



Policy & Procedures Manual Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

Policy 5: Awards

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Scope: This policy provides direction to LSC members relating to awards for athlete members.

5.1 Awards

5.1.1 Awards for Triangular or Dual Meets: Awards are permitted for dual or triangular Meets, but they should be of nominal value, preferably ribbons.

5.1.2 Limit on Awards: Heat winners are allowed to receive ribbons, except for Timed Final Meets where all finalists must receive an award.

5.1.3 ~~5.1.2~~ Awards in Prelims/Finals Meets: In any Meet with Consolation Finals and Championship Finals, all swimmers in the Championship Finals must receive awards. All swimmers in the Consolidation Finals may receive awards at the discretion of the Meet Host.

5.1.4 ~~5.1.3~~ Cost of Awards: The cost of individual, team, and high point awards must conform to current USA Swimming rules. The nature of the awards is left to the discretion of Meet Host.

5.1.5 ~~5.1.4~~ Team and High Point Awards: Team awards or high point awards are not mandatory in age group Meets. If awarded, they will be given at the discretion of the Meet Host. Age group team awards can include points scored in senior events. Senior team awards shall not include points scored in age group events. Separate team awards may be provided for boys and for girls.

5.1.6 ~~5.1.5~~ Award Sponsorship: Sponsors may provide Meet awards that include both age group and senior awards.

5.1.7 ~~5.1.6~~ Achiever Awards: A swimmer who enters a "BB," "B," and/or "C" Meet and obtains a time faster than the cut-off time for a scheduled event will be classified as an "Achiever" and is not eligible for a regular place award for that particular event. Achievers shall be awarded achiever certificates, patches, or ribbons at the option of the Meet Host. An achiever award must have equal or greater value than the award that is given for the first place in the respective event.

5.1.8 ~~5.1.7~~ LSC Recognition of National Qualifiers: The LSC may provide a token gift as recognition to Wisconsin USA Swimming Senior or Junior Championship swimmers.

5.1.9 ~~5.1.8~~ Wisconsin Swimming Championship Awards: Wisconsin Swimming will order and pay for all plaques, ribbons, medals, and shipping costs: for every

Commented [RP1]: Jacob Johnson: "Do we really care to have a policy expressing what kind of awards can be handed out at any type of meet? If BAC and VAST want to have a dual meet where each event winner gets a t-shirt that says WINNER, what does the LSC care?"

Commented [RP2]: Jacob Johnson: "Unless I'm missing it completely, I'm not sure the language makes sense. First, heat winners are "allowed to receive ribbons" - does that mean BAC violates this policy when we hand out stickers with the meet logo as heat winners? Also, "all finalists" in a timed final meet "must receive an award". Isn't that....everyone?!? If it means 'all who place/score', I'd again ask if that's necessary. If we're hosting a casual meet with little or no awarding (and cheaper fees) then why would the LSC care to rule about that?"

Commented [RP3]: Jacob Johnson: "(part 2 - do we need to clean that up, or is that an okay way for labeling?)"

Commented [RP4R3]: The outlining numbering repeated Article 5.1.2. I have corrected that as a "housekeeping" item in this proposed revision. R Potter

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Commented [RP5]: Jacob Johnson: "If team awards are "not mandatory in age group meets" are they somehow mandatory in other types of meets? Seems like an unnecessary qualifier to throw in there."

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Commented [RP6]: Jacob Johnson: "This is just a lot of language to regulate something that doesn't seem necessary. Just not sure we need to regulate how teams do their awards..."

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R-3 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Regional and State Championship Meet. The lone exception is Heat Winner awards, which are required for every Championship Meet, but are the responsibility of the Meet Host.

Date of Revision	Policy Section(s)	Changes Made
10-24-17	5.1.9	Deleted and moved to Policy 26
11-28-2023	5.1.8	Amend to show LSC responsible for all awards ordering and costs.
4-29-2024	5.1.8 5.1.2 thru 5.1.9	Clarify that Meet Host is responsible for "Heat Winner" awards. Correct outline numbering with repeated Article 5.1.2

Commented [RP7]: Jacob Johnson: "In my quest to require/remind the host of LSC Championship Meets that they should procure and distribute heat winners, I was taking a look at Policy 5 - hopefully that's the correct/only thing that needs adjusting. As far as my narrow objective - get host teams to provide heat winners."

Commented [RP8R7]: I added the suggested amendment to what is now 5.1.9 to reflect Jacob's proposal.

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