

Athletics NI 2018 Annual Awards Nomination Criteria

The following 4 awards will be determined by the Awards Panel based on evidence collected from online nominations [HERE](#):

Development Coach of the Year

Awarded to a coach delivering at the Foundation or Event Group stage of the pathway who has shown a commitment to Long Term Athlete Development via the multi event approach and or Event Group development. The judging panel will consider evidence that shows:

- the coach understands the need for sound physical and technical preparation
- the coach demonstrates an athlete-centred approach
- the coach is progressing athletes on the pathway
- the coach shows a commitment to their own personal development
- the coach demonstrates the ability to learn from and share information with other coaches.

Young Coach of the Year

This award recognises the important work carried out by an up and coming coach through his or her coaching achievements to date and the impact they have made on the people they coach. The judging panel will consider::

- Young coaches, 25 years of age or under at the date of nomination.
- Evidence of creativity and determination in their development as a coach.
- Evidence of the provision of opportunities and dedicated support to athletes on the pathway to help them reach their goals.
- Examples of best practice

Participation/ Community Coach of the Year

Awarded to a coach who provides opportunities to members of the community or athletes of any abilities to regularly participate in structured training.

The judging panel will be looking for:

- Evidence of the impact the coach has had on widening access to Athletics through high quality delivery
- Evidence of working within a specific group (eg Community Running, Fundamentals etc.)
- Examples of best practice.

The following 4 awards will be determined by the Awards Panel based on competition results and rankings. Nominations do not need to be made for these awards:

Performance Coach of the Year

This will be awarded to the coach of the athlete who has achieved the highest performance level in terms of world ranking and major championship positioning. Priority is given to medals at major championships over rankings.

Disability Performance Coach of the Year

This will be awarded to the coach of the disability athlete who has achieved the highest performance level in terms of world ranking and major championship positioning. Priority is given to medals at major championships over rankings.

Junior Performance Coach of the Year

This will be awarded to the coach of the U20 athlete who has achieved the highest performance level in terms of British / European ranking and major championship positioning in non-disability Athletics. Priority is given to medals at major championships over rankings.

Junior Disability Performance Coach

This will be awarded to the coach of the junior (U20) disability athlete who has achieved the highest performance level in terms of world ranking and major championship positioning. Priority is given to medals at major championships over rankings.

Awards for Volunteers

The following awards will be determined by the Awards Panel based on evidence collected from online nominations [HERE](#):

Volunteer of the Year

This award goes to an individual who has dedicated a significant amount of their time to the development of a successful club initiative or project/event which has furthered the development and raised the profile of Athletics in Northern Ireland during 2017-2018.

The judging panel will be looking for:

- Evidence of the individual's contribution to a club, project or programme
- Evidence of more people engaging, enjoying and excelling in Athletics as a result of the volunteer's input
- Evidence of innovative practice and sustained opportunities as a result of the volunteers work
- Evidence that the volunteers work has raised the profile of Athletics at a national, regional or local level.

Young Volunteer of the Year

As above, but for individuals who are under 25 years old on the 31st August 2018.

Awards for Officials

The following will be determined by the Officials Committee.

Official of Year

This award goes to the official who has made a significant contribution officiating during the 2017/2018 season. The winner of this award will likely have officiated at all levels of competition and will have demonstrated the ability to share knowledge and support the next generation of officials through informal mentoring.

How to submit a nomination

All nominations must be submitted through the online process [HERE](#):

Nominations close Friday 31st August 2018 at 5pm.