



CENTRE AWARDS POLICY

Golden Grove Little Athletics Centre provides awards to athletes during the season and at the centre's end of season presentation day. The idea behind all centre awards, is to encourage children to place an emphasis on participation and self-improvement.

Results for the End of Season (EOS) awards are determined from results submitted by Centres and the association to the Association Results Management System. All decisions made by the committee regarding all centre awards are final.

Points scoring system

Points are awarded for;

- Attendance at a meet
- Participation in events
- Personal Bests & Equal Personal Bests
- Centre Best Performances & Equal Centre Best Performances
- Athletic performance based on a linear points system awarded for season best performance per event

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive an EOS award, an athlete needs to have attend at least 50% of home meets.

All EOS points can only be obtained during the GGLAC official summer season.

Performances may only be counted once the athlete is fully registered.

Performances achieved at a 'Come and Try' session do not count towards EOS points. An individual discipline may only be counted as one event at a competition (competing in the 100m twice still only counts as one event.)

Competitions

For the purpose of EOS points, the following competitions count as competing with the registered centre/club.

- (a) Centre home meets (All meets at Tilley reserve plus hurdles day and combined TTG meets)
- (b) Away meets (Pb days and Northern metro regional day)
- (c) Championship meets (State Relay Day, Northern Improvers, State combined event, Sate Challenge and State Individuals)

Home meets (a)

All home meets are identified in the season planner. EOS meet points and event points are awarded. All personal bests (PB's) and equal personal bests (EPB's) are acknowledged at these events and are eligible for EOS points. All centre best performances (CBP's) and equal centre best performances (ECBP's) that have been witnessed and signed off by a qualified official will be acknowledged at these events and are eligible for EOS award points.

Away Meets (b)

These events are open to all registered athletes. EOS meet points and event points are awarded. All PB's and EPB's are acknowledged at these events and are eligible for EOS points. All CBP's and ECBP's that have been witnessed and signed off by a qualified official will be acknowledged at these events and are eligible for EOS award points.

Championship Events (c)

These events are subject to selection and qualification as outlined in the South Australian Little Athletics Association (SALAA) standard rules for competition, the Northern Region Organising Council (NROC) Meet rules and GGLAC relay day policy.

These events are not eligible for any EOS points. However, where an athlete achieves a PB or a CBP these will be reflected in the athlete's seasons results.

Individual athletes who visit other centres (d)

An Individual athlete who visits other centres does not count as competing with the registered centre/club and is not eligible for any EOS points. These athletes are able to have their results recorded to reflect PB's and CBP's as long as the Recorder of the visited Centre enters the results into the Association's Results Management System. Only events not already completed at another Little Athletics centre in the same week will be recognised. For example if the athlete attended a home meet on Saturday and compete in a 100m, any results recorded on a Sunday in the 100m are not acknowledged.

Qualification for Championship events

Performances recorded at any Little Athletics competition an athlete participates in (a-d above) may be counted towards meeting the qualifying standards for championship events. Performances achieved by an athlete making an individual visit to another centre are only valid for qualification purposes when the performance has been recorded by the Recorder of the visited Centre within the Association's Results Management System.

Awards

Monthly Improvers Awards

Each month certificates will be awarded to athletes who achieved six personal best performances or more during the previous month.

Attendance Awards

Each month GGLAC recognises the loyalty of its members with attendance awards when athletes reach 50, 100, 150 and 200+ meets. Attendance awards include all home, away and championship events. Athletes receive a certificate at all levels and badges at 100, 150 and 200+.

The attendance award commenced in the 2019/20 season and prior seasons were based on previous attendance records which were not necessarily completely accurate. Where accurate data was not available, athletes received an average of their available meet data.

From the 2019/2020 season attendance is based on all home, away and championship events attended in the season.

Where an athlete skipped an age group due to the compulsory age group change instigated by SALAA, an average of their attendance will be awarded once they reach the U16 age group.

Centre Best Performance

Each month certificates will be presented to athletes who achieve a centre best performance during the previous month.

The following awards will be presented at the centre's presentation day held in conjunction with the AGM at the end of the athletics season.

Tiny Tots

All registered Tiny Tot athletes who meet the end of season awards eligibility criteria will receive a trophy.

Most Improved Trophy

In each age group an award will be given to one male and one female athlete who improves the most over the course of the season. For an age group to be considered eligible for a most improved trophy, there must be a minimum of four athletes registered for the season. Age groups may be combined for the season at the discretion of the committee due to low registration numbers. Where age groups are combined, one most improved trophy is awarded across the combined age group(s).

Points for this award are calculated on the number of times an athlete achieves a personal best. In the case of a tie, equal personal bests are referred to. In the event of a tie after personal bests and equal personal best are counted, then the award is given to the athlete who has attended the most meets.

President's Award

This award is selected by the committee. Committee members put forward nominations and then a committee vote is held. Any committee member who is the parent of a nominated athlete is exempt from the voting process.

This award is not focussed on the athlete's achievements on the track but their conduct, participation, attendance and sportsmanship throughout the season. It also takes into consideration the athletes attendance and participation at regional meets, association events and training sessions. The athletes level of commitment to the centre and their willingness to provide assistance at all competition events, training sessions and other events throughout the season are also taken into consideration.

Coaches Training Award

This award is selected by the coaches and is focused on training rather than meets. All coaches put forward their suggestions for one female and one male athlete and the decision is made through discussion and voting. The criteria for this award is not based on athletic ability but commitment to training and positive sportsmanship throughout training sessions. Consideration is given to attendance, a positive attitude which includes a willingness to listen and take coaching advice onboard as well as a commitment to provide support, assistance and encouragement to other athletes.

Cross Country

Athletes who meet the qualifying criteria for the Cross Country Championships will receive a medal of participation.

Cross Country Championships

All athletes who represent the centre at the State Cross Country Championships will receive a trophy.

State Individual Championship

All athletes who represent the centre at the State Individual Championships will receive a trophy.

Life Member and dual life member

At the end of seven or fourteen consecutive seasons athletes receive a life member trophy. Each of these seasons must meet the eligibility criteria.

Honorary Life Member

The committee may award honorary life membership to a member of the centre who has provided outstanding service and commitment to the centre over an extended period of time.

Nominations for honorary life membership may be made by any member of the centre, however the decision to award honorary life membership is at the discretion of the committee.

Individual Athletes medals

Athletes who meet the end of season awards eligibility criteria will be eligible to receive either a gold, silver or bronze medal based on the points accrued throughout the season, as outlined in the points scoring system section of this policy. Athletes who do not meet the eligibility criteria will receive a certificate of participation.

The point ranges for the individual athlete's medals will vary each season due to the fluctuating number of meets in a season.

In the event of an athlete sustaining an injury or any other personal factors which impacts on their individual medal, the committee may use their discretion to adjust the athlete's points. All decisions made by the committee regarding individual athlete's awards are final.

Club Champion Trophy

Awarded to one male and one female athlete with the highest point score, as outlined in the points scoring system section of this policy, from the following age groups;

U6-U8 Junior

U9-U12 Intermediate

U13-U17 Senior

Runner-Up Club Champion Trophy

Awarded to one male and one female athlete with the second highest point score, as outlined in the points scoring system section of this policy, from the following age groups;

U6-U8 Junior

U9-U12 Intermediate

U13-U17 Senior

In the case of a tie in either the Club champion or runner-up club champion attendance of the athletes will be the deciding factor.

All decisions made by the committee regarding all centre awards are final.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the committee.

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