit Award has been presented most years since 1995. After discussion at the 2019 AGM and then amongst the AMA Awards Sub-Committee, it was felt that there is a gap in the recognition of contributions between the annual awards and the Hall of Fame. This is particularly evident for administrators where each year there is one award while for athletes there are 10 awards.

The AMA Board agreed to revamp the award and re-name the award to “Service Merit Award” so it is clear AMA is recognising service. Recipients are most likely to have volunteered, coached, officiated, been committee members etc. but don’t yet meet Hall of Fame criteria.

Procedures

- A maximum of five awards to be presented per year with no more than two awards from any state/territory.
- The “Service Merit Award” will be presented at the annual awards function at national championships with all recipients on stage together. A brief testimonial is read for each person similar to the annual athlete awards.
- Any registered member can nominate another member. The nomination should include contact details of the nominator and seconder (referees) along with verification from the state/territory body that the service statement is accurate.
- The AMA Awards Sub-Committee reviews the nominations and recommends awardees to the Board for endorsement.
- Recipients receive a trophy/plaque and certificate as per the annual awards.
- Nomination forms must be completed electronically and not converted to any other format. Hand written forms will not be accepted.
- Nominations close 31 January each year.

Service Merit Award Criteria

1. The Service Merit Award may be made by Australian Masters Athletics Inc. to any person in recognition of outstanding service to masters athletics in any state or territory. Any registered member can nominate another member.
2. A person nominated for this award shall have recorded at least twelve (12) years of service to masters athletics, however it is not necessary that this service be continuous.
3. The person nominated will have served as a competitor, official, administrator or in some other capacity, or any combination of these, during the period of service.
4. Nominations must be received in writing on the appropriate application form and under such terms and conditions as set down by Australian Masters Athletics Inc. from time to time.
5. The application for nomination should be detailed, including relevant dates, the contribution made by the nominee to the sport and should also list any outstanding achievements over and above regular service to athletics.