

## ANNUAL FLYER AWARDS GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY, SELECTION CRITERIA (UPDATED – FEBRUARY 2020)

The Annual Flyer Awards guidelines, eligibility requirements and selection criteria contained herein shall be considered ratified by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee of the New York Flyers, as defined in the By-Laws. Amendments to this document shall be considered ratified by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee as above.

### A. AWARDS OBJECTIVE

The Objective of the Annual Flyer Awards is to recognize and reward outstanding achievements and contributions of individual athletes, as well as to provide for a social occasion that fosters team spirit and unity and encourages newer members to actively participate in future team functions.

### B. AWARDS PERIOD

1. The Awards Period for all awards is the current calendar year.
2. Accomplishments from earlier in the Awards Period shall be given equal weight to those from the latter portion of the Awards Period.

### C. AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. The Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Team Captain Liaisons. The Chair(s) shall oversee and coordinate the Awards selection process, including calling and conducting meetings of the Awards Committee and other duties as necessary.
2. The Awards Committee shall be comprised of the Chair(s), one member of the Advisory Committee, one representative from the Executive Committee, all Team Captains and one Presidential appointee from the full membership. The Chair(s) will have the discretion to appoint additional volunteers.
3. Should any Awards Committee member be a Candidate for a particular award, that individual shall recuse himself or herself from the debate and selection process for that same award.
4. It is further expected that the Awards Committee uphold the spirit of this document, as well as its letter, and not permit excessively strict adherence to its contents to result in otherwise unfair or illogical selections.
5. In general, ties are discouraged, though not expressly forbidden.
6. The Awards Committee shall complete its work no later than January 15 of the year following the Awards Period.
7. Selections of the Awards Committee shall be considered confidential and FINAL.

### D. AWARDS CLASSIFICATION

1. The total number of awards shall be capped at 35, not including rookie awards.

2. The system outlined below breaks all awards into four distinct Classes based on selection criteria, operating in a checks and balances-style manner to ensure accuracy and fairness throughout the selection process.
3. The four different Classes of awards defined under this system are as follows:
  - a. Class A Awards: voted on by the full membership of the New York Flyers; gives members some direct participation in the awards selection process. (e.g., Flyer of the Year)
  - b. Class B Awards: selected by the Awards Committee using performance-based, researched criteria; eliminates the subjectivity that could tarnish the awards selection process.
  - c. Class C Awards: selected by the Awards Committee; allows for discretionary awards that can be created in special circumstances to ensure that where deemed necessary and/or appropriate, particular individual accomplishments are not left unrecognized.
  - d. Class D Awards: not selected by Flyer membership or awards committee, but count towards total number of awards. (e.g., President's Award(s), Coach's Award).
4. The Executive Committee and/or Awards Committee may amend the awards in any Class from year to year as needed.
5. There shall be no duplication of awards within the same Class, within the same Awards Period, provided, however, that a Flyer may win the Frequent Flyer award in addition to any other Class B award.
6. Duplication of awards between Class B, Class C and Class D within the same Awards Period is strongly discouraged.
7. An individual can be awarded both a Class A award and a Class B, C or D award within the same Awards Period, since Class A awards are selected differently than Class B, C or D awards.
8. Class A, Class C and Class D award-winners are not eligible to receive that same award in subsequent years.

#### E. AWARDS ELIGIBILITY

1. In order to be eligible for any Annual Flyer Award, candidates are required to be members in continuous good standing for the following minimum lengths of time, measured from the beginning of their membership:
  - a. Class A awards — two years
  - b. Class B awards — one year (except Age Group Awards – no minimum)
  - c. Class C awards — six months (except Rookies of the Year - three to fifteen months)
  - d. Class D awards — one year

#### F. AWARDS SELECTION CRITERIA

CLASS A AWARDS — voted on by the full membership of the New York Flyers. Balloting shall be conducted by secret ballot. Ballots may be cast via e-mail or regular mail only and must be returned to the designated recipient by the appointed due date in order to be considered valid.

1. Flyer of the Year (1 award)

- a. Awarded to the member best embodying the following qualities: team spirit, enthusiasm, good sportsmanship, etc. In short, the person selected as Flyer of the Year should be active, regularly involved in team functions, and overall make the New York Flyers a better team to be a member of.
- b. Up to five persons shall be nominated for Flyer of the Year by the Executive Committee.
- c. Executive Committee members are not eligible while in office.
- d. The Flyer of the Year shall be the nominee receiving the greatest number of all ballots cast.
- e. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by a secret ballot vote of the Executive Committee.
- f. The ballot shall be restricted to the persons nominated; write-in selections will be considered void.
- g. Nominees may be nominated again in subsequent years if they were not selected as Flyer of the Year in any prior year.

CLASS B AWARDS — selected by the Awards Committee using performance-based, researched criteria

1. Runners of the Year (12 awards)

One award per gender recognizing the most outstanding runners in the following six age categories:

- a. Open (under 30)
- b. Submasters (30-39)
- c. Masters (40-49)
- d. Veterans (50-59)
- e. Super Veterans (60-69)
- f. Super Veterans (70+)

Winners of the Runners of the Year awards will be determined using a points system covering a series of 12 NYRR races within the Awards Period. Finishers will be awarded points based on their results relative to their teammates in the same age group. A runner's top 8 performances out of the 12 races will count toward their total. At the end of the year, the runner accumulating the most points in his/her age group will be declared the winner. In the event that two or more runners tie for first place in an age group at the end of the year, that award will be shared by each of those runners.

Races – The series will consist of 12 NYRR races within the Awards Period. All NYRR Points races will be included. If there are fewer than 12 NYRR Points races, the Awards Committee will select additional NYRR races to complete the series and present their choices to the Executive Board for final approval. Races should be selected and announced to the full club membership as early as possible to allow runners time to register for races.

Points will be awarded based on the table below. All finishers will receive at least 1 point.

Finisher Place	Points Earned
1 <sup>st</sup>	15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10
4 <sup>th</sup>	8
5 <sup>th</sup>	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	2
10 <sup>th</sup> or higher	1

Candidates are eligible only within their age category. Candidates who changed age categories during the Awards Period shall be considered a candidate for the age category in which that candidate fell for a majority of the Awards Period.

For an age group change birthday before June 30, pre-birthday results should be posted with the older group for the full year. If a runner ages into a new group after June 30 and is therefore considered to be part of the younger age group but does not run any points races until after June 30 (all races are run after aging up), that runner's results will still be included with the younger group.

Flyers are responsible for listing their New York Flyers club affiliation on their NYRR profile in order to be reported as a Flyer on NYRR and Flyers results. Flyers who DID NOT register as a Flyer with NYRR for any points races and do not appear in the list of Flyer results will not earn points for those races. New members will be allowed to identify races they had already signed up for prior to joining the Flyers so that those races can be counted.

## 2. Marathoners of the Year (2 awards)

One award per gender recognizing the fastest marathoners. Chip times will be used when they are available. Although the New York City Marathon may be considered a natural yardstick in this category, candidates' performances in any other sanctioned/certified marathon shall be given equal consideration. (Candidates must have completed at least one NYRR Club Points race within that Awards Period, not including the New York City Marathon.)

## 3. Frequent Flyers (approximately 6 awards)

Approximately six awards, regardless of gender, recognizing candidates completing the greatest number of New York Flyers Age Group Competition races during the Awards Period. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker will be the total NYRR races completed as a New York Flyer (regardless of time/placement) during the Awards Period.

## CLASS C AWARDS - selected by the Awards Committee

### 1. Rookies of the Year (up to 10 awards per gender)

These awards recognize outstanding teammates demonstrating promising talent, team enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and other laudable qualities.

2. Most Improved (2 awards)

One award per gender recognizing the runners demonstrating the most notable improvement during the Awards Period. These awards shall be reserved for new or established runners whose improvement is not otherwise attributable to injury recovery and/or other extended layoff.

3. Team Spirit (1 award)

One award recognizing the individual demonstrating the best team spirit.

SOME EXAMPLES OF OTHER CLASS C AWARDS

The list below includes examples of some other awards that have been presented in some years but not others. The Awards Committee may also come up with new Class C awards that it deems appropriate.

Multi-sport Athlete(s) of the Year

Best Marathon Debut

Rising Stars

Best Comeback

Most Valuable Volunteer

Best Running Form

Purple Heart

Best Doubleheader

Unsung Hero

Best Dressed

CLASS D AWARDS-not selected by Flyer membership or awards committee, but count towards the total number of awards.

1. President's Award-chosen by current Flyer president (up to 2 awards)

2. Coach's Award-chosen by current Flyer coach (1 award)