



## AWARDS CRITERIA

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## Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations

Term	Definition
TGLA	The Gap Little Athletics
LAQ	Little Athletics Queensland
QA	Athletics Queensland
AA	Athletics Australia
DNF	Did Not Finish
DQ	Disqualified
PB	Personal Best
NT	<b>No Time</b> recorded due to an athlete withdrawing part way through an event (e.g. Injury)
ND	<b>No Distance</b> recorded due to an athlete withdrawing part way through any Jump (long/triple) event (e.g. Injury), or may have fouled out
NH	<b>No Height</b> recorded for the high jump due to an athlete withdrawing part way through an event (e.g. Injury), or may not have achieved a height.

## BACKGROUND

### PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This system of point allocation is intended to encourage our Little Athletes to:

- participate in as many events as possible,
- to always strive for their own personal best
- to represent our club at Regional, State and other LAQ events, and
- to recognise their achievements at the end of the season.

The Gap Little Athletics uses a points allocation system to help identify those athletes that are eligible for the club awards including the Most Improved and Age Champion. Depending on the award, points are allocated based on the following point categories:

- Performances at Centre meets
- Participation and performance at Regional and State Relays, Regional and State Championships, Junior/Senior Carnival, Junior/Senior Pentathlon and National events, and
- Personal Bests achieved at all Little Athletics Queensland events

The purpose of this document is to define the set of agreed rules that are applied to the Athlete's results, events and attendance and to identify the point values applicable in the of selection of an Age Champion and Most Improved for each age group.

### ASSUMPTIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

The following assumptions are made:

- This document is aligned to the requirements of Little Athletics Queensland with respect to encouraging athletes to participate and be their best.
- This document will supplement and expand upon the information provided on the TGLA Web Site and the Centre handbook.
- This document will provide the rules to be used to determine Athlete points for the season.
- Prior to each season, the committee will need to re-affirm their desire to use the points system.
- Prior to each season, the committee will need to re-assess the point allocation rules to be used for that season based on lessons learnt from the previous season.
- This document will need to be re-visited and revised prior to the start of each season.
- Points are applicable for supporting the selection of the Age Champion and the Most Improved awards.
- Points will not be used to determine the Centre Participation medals.
- Points may be used in the consideration of the Best Performance award.

## POINT ALLOCATION RULES

The point allocation rules will be used to support the following award categories that are currently used by TGLA:

- Age Champion
- Most Improved
- Centre Most Improved Trophy
- Most Outstanding Athletic Performance Trophy

If an athlete is awarded the Age Champion's trophy, they are not eligible for the Most Improved award even if they achieved the most points for their age group in the Most Improved category.

## AWARD CRITERIA

### ELIGIBILITY

1. The athlete must be a registered member of The GAP Little Athletics Centre, or have transferred to the centre during the season.
2. The athlete must attend at least 60% of available centre meets to qualify for any award. Exemptions can be granted for less than 60% either by a committee decision or where the non-attendance has been caused by:
  - Injury or Illness.
  - Attendance at a LAQ sanctioned competition (not centre based – i.e. Regional and State competitions).
  - Attendance at a QA or AA competition where an athlete needs to obtain a qualifying mark or where attendance is a pre-requisite for State or National championship competition.
  - School activity that is required as part of the school curriculum. This may be academic or sport related but does not include elective activities such as social events.
  - Any other reasons may be forwarded in writing to the Centre Manager for review and if appropriate, presented to the TGLA Committee for acceptance/non-acceptance.
3. An athlete should compete in their own age group. Where an athlete chooses to compete in a different age group (e.g. to be with friends or for improved competition), they will be ineligible to win Age Champion or Most Improved trophies for either group<sup>1</sup>. However they will still be eligible for all other awards. If the athlete is asked to compete in a different age group for Centre reasons (e.g. splitting a large group) then they remain eligible for all awards.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance qualification is based on an athlete attending a TGLA Friday night meet and attempting at least one event. Any attempted event where the athlete did not finish for any reason should be recorded by the age group marshal for that meet as either NT, ND or NH depending on the event. In this fashion, all attendances and event attempts can be captured in the system without manual intervention.

**Note:** An athlete does not directly gain points for attendance at Centre<sup>2</sup> events, the 60% mark is a hurdle and must be achieved before points are accumulated.

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<sup>1</sup> The committee can make exemptions to this rule.

<sup>2</sup> Athletes *will* accrue points for away events.

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## AGE CHAMPION

The girl and boy in each age group, (except tiny tots and under 6), who achieves the highest number of points over the whole season will be awarded the Age Champion trophies for the centre<sup>3</sup>. Points will be awarded for:

- McDonald's performance levels achieved for each event attempted<sup>4</sup>
- Participation in specified LAQ events, and
- Personal Bests achieved at the Centre and LAQ events.

Points can be accumulated for every event attempted<sup>5</sup>. The points system is intended to identify the best athlete in each group, however it is possible that the athlete who attends every week and participates in each event may be the one who is awarded the trophy, not necessarily the child who wins every race but only attends infrequently.

This award is presented at the end of each season.

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## MOST IMPROVED AWARDS

In addition to the Age Champion, the boy and girl in each age group, (except tiny tots), who attain the most personal bests, as well as meeting the attendance requirement over the whole season, will be awarded the Most Improved trophy.

### **Centre Trophy for Most Improved.**

This trophy is awarded to the athletes who achieves the most personal best performances throughout the season including club, regional carnivals, state and national events. Athletes will have a different personal best mark for home (The Gap centre) and away (everywhere else) events; but they are all accumulated into one PB total.

The annual recipient of the Centre Trophy for Most Improved also earns the right to one of the following options (subject to availability), for the next competitive season only, should they return to the club;

1. Wear the No. 1 athlete number
2. Retain their existing athlete number
3. Wear a number of their choosing



In the event where the winner does not return, the No. 1 athlete number will not be used in that season.

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<sup>3</sup> In event of two or more athletes being equal or close in points, an additional qualitative approach may be used to determine the award. In this case the committee in collaboration with the Age Marshal and Manager will determine the Age Champion for the group. It is possible for more than one athlete to share the award.

<sup>4</sup> And the athletes has met centre one event rule.

<sup>5</sup> Similar to assignment of Championship points for motor racing, tennis, et al



## POINT CATEGORIES

Points will be assigned for event participation, personal bests and performance s achieved as described below.

### EVENT PARTICIPATION AT LAQ MEETS

Event participation points are based on each event that an athlete participates in at Regional, State, National, Carnival and Pentathlon competition. This allocation is specifically included to encourage all athletes to participate in these events.

**Points are allocated based on the following competition types:**

- LAQ – Regional competitions (Relay and Regional championships)
- LAQ – Carnivals and Pentathlons
- LAQ – State and National

**Points are not allocated for event participation at:**

- non LAQ competitions (i.e. Athletics Queensland, Athletics Australia), and/or
- other LAQ affiliated centre based competitions or regular meets. However our athletes are encouraged to attend these centre based events as they provide good competition (and a great way to win medals!)

**Points allocation:**

- Regionals: 5 points per event
- State: 10 points per event
- National Team selection: 25 points
- Carnivals: 2 points per event
- Pentathlon: 12 points

**Award Category/Categories:**

- Age Champion



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## PERSONAL BESTS

Personal best points accrue for each event that an athlete participates in and are seasonally based. The first recorded result for each event that an athlete participates in becomes the reference mark for that event. The next attempt by the athlete for that event where the result exceeds the initial reference mark will become the new reference mark for that event. Points are allocated each time the reference mark has been equalled or bettered.

PBs achieved at LAQ Regional competitions (Relay and Regional championships or states) and LAQ Carnivals and Pentathlons will be recorded as “away” events. (So the athlete may have two reference marks – one for our Centre and one for away events). If an Athlete betters their current PB in an away event, they will accumulate 1 point and the away reference mark will be adjusted; however the reference mark for TGLA Centre will not be updated<sup>6</sup>. This will ensure recognition for the PB but will not then be considered for PBs at the TGLA centre.

TGLA Centre Records are consistent with this approach having both Centre and Away records.

**Points are allocated based on the following competition types:**

- Centre – The Gap Centre only
- LAQ – Regional competitions (Relay and Regional championships)
- LAQ – Carnivals and Pentathlons
- LAQ – State and National

**Points are not allocated for event participation at:**

- non LAQ competitions (i.e. Athletics Queensland, Athletics Australia), and/or
- other LAQ affiliated centre based competitions or regular meets

**Point’s allocation:**

- 1 point for each time an applicable reference mark has been bettered.
- Other eligible competitions – 1 points for all personal best performances.

**Award Category/Categories:**

- Age Champion
- Most Improved

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<sup>6</sup> The away reference mark is the best achieved for all competition up to the time of that event



## PERFORMANCE LEVELS ACHIEVED

Performance level points are based on the MacDonald's performance levels that are defined and supplied by LAQ each year. These levels are available for each LAQ sanctioned event and for each of those events a '*better than*' mark is determined for three levels identified as Green, Red and Blue.

Anyone achieving a Green level, which is within the reach of most children with a little application, has achieved a good level of performance. A Red level represents a very good performance, but is still achievable by about 65% of Little Athletes. A Blue level represents an excellent performance achievable by about 20% of Little Athletes.<sup>7</sup>

### Points are allocated based on the following competition types:

- TGLA Centre
- LAQ Regional competitions (Relay and Regional championships).
- LAQ Carnivals and Pentathlons.
- LAQ State and National Championships

### Points are not allocated for event participation at:

- non LAQ competitions (i.e. Athletics Queensland, Athletics Australia), and/or
- Other LAQ affiliated centre based competitions or regular meets.
- No performance level points can be accrued for non LAQ sanctioned events as the appropriate performance levels are not defined<sup>8</sup>.

### Point's allocation:

- 1 point for each participated event where no result/Macdonald's level is recorded
- 2 point for each participated event where a Green level was achieved.
- 4 points for each participated event where a Red level was achieved.
- 6 points for each participated event where a Blue level was achieved.

### Award Category/Categories:

- Age Champion

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<sup>7</sup> MacDonald's performance level information is available from the LAQ web site

<sup>8</sup> Some Centre only events may accrue points – eg u7 500m

**EXAMPLES –****EXAMPLE 1.**

If an athlete attends a TGLA centre competition and participates in five events and achieves a green, a red, two blues, one event where no level is achieved (or available) and three personal bests, the athlete would be allocated points in the following categories:

<b>Points category</b>	<b>Points</b>
Personal bests	3
Performance levels	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

Maximum points available on a Centre night is 42 (blue level and a PB for 6 events)

**EXAMPLE 2.**

If an athlete attends a Regional Championship and participates in two events achieving one blue and one green level as well as one PB, points will be assigned as follows:

<b>Points category</b>	<b>Points</b>
Attendance	10
Personal bests	1
Performance levels	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

Maximum Points available at a regional event is 60 points (blue level and a PB for 5 events)

**EXAMPLE 3.**

An athlete competing in the Regional Relays and participates in 5 events achieving one blue levels, two red levels and two green levels as well as three PBs will be assigned points as follows:

<b>Points category</b>	<b>Points</b>
Attendance	25
Personal bests	3
Performance levels	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>