

Edgeworth & District Little Athletics Club (EDLAC)

Major & Minor Awards Policy

1. Purpose:

This policy outlines the eligibility criteria, selection process, and purpose of the major and minor awards presented annually by Edgeworth & District Little Athletics Club. These awards recognise athletes for excellence, improvement, commitment, and achievement throughout the season, and aim to foster a positive, inclusive, and rewarding club culture.

2. General Conditions:

Conditions:

- All recipients must be registered and financial members of Edgeworth & District Little Athletics Club.
- Awards are based on athlete performances, improvement, commitment, and participation during the current season.
- Only results from sanctioned club events and Athletics NSW competitions (e.g. Zone, Regional, State Championships, National Championships) will be considered.
- Athletes are eligible for awards in their registered age group and gender only.
- Club records, PBs, and event participation must be verifiable through the club's results system.
- All perpetual trophies remain the property of the club and must be returned in good condition before the following season's presentation night.

3. Attendance Requirement:

Athletes must have attended 60% or more of official club-run competition nights, as outlined in the Edgeworth & District Little Athletics Club Season Handbook, to be eligible for any major or minor age award.

Athletes who attend 60% or less of club nights will not receive a trophy at the end-of-year presentation, including both participation and performance-based awards.

4. Committee Discretion:

In exceptional circumstances (e.g. medical reasons, family emergencies), the Edgeworth & District Little Athletics Club Committee may override the attendance policy on a case-by-case basis. Requests for consideration must be submitted to the committee prior to the end of the season.

5. Major Awards

Club Champion (U7–U20)

This is awarded to one athlete per age group from U7 to U20. The winner is determined based on the following formula:

- Performance Points: Points are awarded based on the athlete's finishing position in events at club nights and competitions:
 - 4 points for 1st place
 - 3 points for 2nd place
 - 2 points for 3rd place
 - 1 point for participation in any event (even if the athlete does not place)

- Personal Best Points: Athletes receive 1 additional point for every personal best (PB) achieved during the season.
- Record Points: Athletes will receive 5 additional points every time they break a club record during the season.
- Calculation: The total number of points accumulated by the athlete over the season is divided by the total number of available events for that specific age group during the season. If an event is deemed unsafe to conduct due to weather or other safety concerns, that event will be removed from the total number of events for that age group and will not count towards the total number of available events.

Jack McGinniskin Walk Trophy (U9–U20)

This award is an encouragement award presented to an athlete in the U9–U20 age group who has demonstrated significant improvement, commitment, and enthusiasm in the sport of walking. This award is not solely based on performance or results but also takes into account:

- Effort and dedication shown throughout the season
- Consistent improvement in technique and ability.
- Sportsmanship and attitude during training and competition active participation and enthusiasm for the sport of walking
- The recipient is chosen by the walk coaches, who assess the athlete's overall development and contribution to the walking discipline, encouraging continued growth and enjoyment of the sport.

Highest Achiever – (U7–U20)

Awarded to the athlete with the most outstanding results in Athletics NSW Zone, Regional, and State Championships.

Highest Achiever – Multi-Class

- Awarded to a Multi-Class athlete with strong competition results, dedication, and progression throughout the season.

Mahaffrey Trophy – Seniors

- Awarded to one athlete from the senior/amateur competition, based on overall season performance.

Masters Trophy (30+ Years)

- Awarded to one athlete aged 30+ for excellence in competition, improvement, and event participation.

6. Selection & Ratification Process:

Award recipients are assessed by committee members, age managers, and coaches.

- Final decisions are ratified by the Edgeworth & District Little Athletics Club Committee at a formal meeting prior to presentation night.
- The committee reserves the right to withhold any award if no suitable candidate meets the criteria.

7. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure relevance and effectiveness.

Approved by: EDLAC Committee Effective Date: 29/07/2025

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