

# TRIATHLON WA ANNUAL AWARDS POLICY



Annual awards are generally presented at the Annual Awards Dinner. The exceptions are State Champions and other event specific awards which are presented following the event.

## **Triathlete of the Year**

Each year a number of events on the Annual Calendar are awarded TWA Series status. These events range in distance from short Sprint events up to the full Ironman distance. Dependent on the number of State Series events on the season calendar, a set number of races will be established that will qualify a triathlete for the award. If the athlete competes in more than the set number their best results will count.

The awards are for Triathlete of the Year (Open) and Triathlete of the Year (Age Group). Awards are made to the top three male and female triathletes in both categories. Athletes wishing to be considered in the Open category may accumulate points only in events in which they competed in that category. An athlete must be a financial member of Triathlon WA at the time of the event to accumulate points for that event.

For athletes that normally choose to race Open, if a situation arises of no Open category being available in a race, event awards will be given as per advertised age group categories. However, point allocations for TOTY will be given as if the athlete raced Open (ranked in timed order and allocated accordingly).

Point allocation for each Series event will be counted for the first 10 TWA athletes in each category, as follows. Points will only be allocated to financial TWA members. I.e. if you are the 4<sup>th</sup> TWA member over the line you will receive 30 points. All races will be treated exactly the same.

- First 50 points
- Second 40 points
- Third 35 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> 30 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> 25 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> 20 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> 15 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> 10 points
- 9<sup>th</sup> 5 points
- 10<sup>th</sup> 1 point

State Championship Series events will accrue double points. (i.e. State Championship Sprint, Olympic Distance and Long Course events)

There will be no minimum number of races needed to compete in for award qualification. Final award recipients do not have to rank in the top 10 finishers in all races to qualify for TOTY. The final award recipients will be the top 3 scores in each category irrespective of how many races completed.

In the event of a tied result (be it for first, second or third place) the Triathlon WA Board will make a determination on the basis of comparison of results in events where the tied athletes have both competed. In the case that this does not resolve the tie, the Board may take into account other factors such as performance by the tied triathletes against other competitors they have each met

in Series events or even other Calendar events and may also take into account the length or perceived difficulty of the Series events the tied triathletes have competed in.

The Russell Lyons Memorial Trophy is also awarded (in memory of Russell Lyons who died of cancer in 1989) to the Male 40–44 Age Group winner.

### **Junior Triathlon Series**

The Junior Triathlon Series comprises a number of races specifically designed for junior triathletes aged 12-15 years. A set number of events to qualify are determined. Only Triathlon WA junior competitive members are eligible for the Series Awards. TRYstars members are not eligible for these awards as their membership status reflects their involvement in the participation based rather than competitive program.

The awards are for Junior Series (u/14) and Junior Series (u/16). Awards are made to the top three triathletes in both the u/14 and u/16 categories and both female and male prizes are awarded in each category. Ties are resolved and conditions are generally the same as apply to Triathlete of the Year awards. Thus points may be counted only if the triathlete is a financial junior competitive member of Triathlon WA at the time of the event.

### **Champion Club**

Awarded annually to the club whose members accumulate the most points in the Triathlon WA Series events (both State and Junior Series'). For this purpose all points accrued in any and all of the Series events will count, not just those counting for Triathlete of the Year awards. Members may only accumulate points for their "primary" club if a member of two or more clubs.

Only the points accrued by junior competitive members in the Junior Series will be included in the overall tally.

### **Chris Hewitt Memorial Award Trophy**

Awarded by the President of Triathlon WA to the person deemed to have made the most outstanding contribution to Triathlon WA that year specifically in support of the President. Need not be awarded every year.

### **Steve Barrie Award**

Awarded to the Technical Official of the Year on the recommendation of the Triathlon WA Technical Committee (TWATC). The winner(s) of this award each year are also nominated for any other appropriate awards eg Department of Sport and Recreation Officials Awards.

## **EVENT AWARDS**

### **Ironman Trophies**

#### *Mark Batten Trophies*

Awarded to the first Western Australian Male and first Western Australian Female to finish Ironman WA each year.

### **Half Ironman Trophies**

#### *Paul Goodman Memorial Trophy*

Awarded by TWA to a competitor showing exceptional courage in entering and competing in the Half Ironman Race. Need not be awarded every year.

#### *Golden Chainring Trophy*

Awarded to the person with the fastest cycle split in WA Half Ironman Triathlon.

### **State Champion Trophies**

Six calendar events are designated State Championship events each year. These are Long Course (Half Ironman), Olympic Distance event (1.5/40/10), Sprint Distance (750/20/5), Duathlon, Aquathlon and Interclub. The Interclub event is subject to other requirements outlined below.

While State Championship events are open to non-member competitors, the title of State Champion can only be conferred on those who are financial competitive members of Triathlon WA at the time of the event (although a non-member who finishes first should be recognised at the award ceremony). State Champions are recognised to the first such member in each 5 year age group and the Open category for both males and females.

### **Interclub Championship Event**

Points are awarded to finishers on the basis that the first Female and the first Male to finish will be awarded points equal to the number of Male entrants. The second Male and the second Female to finish will each receive one less point and so on down the list of finishers.

#### *Rob Pickard Trophy*

Awarded to the Club with the most accumulated points on the day.

#### *Presidents Interclub Trophy*

To be eligible a Club must have at least 10 finishers and the award is on the basis of the average points scored by the first 10 Club members to finish.