



Policy & Procedures Manual

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

Policy 26: LSC Recognition

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Scope: *The purpose of this policy is to recognize outstanding performance by Wisconsin Swimming athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. In the absence of a qualified candidate, an award may not be given annually.*

26.1 Athlete and Coach Award Recognitions

26.1.1 Athlete of the Year

- A. Long Course Age Group Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
 - i. Long Course 10&U Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
 - ii. Long Course 11-12 Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
 - iii. Long Course 13-14 Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
- B. Long Course Senior Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
 - i. Long Course Senior Female and Male Swimmer of the Year (15 & Over)
- C. Short Course Age Group Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
 - i. Short Course 10&U Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
 - ii. Short Course 11-12 Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
 - iii. Short Course 13-14 Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
- D. Short Course Senior Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
 - i. Short Course Senior Female and Male Swimmer of the Year (15 & Over)
- E. Short Course Female and Male Breakout Swimmer of the Year
- F. Open Water Female and Male Swimmer of the Year*
- G. Female and Male Sportsmanship Award

26.1.2 Short Course IMX Individual High Point Champion

- A. An award will be presented to each overall individual IMX high point winner from the previous short course season.
- B. Age categories shall be: 9-Under, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.
- C. Recipients shall be notified by the Coach Representative(s).

26.1.3 Coach of the Year

- A. Long Course Age Group Coach of the Year
- B. Long Course Senior Coach of the Year
- C. Short Course Age Group Coach of the Year
- D. Short Course Senior Coach of the Year

26.1.4 Nomination Process

- A. Eligibility Requirements for Athlete Recognition
 - i. To be eligible to receive any athlete recognition awards from Wisconsin Swimming, a nominee must meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Must be a current member of Wisconsin Swimming, in good standing, at the time of the qualifying competition Wisconsin LSC Record Holder

2. Must be competing for a Wisconsin Swimming registered team. However, exceptions will be made if a swimmer represented a country other than the USA in international competition, with the athlete having been a registered member of Wisconsin Swimming for at least 1 year
 3. Times/results must be in the USA Swimming SWIMS Database
- B. Athlete Automatic Nominations
- i. Athlete automatic nominations for times based recognition may be earned by achieving one of the following:
 1. New State Records for any standardized/recognized age group
 2. Top -10 NAG rankings provided by USA Swimming in recognized 18 & Under events/age groups
 - ii. Athlete automatic nominations for Wisconsin Swimming Championship meet performances will be earned as follows:
 1. All Individual High Point winners in each recognized age group and gender in any meet designated as a State Championship, including Open Water State
 - iii. Athlete automatic nominations for performance at national meets, or meets outside of Wisconsin Swimming will be earned as follows:
 1. In the month of May of each year, the Tech Planning Committee will meet to select meets and place criteria for auto-nomination in that specific year.
 - iv. All coach members of WI swimming will receive notice of which meets are eligible for athlete recognition award nominations. Automatic Nomination Submissions
 1. Coaches will be responsible for submitting the names of any athletes eligible for automatic nomination to the Coaches Representative within 7 days of the conclusion of the eligible meet.
 2. In early April of each year, there will be a notification made to coaches as a "final call" for nomination submissions that may have missed during the year for eligible performance results or swimmers.
 - v. Additional Nomination Submissions
 1. Only currently active members of Wisconsin Swimming may submit additional nominations outside of those that are based upon the automatic nomination process.
 2. Nominations may be submitted by coaches, officials, athletes and other non-athlete members.
- C. Coach Automatic Nominations:
- i. Coach of the Year automatic nominations will be earned by any direct coach of any athlete nominated for an athlete recognition award.
- D. Disability Achievement
- i. The Disability Chair will nominate eligible individuals.
 - ii. Disability Achievement Award may be conveyed, with a maximum of one award conveyed annually.
- E. Write-In Candidates
- i. Write-In nominations of candidates will be accepted through 11:59:59 pm on March 31st

F. Finalists

- i. The Technical Planning Committee will limit each pool of nominees in the Swimmer of the Year and Coach of the Year categories to five finalists before April 15th.
- ii. All nominees will be invited to the LSC Awards Banquet. A ballot of finalists will be sent to the LSC House of Delegates voting members and posted on the LSC website.

26.1.5 Voting Process

- A. The list of nominees will be posted after March 31st, based on swim meets from April 1st to March 31st, of that given year (Example: For 2022, Awards will be taken from swims completed April 1st, 2021 – March 31, 2022). Female and Male Sportsmanship Award shall be voted on by the eligible Athlete Representatives only.
- B. All Athlete, and Coach awards in Section 26.1, and the ConocoPhillips 66 Outstanding Service Award in Section 26.4 shall be voted on by Board of Director voting members, the registered Club Voting Delegates and Athlete Voting Delegates present, except for “Open Water Swimmer of the Year”, which shall be selected by the LSC Open Water Coordinator*

26.2 Virtual Club Championship Team Award

26.2.1 A banner will be presented to the club with the highest Virtual Club Championship score from the previous short course season.

- A. Recipients shall be notified by the Coach Representative(s).

26.3 Officials’ Recognition Awards

26.3.1 Officials of the Year

- A. Starter/Referee of the Year
- B. Stroke and Turn of the Year
- C. Lifetime Achievement Award
- D. See the “Officials of the Year Awards” policy located on the Wisconsin Swimming Officials web page for details of the nomination and selection processes.

26.3.2 New Officials Recognition Program

- A. Newly certified Stroke/Turn Officials:
 - i. Official’s polo and name badge
- B. Newly certified Starter/Referee Officials
 - i. Whistle/lanyard and brass bell

26.4 ConocoPhillips 66 Outstanding Service Award

- A. Information will be sent to LSC members by the Administrative Manager after January 1st, with nominations accepted through March 15th. Voting shall occur at the Annual Meeting in the spring.

26.5 USA Swimming Life Member Award

- A. Nominations may be made by any LSC member and submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

26.6 Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding achievements of past Wisconsin Swimming athletes, coaches, and contributors, to inspire the current athletes, coaches, and members of Wisconsin Swimming by recognizing the

achievements of past contributors, and to add historical perspective and preservation to the annual Wisconsin Swimming Awards Banquet.

26.6.1 Nomination Criteria

- A. Consideration for nomination to the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame is open to all individuals who have made significant contributions to the Sport of Swimming as a member of Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. (or its predecessor of the AAU) as an athlete, coach, or contributor.
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- C. Individuals who have received a lifetime ban, permanently resigned their membership, or been declared permanently ineligible for membership in USA Swimming do not qualify for nomination to Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame.
- D. Nominees to the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame individuals must have been a member of Wisconsin Swimming, Inc (or its predecessor) for at least five (5) years.
- E. For consideration to the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame individuals must be at least 25 years of age.
- F. Any individual can submit a nomination. Nominations shall be received by December 31st of any given year.
- G. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can be nominated to the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame.

26.6.2 Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame Committee

The Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame Committee will be composed of:

- A. Wisconsin Swimming Senior Vice-Chair Admin Vice Chair.
- B. Wisconsin Swimming Coach Representative
- C. Wisconsin Swimming Technical Planning Vice-Chair
- D. Wisconsin Swimming Records Chair
- E. Wisconsin Swimming Senior Athlete Representative (2)
- F. Up to three (3) additional members appointed by the Wisconsin Swimming General Chair.

26.6.3 Selection Criteria

- A. Selection to the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame is at the sole discretion of the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame Committee.
- B. Selection to the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame will be taken annually from the nomination list.
- C. Selection to the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame will be determined by February 1st annually.
- D. Any Wisconsin Swimming athlete who has been named to a USA Swimming Olympic Team, US World Championship Team, US National Team or who is a World Record Holder, American Record Holder, World Junior Record Holder, National Age Group Record Holder, or World Paralympic Record Holder will automatically be selected to the Hall of Fame, upon receipt of nomination given annual inductee limits.

- E. Any Wisconsin Swimming coach who has placed an athlete on a USA Swimming Olympic Team, US World Championship Team, US National Team or who is a World Record Holder, American Record Holder, World Junior Record Holder, National Age Group Record Holder or World Paralympic Record Holder will automatically be selected to the Hall of Fame, upon receipt of nomination given annual inductee limits.
- F. The Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Committee may select up to three (3) members annually from the list of nominations in addition to the automatic selections listed above, not exceeding two (2) per year.
- G. Criteria for selection shall include outstanding achievement in the Sport of Swimming, significant contribution to the Sport of Swimming, and demonstration of superior character and sportsmanship.

26.6.4 Inductee Recognition

- A. The induction ceremony shall occur annually during the Wisconsin Swimming Awards Banquet.
- B. A Hall of Fame page will be created on the Wisconsin Swimming website and will include photos, and biographies of all inductees.

Date of Revision	Policy Section(s)	Changes Made
October 24, 2017	26.1, 26.1.3, 26.1.4 26.4 26.5	Additional awards New articles to cover nominations and voting Renumbered article Added Awards in Development
February 27, 2018	26.1.4 26.1.2 (new) 26.2 (new) 26.4 Others	Correction of date deadlines in Nominations; Added IMX Individual Champion award, Added Virtual Club Team Championship Award; Revised to provide nomination info and deadline Many other minor corrections
April 26, 2019	26.1 26.1.4 26.1.5	Added Open Water Swimmer of the Year Modified criteria for Automatic Nominations and nominee finalists Correction to Athlete of the Year award voting Added Board of Directors to voting for all Athlete, and Coach awards in Section 26.1, and the ConocoPhillips 66 Outstanding Service Award in Section 26.4
October 25, 2022	26.1.1 26.1.4 26.1.5 A.	Clarify Athlete of the Year awards for LC/SC seasons Add "8 and Under" and "15 and Over" categories, revise write-in nomination deadline to 3/31, and add deadline for Swimmer and Coach of the Year finalists to 4/15 Revise voting process to reflect nominees selected annually based on meets between 4/1 and 3/31
March 28, 2023	26.1.4 B.	Amended the title from "Disability Swimmers/Coaches" to "Disability Achievement", so as to expand eligibility to other volunteers.
March 25, 2025	26.1.1 F.	Add the term "Female and Male"
April 25, 2025	26.1.5 26.6	Amend to clarify that "Open Water Swimmer of the Year" awards are selected by the LSC Open Water Coordinator

R-4 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

		Establish policies for selection of Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame awards.
June 24, 2025	26.1.4	Amended to simplify and clarify nomination process and criteria for Athlete and Coach Recognition awards.
August 26, 2025	26.6.3 D & E	Add National Age Group Record Holder to automatic nominations criteria