

# Selection Criteria for “Lakers” Triathlon Club Major Awards

## Male and Female “Triathlete of the Year” and “Junior Triathlete of the year”

Triathlete and junior triathlete (19 and under), male and female, of the year recognizes the performances, at the highest level of competition, by Laker members. The Laker committee will invite the top 3-5 male and female senior and junior athletes, based on known performances, rankings and state series points, to apply. Athletes are to nominate their top 5 performances in the previous 12 months (July-June).

This criteria recognizes that long course and elite athletes may be limited in the number of events they can peak for in a season.

Athletes are compared based on their top 5 performances for the year. Performances are compared based on, the stature of the race, the quality of the field, finish time and place and time in relation to the winner.

The following information will be used to categorize races i.e. level 1 race is given a greater weighting than a level 2 race and so on although there is some cross over between levels. Cross over points are indicted below.

### Level 1 Top 50%

- Elite level ITU world cup racing
- Elite level Ironman World championship
- Elite level world 70.3 championship

### Level 2 Top 25%

- Elite level Australian triathlon championship
- Elite level ITU international racing Duathlon, aquathlon
- Elite level Ironman or Ironman distance racing
- Other ITU sanctioned events

### Level 3 Top 15%

- Elite level Australian Triathlon or 70.3 Series
- Australia Duathlon, aquathlon championships
- Open State Olympic, sprint and long course championship
- Age group world championship (Olympic or Ironman)

### Level 4 Top 10% in the race (where open and age group race together)

- Top 3 placing in national age group events (ironman, long, Olympic or sprint)
- Other international events dependent on field quality
- Ager group world championship Duathlon, aquathlon, sprint

### Level 5

- Age group Australian championship Duathlon, aquathlon, long course

- Performance in TriSA State series events
- State aquathlon, Duathlon championships
- Other performances

Race Committee members (swim, ride and run coaches) determine the winner by comparing the top 5 performances, one race at a time, i.e.

- The number one ranked race for all nominees is compared. Race committee members vote through a show of hands on the best performance, who receives six points, second best (number 1 race) performance scores 4 points and third best 3 points.
- The second and third races are then considered with points allocated as follows 5 for best, 3 for second and 2 for third.
- The 4 and 5th nominated races are scored 3, 2 and 1. The athlete scoring the most votes is identified as the winner.

In the event of a tie the award goes to the athlete with the best (race 1) performance for the year.

Junior athletes will be considered for both open and junior awards. If a junior athlete wins the open award then there will be no junior athlete award given.

### **Age group athlete of the year (male/female)**

The best male and female age group athlete will be awarded this title. The following selection criteria will be used. The emphasis is placed on local performance over national and international results.

Level one will be used as the first level of screening, then level 2 and so on. The award principally recognizes athletes who compete at a local level. Race committee members vote on the award winner.

1. Must have raced age-group in all races (open athletes are eligible for club champion award)
2. Must have dominated the local season (winning more than 80% of races entered at least 5) in their age group
3. Produced results that would see them consistently win or place in age groups younger than theirs
4. Produced outstanding results at a national level (top 3 finish)
5. Produced outstanding results at an international level (top 10 finish)

### **Most Outstanding Long course (above Olympic distance) Performance (male/female)**

This award recognizes one outstanding triathlon performance by a male and female Laker member. Weighting is given to events as per triathlete of the year i.e.

- Level 1 race x 2,
- level 2 and 3 x 1.5,
- level 4 and 5 x 1

Performances are scored based on

- Overall placing
  - 7 points if in top 5% of all finishers for the race in their gender
  - 5 if in top 10%
  - 3 if in top 20%
  - 1 if in top 25%
- Age group placing (5 for win, 3 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 for top 5)
- Time in comparison to age groups below theirs
  - 4 if would have won it
  - 3 if in top 3
  - 2 points if in top 5
  - 1 point if in top 10

In the event of a tie more than one award can be awarded each year.

### **Outstanding Short course Performance (male/female)**

This award recognizes one outstanding performance by a Laker member over the category distance (Olympic distance or less). To be eligible athletes must perform one or more outstanding achievements in triathlon. Performances are judged on merit using the scale outlined in most outstanding long course performance.

In the event of a tie more than one award can be awarded each year.

### **Most improved (male/female)**

Laker coaches shortlist the top 3-5 male and female athletes, highlighting time or finish position improvements over previous years. Preference is given to performances in international, state or national championship events. In the event where multiple athletes are in the running, the athlete who has been competing for the longer period of time is given preference. Most improved triathlete's must have shown significant improvement over their best ever performances. Improvements will be based on improvements in time and overall placing. Athletes must have been a member for at least 1 year at the start of the season to be eligible.

Race committee members will vote, through a raise of hands on the most improved male and female athlete.

### **Best first year athlete (male/female)**

Club coaches correspond and agree by consensus on the award winner. Preference will be given to highest placed finishes in state sprint and Olympic distance championship events. The athlete must be a first year full time triathlete i.e. not competed regularly in another state (they are allowed to have dabble in one or two races a year) as well as a first year Laker member. Where a winner cannot be separated then multiple awards can be given.

### **Coach's award**

This award recognizes individuals, who regularly attend club training sessions, compete regularly in the local races at any level, supports others and demonstrate a commitment to improving themselves and others. Club coaches correspond and agree by consensus on the award winner. Where a winner cannot be separated then multiple awards can be given.

### **Club member of the year**

This award recognizes the outstanding contribution of one member. The award is voted on by members at the AGM/presentation night. Members must be present to vote and can vote only once. Votes are recorded on paper and counted by nominated committee members. In the event of a tie, multiple awards will be given.

### **Ferguson award**

Kevin and Grant to confirm winner based on service to the sport and club

### **Ironman challenge**

“Yets versus the vets”

This award pits the over 40s with the under 40's at the local Ironman events. The event must have at least 5 entrants in both the 40 and over and under 40 age group i.e. Busselton, Port Macquarie and Ironman New Zealand

Lowest average time for those aged 40 and over versus 39 and under is awarded the winner for each race. The best average for each race scores one point. In the event of a tie it is decided by the best average time.

The winner commands the right to tell any member of the losing group to go to the front on any Saturday ride and lead the Blue Train for at least 10 minutes.

### **Age Group awards**

Awards are given for each of the 5 year age group categories as listed on the Triathlon SA State Series. The points will be based on the TriSA state series table with the best 6 point scoring races counting towards the total.