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I. 2026 World Athletics Member Federation Award

The **World Athletics Member Federation Award** recognises a Member Federation that has distinguished itself through its accomplishments in **2026** and, as a result, has positively contributed to the growth and profile of the sport.

The accomplishments and contributions of the Member Federation may include, but are not limited to:

- Outstanding performances by elite athletes, as well as junior and emerging athletes;
- The staging of new, enhanced or successful high-quality competitions, including innovative formats or presentation;
- The delivery of impactful grassroots participation or community engagement activities, including the **Kids' Athletics** programme;
- The delivery of programmes focused on the development of coaches, officials, administrators and other members of the athletics community;
- The establishment of new or enhanced partnerships;
- The implementation of innovative new programmes or initiatives;
- The implementation of **World Plan for Athletics** actions and successful outcomes achieved in support of its delivery in 2026;
- The implementation of robust safeguarding systems to protect athletes, coaches, officials and other members of the Federation; and
- The promotion of gender balance and equal opportunities for women across the athletics community.

Each Area Association may nominate a **maximum of three Member Federations** that, based on their accomplishments and contributions, would be deserving of the Member Federation Award. Each nomination must include a brief rationale and description of the Member Federation's accomplishments in 2026.

Therefore, Atletismo Sudamericano invites its affiliated Federations interested in being considered for the Award to submit, by **12 October 2026**, a brief description of their main accomplishments and contributions to the development and profile of athletics in 2026 to:

south-america@aa.worldathletics.org.



The proposals received will be submitted to the **Executive Council of Atletismo Sudamericano**, which will review the documentation and select up to three Member Federations to be nominated to World Athletics.

Federations are preferably requested to submit their documents also with an English version, in order to facilitate the assessment of the nominations by World Athletics.

Manaus, 30 September 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helio Marinho Gesta de Melo'.

Helio Marinho Gesta de Melo
President