

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:

Kym Simons

Organisation: Athletics SA

A champion medallist himself in the 1980s, Kim has been coaching world class pole vaulters for the past 25 years. He is currently a Level 4 specialist Pole Vault Coach and an IAAF Kids' Athletics coach, he coaches pole vault from beginner to elite level, including 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist, Kurtis Marshcall, and a number of other up and coming national champions. Kym has devoted the best part of 35 years to pole vaulting and is an inspiration and role model to his students, continuously improving techniques and encouraging them to pursue their passion