

ANNUAL NEW YORK FLYERS AWARDS GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY, SELECTION CRITERIA

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EFFECTIVE FOR THE AWARDS PERIOD STARTING JANUARY 1, 2025

These Annual Flyers Awards guidelines, eligibility requirements and selection criteria and any amendments that follow shall be considered ratified by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee of the New York Flyers, as defined in the By-Laws.

A. AWARDS OBJECTIVE

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

B. AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. The Awards Committee shall be chaired by a Committee member as approved by the Executive Committee. 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, including keeping the Awards Database current.
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 and not permit excessively strict adherence to its contents to result in otherwise unfair or illogical selections.

C. GENERAL RULES

1. The total number of awards shall be capped at 27, not including Rookie of the Year and Frequent Flyer awards. The cap shall be 1 award for Class A, 14 for Class B (excluding ties), 8 for Class C, and 4 for Class D.
2. The four Classes of awards 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, so that particular individual accomplishments are not left unrecognized.

- d. Class D Awards: selected by third parties, such as President's Award(s) and Coach's Award(s).
3. The Executive Committee and/or Awards Committee may amend the awards in any Class from year to year as needed.
4. The Awards Period for all awards is the current calendar year.
5. The Awards Committee shall complete its work no later than January 15 of the year following the Awards Period.
6. Accomplishments from earlier in the Awards Period shall be given equal weight to those from the latter portion of the Awards Period.
7. Duplication of award recipients shall be allowed within Classes A and B. Any recipient of a Class A or B award cannot receive an award within Class D, and awards within Class C for that person shall be discouraged.
8. Class A, Class C and Class D award-winners are not eligible to receive that same award in subsequent years.
9. Selections of the Awards Committee shall be considered confidential and FINAL.

D. AWARDS ELIGIBILITY

1. In order to be eligible for any Annual Flyers Award, candidates are required to be members in continuous good standing for the following minimum lengths of time:
 - a. Class A awards — two years by January 1 of the awards period year.
 - b. Class B awards — one year by January 1 of the awards period year, excluding Runner of the Year awards, which shall not have a minimum length of time.
 - c. ~~Class C awards — six months by January 1 of the awards period year (except Rookies of the Year — three to fifteen months by January 1, so that a member shall have joined by October 1 of the year before the awards period year and no earlier than October 1 of the previous year).~~
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 - c. Class C awards — six months by January 1 of the awards period year (except Rookies of the Year - three to fifteen months before the end of the awards period, so that a member shall have joined by September 30 of the awards period and no earlier than October 1 of the previous year).
 - d. Class D awards — one year by January 1 of the awards period year.

E. 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 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 over time: 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 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. Sub-30

b. Submasters (30-39)

c. Masters (40-49)

d. Veterans (50-59)

e. Super Veterans (60-69)

f. Uber Veterans (70+)

Winners of the Runners of the Year awards will be determined using a points system covering points 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 6 performances out of the points 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 all announced NYRR points races within the Awards Period. All points races should be announced to the full club membership as early as possible to allow runners time to register for races.

Flyers runners are responsible for listing their Flyers club affiliation on their NYRR profile in order to be reported as a Flyer on NYRR and Flyers results. Runners who DID NOT register as Flyers with NYRR for a points race and did not appear in the list of Flyers results will be excluded from Flyers points results. Any member may request to opt out of this competition and will be removed from the results.

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

Finisher Place	Points Earned
1st	15
2nd	12
3rd	10
4th	8
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th 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 entire year within the age category in which that candidate fell for a majority of the Awards Period.

2. New York City Marathoner of the Year (2 awards)

One award per gender recognizing the fastest marathoners in the New York City Marathon.

3. Frequent Flyers (approximately 6 awards)

Approximately six awards, regardless of gender, recognizing candidates completing the greatest number of Flyers points races during the Awards Period. If there is a tie for sixth place, all runners tied for that position shall win an award.

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 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 Flyers membership or the Awards Committee, but count towards the total number of awards.

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