



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).

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
