

MEDALS PROCEDURES

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AIMS

1. To provide a standardized procedure to which future ACF Councils and Selection Co-ordinators can refer.
2. To ensure a systematic and thorough search for nominees.
3. To provide sufficient information on which the selectors can base a decision.

STEPS

1. The Medals Co-ordinator (MC) will present a list of suggested selectors plus reserves for each of the medals scheduled for presentation in the following year to the ACF Secretary by October 1.
2. At the first ACF meeting after October 1, the ACF Council will discuss the annual award of the medals and finalise the selectors' names.
These and any nominations for the medals will be recorded in the minutes.
Delegates will be instructed to obtain from their State Associations any more names they wish to add.
Nominations need not be from amongst a State's own members.
3. The ACF Secretary will see to it that an advertisement is placed in the first issue of the ACF Newsletter published after October 1 requesting nominations from individuals and/or organisations to be sent to the Selection Co-ordinator by October 31.
4. The MC will synthesize the selection panels and obtain their preference on the mode of decision making (group discussion, phone link-up or secret submission).
5. Early November - the MC will contact all states (Secretaries and Delegates) who have not replied to chase up remaining nominations.
6. The MC will then ask all nominees to set out their relevant achievements (in the same format for the selectors' convenience).
The same form as for this will be sent to the initial nominator so that the reasons for nomination will be clear and any extra information that the nominee's natural modesty may preclude him/her from bringing to the selectors' attention will also come to light.
7. The MC will duplicate all submissions and send copies to the selectors.
8. The MC will collect the selectors' decisions and present them to the ACF Secretary.
9. The ACF Secretary will see to the supply, engraving and presentation of the medals.
10. The MC will produce a report for the ACF e-mail Newsletter.
11. The ACF Secretary will report the winner of each medal to the ACF Archivist.

GUIDELINES

Steiner Medal

This is awarded to the "Player of the Year". It is to be the player who has made the greatest impact, not necessarily the highest-rated - it is for the most notable achievement of the year.

It may be awarded to the same person more than once.

Arlauskas Medal & Romanas Arlauskas Award

The Arlauskas Medal is awarded annually to the "Australian Under-16 Player of the Year", on the same basis as the Steiner Medal, but limited to nominees who at one time or another during the year of the award satisfied the ACF's age-limit criteria for eligibility to participate in the Australian Under-16 Championship in the year concerned.

The winner of the Arlauskas Medal in each year is to be the recipient of a single grant by the ACF to assist the winner to meet costs related to his or her participation in a significant international or Australian chess event scheduled to begin or likely to begin within two years of the announcement of the name of the winner of the award.

The ACF Executive committee will have discretion to determine the significance of an event for the purposes of the award, to extend the 24-month period in exceptional circumstances, and to determine the amount of the grant in any year.

The Arlauskas Medal and Romanas Arlauskas Award may not be won by the same person more than twice.

Koshnitsky Medal

This is awarded for an outstanding contribution to Australian chess administration at a national or a state level.

It may not be won more than once by the same person.

CJS Purdy Medal

This is awarded for an outstanding contribution to Australian chess as a journalist at a national or state level.

It may not be won more than once by the same person.

Note: The Steiner and Koshnitsky medals are awarded annually and the Purdy Medal in alternate years.

Whyatt Medal for Chess Problem Composition

This is awarded for outstanding success as a chess problem composer, taking into account the composer's published problems.

It is awarded every four years.

It may not be won more than once by the same person.