



European Athletics Women's Leadership Awards General Guidelines & Selection Criteria

Aim

The European Athletics Women's Leadership Awards have been created to recognise and celebrate women leaders in athletics.

The aims are to highlight the invaluable contributions women are making on the local and national level and to inspire others to work for the benefit of the sport. Ultimately, we hope the awards will help to change attitudes and increase the numbers of women serving our sport as coaches, competition officials, administrators and elected federation leaders.

Awards

The awards are given biennially at the national level by the Member Federations and one woman is selected by the national winners to be their overall representative.

National Awards Procedure

Member Federations are expected to select one national winner using the system that is most appropriate for their situation.

European Athletics will provide the awards to be presented at the national level after the first award has been presented to the overall representative at the European Athletics Awards Night. This means that Member Federations should plan to present their awards after mid-October 2011.

Award Criteria

The European Athletics Women's Leadership Award may be given for an outstanding contribution to the sport by a woman of any age working as a coach, competition official, club volunteer, event organiser, journalist, administrator, federation leader, etc. It is not intended for the award to reward accomplishments in competition.

The recognised contribution may be a single activity, a recent period of work or a career-long commitment. The winner does not need to be nationally or internationally famous and, indeed, one of the objectives of these awards is to raise awareness of the work of lesser-known women leaders throughout the sport, even at a local level.

In case a particular project is being recognised and more than one woman is responsible, it is possible to name more than one nominated winner.



Member Federations may wish to model their basic selection criteria on the key aspects of the European Athletics brand: "Inspiration," "Motivation," "Participation" and "Aspiration."

An individual may win the award one time only.

National Award Report & Nomination Form

The Member Federation will be responsible for communicating their national winner to European Athletics using the National Award Report and Nomination Form, which is available from European Athletics website (<http://www.european-athletics.org/womens-leadership-awards.html>). This form will make it possible for European Athletics to communicate about the national winners using its website and other media channels. The form also serves as the nomination for the overall representative.

The President or General Secretary of the Member Federation must endorse and sign the nomination form accordingly.

The completed nomination form and a photograph of the national winner must be sent to European Athletics by **1 August 2011**.

Note: Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

Overall Representative Selection Process

A European Athletics appointed jury will review the nominations and select five of the national winners. All the national winners will then take part in an Internet poll to select their overall representative.

Notification

All 2011 applicants will be notified of jury's decision in early October 2011. The public announcement of the scholarship recipients will be made during the European Athletics Convention in Arona, Spain, on 13-15 October 2011.

Award Ceremony

The award for the overall representative will be presented at a dinner as part of the European Athletics Convention in Arona, Spain, on Saturday 15 October 2011.

For further information see <http://www.european-athletics.org/womens-leadership-awards.html> or contact Marie-Anne Midy at:

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