

Season Opener Bonus 20 Points

Race 1 each *season*.

Aim: To encourage returning athletes to perform at their best. The handicapper is then able to position the athlete fairly according to the athletes current level of ability in handicapped races.

Assessment:

Athletes returning to the same division will be assessed by comparing their first race of the season with their fastest KM rate in that division from the previous year. Note: this is not necessarily at the same venue/race it is the fastest over the whole year.

Athletes who are moving up a division (now running a longer distance) will be assessed by comparing their first race of the season with their fastest KM rate in their previous division from the previous year.

Athletes who are moving to a lower division (shorter distance) will be considered new runners for the purpose of this assessment, and are therefore ineligible.

Athletes who did not run with the club in the previous year or participated in less than 3 races in a single division in the previous year are considered new runners and are ineligible for this bonus.

Award: Athletes who perform faster as per the above assessment criteria will be awarded 20 bonus consistency points.