



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 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. Automatic Nominations
 - i. Athlete automatic nominations for Swimmer of the Year will be earned by achieving one of the following:
 - 1. Wisconsin State Championship High Point Winner or Open Water Champion
 - 2. Wisconsin LSC Record Holder

3. Top three finish at a Zone Level Meet (Speedo Sectionals, Zone Championships, Mid-States All Stars, Zone Open Water Championship)
 4. Top 8 finish at a Level 2 Meet
 5. Top 16 finish at a Level 3 or above Meet
 6. Individual NAG Top 10 Finisher in one of the following events:
 - a. 10&U: 50/100/200/500(400m) Free, 50/100 Back, 50/100 Breast, 50/100 Fly, 100/200 IM;
 - b. 11-12: 50/100/200/500 (400m)/1000 (800m) Free, 50/100/200 Back, 50/100/200 Breast, 50/100/200 Fly, 100/200/400 IM;
 - c. 13&O; 50/100/200/500 (400m)/1000 (800m)/1650 (1500m) Free, 100/200 Back, 100/200 Breast, 100/200 Fly, 200/400 IM.
 - ii. Coach automatic nominations for Coach of the Year will be earned by achieving one of the following:
 1. Direct coach of Age Group Team Winners (8 and Under, 10 and Under, 11-12 13-14, 15 and Over of each gender)
 2. Direct coach of Individual or Relay NAG Top 10 Finisher
 3. Direct coach of State Record Holder
 4. Coach of Record for a Top 8 finishing athlete or relay at a Level 3 or higher meet.
 - B. 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.
 - C. Write-In Candidates
 - i. Write-In nominations of candidates will be accepted through 11:59:59 pm on March 31st
 - D. 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 Awards in Development

A. LSC Hall of Fame

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

R-6 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

		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.
<u>April 25, 2025</u>	<u>26.1.5</u>	<u>Amend to clarify that "Open Water Swimmer of the Year" awards are selected by the LSC Open Water Coordinator</u>