

Eligibility and Criteria for the 2021/22 Welsh Athletics National Awards

Club Awards:

1. Club of the Year
2. Junior Club of the Year
3. Development Club of the Year

Eligibility: All clubs must be fully affiliated to Welsh Athletics.

Criteria: nominations for all awards in the club category should clearly demonstrate why a particular club should be recognised. Nominees for the junior club will have focused work on young people under the age of 20.

Nominated clubs might include, for example:

- Clubs that, in the last 12 months, have developed innovative plans for coaching a particular age group or discipline.
- Clubs that have become 'centres of excellence' within a particular area for one or more disciplines
- Clubs that have developed a coaching scheme within the club that has really supported athletes and helped with their development.
- Clubs that network with other clubs and share resources to develop the sport at a local level.

Volunteer Awards:

1. Volunteer of the Year
2. Services to Club Development

Eligibility: All volunteers who contribute positively to athletics in Wales.

Criteria: for each award the nomination should demonstrate clearly why the contribution of a volunteer should be recognised. Nominees might include, for example:

- A person who has contributed significant time and energy to the sport via their club, district or region, or who has come up with a new idea or exciting project to help their club, district or region during the last 12 months or beyond.
- A person who has served the club, district or region over an extended period of time.

Officials Awards:

1. Official of the Year
2. Newcomer to Officiating

Eligibility: All fully licensed Welsh officials operating at any level.

Criteria: for each award nominations should demonstrate clearly why the official should be recognised. For example, the awards might give recognition to:

- An official who has supported other officials in their region, and who may have helped to improve education and training.
- An official who has demonstrated exceptional qualities and commitment to the sport throughout the year.

Coaching Awards:

1. Performance Coach of the Year
2. Development Coach of the Year

Eligibility: All fully licensed Welsh coaches operating at any level.

Criteria: for each award nominations should demonstrate clearly why the coach should be recognised. For example, the awards might give recognition to:

- A coach that has coached an athlete/athletes to a particularly high performance or championship
- A coach that has helped in the development of other coaches
- A coach that has encouraged participation and has delivered extensively to developing athletes
- A coach that has demonstrated exceptional qualities and commitment to the sport throughout the year

Run Wales Awards:

1. Run Wales Group of the Year
2. Inspirational Run Leader Award

Eligibility: Run Groups registered with the Run Wales Social Running programme. All fully licensed run leaders (Leadership in Running Fitness or Coach in Running Fitness qualification).

Criteria: for each award nominations should demonstrate clearly why the group or leader should be recognised. For example, the awards might give recognition to:

- A group that has increase members over the last 12 months
- A group that has engaged and interacted with its members effectively throughout the year
- A group that has returned effectively to activity upon the easing of the Welsh Government restrictions
- A leader that has inspired activity and motivated members effectively
- A leader that has encouraged participation and has delivered extensively to developing both new and existing runners

Athlete Awards:

1. Junior Male
2. Junior Female
3. Senior Male
4. Senior Female

Eligibility: All Welsh athletes registered to compete for Wales regardless of club or place of residence.

Nomination and Selection Process:

- The Welsh Athletics Performance Team will shortlist and select individuals for consideration for this award
- The Head Coach will present the shortlist and suggested recipients to the National Awards Panel for consideration.

Open Award:

1. Performance of the Year

Eligibility: All performances by Welsh registered athletes regardless of club or place of residence.

Criteria: Shortlist to be drawn up by the Welsh Athletics Performance Team and is subject to a public / open voting process to determine the winner of this award.