Awards Guidelines

These are the guidelines that may be used to assist in the preparation of nominations for these awards.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP (BY-LAWS 13.1a)

1. This is the highest award that Athletics Victoria bestows upon members.

2. The award signifies a minimum of 15 years of outstanding service to AV.

3. The following criteria are indicative areas of such service:

    - Member of the Committee of Athletics Victoria.

    - Chairman, Secretary, active member of an Athletics Victoria Sub-Committee, Regional Centre or Competition Venue.

    - Manager, Asst Manager, Member of Management of Victorian Teams at National Championships.

    - Athletics Australia registered coach who:
        - offers and provides service for clinics in Country and Metropolitan regions.
        - has a proven coaching record of Victorian representative athletes.

    - An official with an Athletics Australia grading who:
        - regularly officiates at Athletics Victoria championships in any capacity.
        - is selected by Athletics Australia to be a Technical Official or hold a position of responsibility at any Athletics Australia controlled event.
        - regularly officiates at AV events (i.e. Summer or Winter competition).
        - assists in the organization of AV events (i.e. LOC's).

    - An athlete registered with Athletics Victoria who has represented Victoria with distinction at National Championships and represented Australia at Commonwealth Games and/or World Championships and/or Olympic Games.

4. The following are areas, which in isolation, are not considered to qualify for this award but may be included in support of the above activities:
    - Club President, Secretary, Life Member
    - Club Technical Official
    - Club Coach
    - Club Athletics Victoria delegate

MERIT AWARD (BY-LAWS 13.1b)

This award is available to a member who has given notable service to Athletics Victoria over a minimum 10-year period.*

The following criteria are considered noteworthy and should have been performed over a number of years:

- Member of the Committee of Athletics Victoria.
- Member of an Athletics Victoria Sub-Committee, Metropolitan Venue or Regional Centre Board.
- Manager, Asst Manager, Member of Management of Victorian Teams at National Championships.
- An official who:
  - is selected to officiate at Athletics Victoria championship events and/or
  - officiates at Australian Championships.
- A Coach who:
  - continually develops Victorian representative athletes and/or
  - voluntarily provides services to Athletics Victoria clinics and squads.
- An athlete who in the opinion of the Athletics Victoria Committee has achieved excellence in Victorian Championships or has represented Victoria and/or Australia.*
- A member who provides substantial sponsorships to Athletics Victoria.

The following are areas, which in isolation, are not considered to qualify for this award but may be included in support of the above activities:

- Club President, Secretary, Life Member
- Club Technical Official
- Club Coach
- Club Athletics Victoria delegate

*10-year minimum period does not include athlete nominations

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (BY-LAWS 13.1c)

This award is available to both members and non-members who have given distinguished or special service to Athletics Victoria over a non-specific period of time.

The following criteria is considered noteworthy and should have been performed over a number of years:

- An Athletics Victoria Committee Member, Portfolio Manager, Sub-Committee Member, Association Officer, Regional Centre/Venue Committee Member who does not qualify for the Merit Award or Life Membership.
- An Athletics Victoria Committee Member, Portfolio Manager, Sub-Committee Member, Association Officer, Regional Centre/Venue Committee Member who has been awarded the Merit Award or Life Membership and has then continued to render distinguished or special service to Athletics Victoria over a further lengthy period of time.
- A member or non-member who provides substantial sponsorships to Athletics Victoria.
- A staff member/contractor who has rendered distinguished or special service over and above their employment with Athletics Victoria over a period of time.

50 YEARS MEMBERSHIP AWARD (BY-LAWS 13.1d)

This award is available to a member who has been registered with Athletics Victoria upon completion of a 50-year period (not necessarily continuous).

VENUE/REGIONAL CENTRE SERVICE AWARD (BY-LAWS 13.1e)

This award is available to a member who has given outstanding service over a minimum 10-year period with both their Club and Metropolitan Venue/Country Regional Centre.

The member must not have been awarded the Association Life Member or Merit Awards.

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition to a person who has contributed to the Venue/Region but may not get involved in other State based competitions.