



SWPSA Selection Criteria – Best Attacker

Selecting an **Attacker of the Tournament** goes beyond just who scores the most goals. The best attacking player combines creativity, composure, and teamwork — someone who drives the team’s attack through smart decision-making, movement, and execution. **This is exclusively for the U19 Girls and Boys age group.**

1. Attacking Effectiveness

- Consistently creates and converts scoring opportunities.
 - Finishes well under pressure — strong shot variety (power, placement, lob, backhand, etc.).
 - Draws exclusions or penalties through smart movement and positioning.
 - Demonstrates high shooting percentage (conversion efficiency).
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2. Game Intelligence (Attacking IQ)

- Reads defensive structures and adapts effectively.
 - Makes smart decisions on shot selection, passing, or driving.
 - Times movements and drives strategically to open space for others.
 - Anticipates counter opportunities and transitions smoothly.
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3. Team Contribution

- Creates chances for teammates (assists, screening, drawing defenders).
 - Executes attacking systems effectively (man-up plays, drives, set-ups).
 - Plays unselfishly — balances scoring with playmaking.
 - Works in sync with centre-forward and perimeter players.
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4. Counter-Attack & Transition

- Quick to initiate or finish counter-attacks.
 - Reads turnovers and moves early to exploit open water.
 - Finishes fast breaks efficiently or sets up assists.
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5. Physical Presence

- Wins one-on-one contests in attack (gains inside water, holds position, or breaks free).
 - Strong on the ball — difficult to dispossess.
 - Uses body control and balance effectively in close marking situations.
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6. 6-on-5 (Man-Up) Performance

- Contributes consistently in extra-man situations — as shooter, passer, or creator.
 - Executes plays with composure and accuracy.
 - Understands spacing, timing, and ball circulation principles.
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7. Consistency and Composure

- Delivers across multiple games, not just one standout performance.
 - Keeps composure under defensive pressure or tight scorelines.
 - Maintains effort and concentration for the full duration of each match.
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8. Attitude & Sportsmanship

- Plays with intensity and fairness.
 - Shows respect toward teammates, referees, and opponents.
 - Positive influence and energy in and out of the pool.
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