

## **Coach of the year**

The Coach of the Year Award, sponsored by Copyworld - will be an individual who has made a significant contribution to the success of a person/s or team that they have coached or been the major cause for an increased standard of coaching in the sport with which they have been associated. The Coach of the Year award recognises outstanding performance by a South Australian Coach based on their results for athletes they coach and excellence in coaching practices at any level. The Award finalists are:

### **Jason `Dizzy' Gillespie**

Organisation: Adelaide Strikers

Jason coached the Adelaide Strikers to win the Big Bash League 2017/18 Championship, adding this to his long list of cricketing achievements. His coaching experience spans Zimbabwe, the UK and Australia, where he has proven to be an excellent player manager, working hard to achieve great outcomes, remaining calm under pressure. Jason's ability to get the best out of players from different cultures and backgrounds and see them working as a cohesive team has seen him achieve phenomenal success across the globe. He is one of a very limited number of coaches in the world to attain the prestigious Level Four coaching accreditation through the England Cricket Board – a two-year program involving academia, sports science and cricket-specific modules.