

2024/2025 TRIATHLON WA

ANNUAL AWARDS POLICY



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Overview

Triathlon WA presents a number of awards at the conclusion of each season based on the policy below. The date, time, format, and venue for the Annual Awards function may change each year, however the event is usually held at the end of May / early June.

The exception may be State Championship presentations and other event specific awards, which are typically presented following the relevant event.

Awards & Recognition presented by TWA at the Annual Awards include:

State Series & Interclub Awards:

- Triathlete of the Year Open Awards – Male & Female
- Triathlete of the Year Senior Age Group Awards – Male & Female
- Triathlete of the Year Junior Age Group Awards – Male & Female
- Champion Club
- Interclub Series – Conference Winners & Overall Series Winner

Performance Awards:

- Professional Athlete of the Year - NEW
- Performance of the Year Award
- Pathway Program Athlete of the Year Award
- Coach of the Year

Community Awards:

- Community Coach of the Year
- Steve Barrie Award (Technical Official of the Year)
- Chris Hewitt Memorial Award (President's Trophy)
- Service to Sport Award

Recognition Categories:

- Technical Official Years of Service Recognition
- Life Member Recognition

Eligibility and Nomination Period

In season 2024/25, the eligibility window for performances, events, and other services to be eligible for an Annual Award nomination is:

- 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 (12 months)

Nominations for awards will be accepted via the official nomination forms for a period of two (2) weeks.

Alongside the Annual Awards, TWA supports the participation of athletes across all Junior, Age Group and Open categories through the provision of incentives known as the State Series Incentives (SSI). SSI are allocated across events which have been awarded TWA State Championship status by the Board.

State Series Awards

Please see the 2024/25 Triathlon WA State Series Policy for full information about the State Series and Triathlete of the Year Awards.

[VIEW STATE SERIES POLICY](#)

Interclub Series

Please see the 2024/25 Triathlon WA Interclub Series Policy for full information about the Interclub Series Awards and eligibility.

[VIEW INTERCLUB SERIES POLICY](#)



PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Professional Athlete of the Year - NEW

This Award recognises the Western Australian professional athlete who attains the highest level of consistent performance in **domestic** WT Draft Legal and/or Professional Long Course Non-Drafting events between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025. The winner of this Award must be a member of Triathlon WA. Public nominations are not required for these awards.

For this season, the eligible events include:

- 2024 World Triathlon Cup Wollongong
- 2024 Oceania Triathlon Super-Sprint Championships Gold Coast
- 2024 World Triathlon Long Distance Championships Townsville
- 2025 World Triathlon Para Series Devonport
- 2025 Oceania Triathlon Championships Devonport
- 2025 Oceania Triathlon Sprint Championships Mooloolaba
- 2025 Oceania Triathlon Para Championships Mooloolaba
- 2024 IRONMAN Cairns
- 2024 IRONMAN 70.3 Busselton
- 2025 IRONMAN 70.3 Geelong

These awards need not be awarded every year. **Dependent on the number of candidates, this award can be given to one male and one female person, or just one person for an “overall” award.**

Performance of the Year Award

This award recognises the most outstanding performance by a Western Australian athlete in World Triathlon and Elite events between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

To be eligible for these awards, nominees must be members of Triathlon WA at the time of the performance to be recognised and either hold a professional license, be an elite athlete, or be a categorized athlete. Finalists must be in good standing with Triathlon WA and AusTriathlon, and continually demonstrate high integrity standards, sportsmanship, and respect for all within the community.

Triathlon WA will seek nominations from the members for suitable representatives. Eligibility will be confirmed by Triathlon WA staff before presenting nominees to the Honours Committee to select finalists. Finalists will then be presented to the TWA Board for selection of award winners.

Winners of this award may be nominated for any other appropriate industry awards as deemed appropriate by the TWA Board.

These awards need not be awarded every year. **Dependent on the number of candidates, this award can be given to one male and one female person, or just one person for an “overall” award.**

Pathway Program Athlete of the Year

This award is presented annually to one male and one female member from Team WA who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, improvement, and performance throughout the season. The recipient is determined by the TWA Pathway Program Lead, the TWA Executive Director, and a nominated AusTriathlon Representative.

In selecting the recipient, the committee will consider each athlete's:

- National ranking and results
- Attendance and attitude at training
- Commitment to team values and interaction
- Skills growth and continued improvement

These awards need not be awarded every year. **Dependent on the number of candidates this award can be given to one male and one female person, or just one person for an “overall” award.**

Coach of the Year

This award is intended to recognise individuals who demonstrate ongoing consideration, commitment and dedication towards coaching Triathlon WA members, and assisting **Australian** athletes to achieve significant competition success at Age Group and/or the High-Performance level. Supporting performances, results and proof of progression must be achieved between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 to be eligible.

Triathlon WA will seek nominations from the members for this award. Eligibility will be confirmed by Triathlon WA staff before presenting nominees to the Honours Committee to select finalists. Finalists will then be presented to the TWA Board for selection of the Coach of the Year award winner.

To be eligible for this Award, nominees must be a member of Triathlon WA and hold a current AusTriathlon coach Accreditation (Development, Performance or High Performance) with all necessary qualifications and valid credentials **at the time of nomination**. Nominees must be in good standing with Triathlon WA and AusTriathlon, upholding high integrity standards, consideration for athlete wellbeing and showing respect for all within the community.

While nominees may coach international athletes, only performances of their Australian athletes will be considered. Nominations are accepted from members. Coaches may self-nominate for this Award.

The winner(s) of this award may be nominated for any other appropriate industry awards as deemed appropriate by the Board.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Community Coach of the Year

This award is intended to recognise and honour a Western Australian triathlon coach who has shown exceptional commitment, inspiring and guiding athletes with unwavering dedication and enthusiasm, and contributing significantly to the development and success of triathletes within the community. This award highlights the coach's impact on growth, progression, and wellbeing of Triathlon WA members and the broader community.

Triathlon WA will seek nominations from the members to recommend a coach for this award. Eligibility will be confirmed by Triathlon WA staff before presenting nominees to the Honours Committee to select finalists. Finalists will be presented to the TWA Board for selection of the Community Coach of the Year award winner.

To be eligible for this Award, nominees must be current member of Triathlon WA and a current accredited triathlon coach at a Foundation level or higher with all necessary valid qualifications and credentials **at the time of nomination**. The winner(s) of this award may be nominated for any other appropriate industry awards as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Nominees will be considered based on their coaching of age group triathletes and proven demonstration of:

- Engagement with athletes
- High integrity & respect
- Community
- Commitment to growing the sport of triathlon in WA

Supporting performances, results and proof of progression must be achieved between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 to be eligible.

Steve Barrie Award

The Technical Official of the Year Award has been acknowledged since 2000. In recognition of the significant contribution life member Steve Barrie made to the sport, the Board renamed the Award in his honour in 2007.

Steve Barrie was deeply passionate about triathlon and actively involved in all aspects of the sport. As a Triathlon WA Board member, Technical Official, coach, mentor, and long-time competitor, Steve's dedication was unwavering, even while living in Albany. His commitment to supporting the growth and development of triathlon in WA was unparalleled.

The Steve Barrie Award recognises an individual's valuable contribution to the technical program based on their regular participation in the Field of Play (minimum of four events in the season) and their contribution to the progression of the program throughout the season.

Triathlon WA will seek nominations from the members to recommend a technical official for this award. Eligibility will be confirmed by Triathlon WA staff before presenting nominees to the Technical Reference Panel to select finalists. Finalists will be presented to the TWA Board for selection of the Steve Barrie Award winner.

The winner(s) of this award may be nominated for the AusTriathlon Rob George Award, while other finalist(s) may be nominated for the AusTriathlon John Ison Award and / or other industry awards as deemed appropriate by the TWA Board.

This award need not be awarded every year.

Chris Hewitt Memorial Award (President's Award)

The Chris Hewitt Memorial Award acknowledges the service and contribution of Chris Hewitt, a former Triathlon WA and Triathlon Australia President, as well as a key member of Stadium Triathlon Club. Originally known as the President's Trophy, this award was renamed the Chris Hewitt Memorial Award upon his death in 2006, to honour his significant contribution to the sport on a state and national level.

During his time as TA President, Chris introduced a new club membership model, championing a tiered membership structure and promoting club membership as the pathway for state and national membership. Chris was also instrumental in the decision to move the Rottneest Half Ironman to the Margaret River region and later to Busselton, resulting in the event it is today.

The TWA President presents this Award to the person deemed to have made the most outstanding contribution to the sport of triathlon through the past season. The President may consult the Board and TWA staff for due consideration in awarding this trophy, or seek nominations from the TWA membership.

This award need not be awarded every year.

Service to Sport Award

The Service to Sport Award is intended to recognise an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to the sport of triathlon over an extended period of time. This Award allows for recognition of an individual whose service may not been associated with Triathlon WA directly, but instead provided significant benefit to the sport at club, event or other association level.

In selecting a recipient, the Board will take into consideration:

- Service to the sport over an extended period (minimum of ten years)
- Service to the sport above and beyond what is normally expected
- Significant leadership in the sport
- Contribution to the enhanced standing of triathlon in the community
- The recipient being in good standing with TWA

Nominations for the Service to Sport Award will be called for in conjunction with the call for Life Member nominations.

Individuals nominated for the Service to Sport Award will be assessed by the panel convened to consider TWA Life Memberships. The panel will present recommendations to the Board who will make final decisions on successful nominees.

This award need not be awarded every year.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Technical Official Years of Service Recognition

The AusTriathlon Technical program plays an integral part in supporting 'safe, fun and fair' triathlon events in Australia. The Technical Official Years of Service recognition has been in place since 2007. The recipients are acknowledged at the national Awards each year, but recognised locally at the WA Annual Awards.

Any Technical Official who has provided service over many years is eligible for recognition. This award is based on total (cumulative) years of service, and a Technical Official is eligible for recognition, even if their period of service was not continuous.

Awards recognise 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of total service. Total service beyond the 25-year mark is to be recognised in 5-year increments on a case-by-case basis.

Life Member Recognition

Nominations for Life Membership will be called for in conjunction with the other Annual Awards, however, new Life Members will be presented at the next Triathlon WA AGM for voting by the membership. Should Life Membership be granted, it will be active from that point forward.

Life Members voted in at the AGM will be formally recognised and celebrated with an official presentation of their Life Membership certificate at the following Triathlon WA Annual Awards.

[Please see Life Membership Policy for information regarding the Life Member process](#)



EVENT SPECIFIC AWARDS

IRONMAN Trophies

Triathlon WA IRONMAN Western Australia Trophy

In 2004, Mark Batten, along with Chris Hewitt, was instrumental in working with the then Shire of Busselton and Tourism WA to bring IRONMAN to WA. In honour of this history, and to recognise WA athletes in particular, the Mark Batten Trophy is awarded at IRONMAN WA each year to the first WA athletes (male and female) across the line overall.

This Trophy may be awarded to Age Group or Open/Elite athletes, whomever was first across the line overall and is also a Standard or Premium member of Triathlon WA at the time of the event.

State Long Course Championship

Paul Goodman Memorial Trophy

Paul Goodman was an age group athlete who competed in long course triathlons for many years. Tragically, Paul lost his life less than eight months after being diagnosed with an extremely aggressive form of melanoma cancer. Known for his unassuming nature and exceptional talent, Paul demonstrated remarkable tenacity and strength during his battle with cancer. This trophy is named in his honour, celebrating his fighting spirit and enduring legacy.

TWA presents the Paul Goodman Memorial Trophy to an athlete who demonstrates exceptional courage in competing in and finishing the Long Course event at the Busselton Festival of Triathlon. The recipient may have demonstrated persistence and strength in the face of adversity and/or have overcome exceptional circumstances to be able to participate.

Nominations will be sought from both TWA members and competitors of the Busselton Festival of Triathlon at **close of entries** for the Busselton 100. Eligible nominees will be presented to a panel of Long Course legends at the event to determine who should be the recipient of the award.

This award need not be presented every year, and non-members ARE eligible to win this specific award.

State Sprint Championship

Brynt McSwain Trophy

Brynt McSwain was a Triathlon WA member and former State Champion across multiple distances in the sport. Brynt was a unique individual who made significant contributions to the triathlon community.

Tragically, he lost his life in October 2014 when he was knocked from his bike while commuting home from work. Two weeks later, the triathlon community came together to complete a river loop ride in his honour, with over 600 riders showing up to celebrate his life and love for cycling. Brynt's life and legacy are celebrated annually with a trophy presented to the fastest male at the Triathlon WA State Sprint Championships.

State Champion Trophies

A number of events each season are designated as State Championship races. These may include Long Course, Standard distance, Sprint distance, Duathlon, Aquathlon and Cross Triathlon. While State Championship events are open to non-member athletes, the title of State Champion can only be awarded to a current financial TWA member (Standard and Premium members only) at the time of competition.

Perpetual trophies for the male and female Open winners of each Championship event are maintained and displayed at Triathlon WA's office.

FUNDING SUPPORT

Triathlon WA may contribute up to a maximum of \$500 annually towards travel for the WA Coach of the Year and the WA Technical Official representative who have been nominated for recognition by Triathlon WA at the AusTriathlon Celebrations of Champions Dinner.

Version Control

Version	Date	Revised by	Comments
1.0	2025		Policy separated from State Series Policy

