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AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

I. Iowa Outstanding Age Group and Senior Awards

A. Discussion and Point System

Times submitted for Iowa Outstanding Swimmers may include USA Swimming sanctioned meets, as well as times achieved by Iowa Swimming registered swimmers at approved & observed meets., All times which are included within the SWIMS (Swimming Web-Based Interactive Membership System) database will be included for recognition. It is the responsibility of the athlete and/or coach to ensure times are included and correct in the SWIMS database. If an error has occurred please contact the Iowa Swimming Times Coordinator. Times to be considered must be National "A" and above and be achieved when the swimmer was registered with Iowa Swimming at the time of the swim.

B. Age Group Award and Point System

1. The selection of the outstanding male and female swimmers in each age group (10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14) shall be based on the total of all points earned in each individual event according to the point system and eligibility rules listed below.
2. The point system shall be based on the 10 fastest swimmers in each event at short course yard and long course meters and not necessarily the 10 fastest times. (i.e., NO swimmer's name shall appear more than once in the list for an event; that is, each swimmer's best time, only, per event shall be listed.)
3. The swimmer must be a currently registered member of Iowa Swimming, Inc., and must have been an IASI registered swimmer at the time of competition.

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4. Times submitted for consideration must equal or exceed the current National A time standard for the age group.
5. The NATIONAL AGE GROUP TIME STANDARDS events will be used to compile the list.
 - 10&U: 50, 100, 200, 400/500 Free; 50, 100 Back, Breast, Fly; 100, 200 IM
 - 11-12: 50, 100, 200, 400/500, 800/1000, 1500/1650 Free; 50, 100, 200 Back, Breast, Fly; 100, 200, 400 IM
 - 13-14: 50, 100, 200, 400/500, 800/1000, 1500/1650 Free; 100, 200 Back, Breast, Fly; 200, 400 IM
7. Separate lists shall be compiled for Short Course Yards and Long Course Meters. The lists will be compiled from times swum between September 1st and August 31st of each year. The lists for Long Course Meters will be compiled from times swum between the dates of September 1 through August 31 each year. Points shall be awarded as follows for Age Groups 10 & Under, 11-12 & 13-14:

PLACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
POINTS:	11	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

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8. Times will be taken down to other age classifications--i.e. if a time is achieved in a senior division, it shall be eligible for top ten best times in that swimmer's age group.
9. In each age group the total number of points awarded will be calculated for each swimmer at 25 yard and 50 meter. The male receiving the largest number of total points will be designated an outstanding male swimmer in that age group at that pool length for that swimming year. Likewise, the female receiving the largest number of total points will be designated the outstanding female swimmer in that age group at that pool length for that swimming year.
10. Any swimmer having enough points to be a top swimmer in 2 age group classifications shall be given the award in both.

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C. Senior Point System (*Revised BOD 2/27/2021*)

1. Each year, Iowa Swimming will recognize one female and one male with the Iowa Swimming Senior Athlete of the Year award at the IASI Spring House of Delegates meeting.
2. Qualifications for individual swimmers to be considered:
 - a. The swimmer must be a US citizen and a member of Iowa Swimming, Inc. for both long course and subsequent short course seasons and must be an IASI registered swimmer at the time of competition.
 - b. The swimmer must have competed in at least three IASI non-closed or IASI championship sanctioned meets during the long course season and three IASI non-closed or IASI championship sanctioned meets during the short course season.
 - c. Swim in a minimum of three individual events in each of the three required sanctioned meets. If in a prelim/final meet, any scratches from finals will not be counted as an individual event.
3. The female swimmer and the male swimmer with the highest point total will receive this award. A swimmer's point total will be the sum of the points as posted in the SWIMS database in six events:
 - Top three events for long course events
 - Top three events for short course events
4. The qualifying period is from April 1 to March 31.
5. The Senior Chair will review the final tabulations received from the IASI office. The IASI board will have the opportunity to review the standings and make changes based on extenuating circumstances.

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II. Phillip's Petroleum Service Award

Nominations for the Phillip's Petroleum Service Award for Outstanding Service are due March 15 of each year. This award, sponsored by Phillip's Petroleum, is presented to a volunteer in recognition of service to swimming. Criteria for selection include the quality, level and years of service to USA Swimming in elected or appointed positions. Nominations need to be sent with a description of the nominee's contribution to the IASI Office.

A. Award Winners from the Competitive Swimming Committee of Iowa AAU, Inc.

Dave Happel
Robert Helmick
Dr. Robert McNamee
Pat Verink

B. Phillips Service Award Winners:

1980	Therese Ohembke	2006	Kelly Eyanson
1981	Gene Kellenberger	2007	Bryan & Jan Lawler
1982	Doug Hovenden	2008	Barb Beatty
1983	John Richard	2009	<i>No Award</i>
1984	Mary Ann Colloton	2010	<i>No Award</i>
1985	Dee Vanderhoef	2011	<i>No Award</i>
1986	Eileen Tucker	2012	Phil Barnes
1987	Pat Verink	2013	<i>No Award</i>
1988	<i>No Award</i>	2014	<i>No Award</i>
1989	Mike McDermott	2015	<i>No Award</i>
1990	Hank Mann	2019	Travis Albang
1991	Sally Oppel	2020	Donald Spellman
1992	Sonja Hanson	2021	Curt Oppel
1993	Wilfred Carew	2022	Robert Fry
1994	Judy Morris	2023	Art Dinkin
1995	Chris Christian	2024	Susan Repko
1996	No Award	2025	Chris Pose
1997	No Award		
1998	Eldon Hunsicker		
1999	Ginger Ferguson		
2000	Karin VanMeter		
2001	Brian Will		
2002	Dave Wallis		
2003	Sue Courts		
2004	Rod Kubat		
2005	Doug Kolsrud		

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III. IASI & Judy Hoffman Scholarship Awards

A. History:

The Judy Hoffman award was established in the spring of 1978 in memory of Mrs. Judy Pierce Hoffman, a member of the Greater Des Moines Swim Club, and mother of six children--three boys and three girls. Mrs. Hoffman devoted more than ten years to the furtherance of competitive swimming in Iowa. She served on the Advisory Committee of the Iowa Association of Swim Clubs, a forerunner of Iowa Swimming, Inc., for a number of years, and was its chair in 1976. She was completing her second year as President of IASC at the time of her death in March of 1978. Because of her service to Iowa swimming and her dedication to Iowa swimmers, the Advisory Committee felt it suitable to establish a memorial award in her honor.

The IASI Swimming Scholarship Award was established in the spring of 1991. It was established to give recognition to swimmers in IASI who have attained a degree of recognition among their peers.

The funds for these awards are provided by voluntary contributions. People may send their donations to the Iowa Swimming, Inc. office. All IASI clubs are encouraged to make donations for these awards.

B. Award Procedure:

The following procedures have been established to govern the administration of the IASI/Judy Hoffman Scholarship Awards:

1. There will be a Judy Hoffman Scholarship Award and an IASI Scholarship Award.
 - a.. One (1) and no more that two (2) IASI awards will be given annually.
 - b. One (1) Judy Hoffman award will be given annually/
2. The awards shall be a suitable plaque and a sum of \$600, which sum may be increased by recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and approval of the Board of Directors of IASI as available funds permit. The awards shall be paid from interest earned on the funds set aside for the scholarship fund.
3. Awards are determined by the Scholarship Committee (5 members consisting of the Finance/Scholarship Chair and 4 other individuals appointed by the present General Chair of IASI), with approval of the IASI Board of Directors, from NOMINATIONS by IASI member clubs, and from APPLICATIONS from

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unattached swimmers who are IASI members.

4. If the award winner will be attending a service academy, no financial award will be given to either the swimmer or the institution. In no instance will any money be given directly to an IASI club, athlete or be held for future distribution which may violate NCAA rules.
5. The applicant must:
 - a. Be a high school senior graduating at or about the time the application is submitted. The award will be made at the annual IASI awards banquet.
 - b. Be registered with USA Swimming for a minimum of three years and IASI during the year the award is made.
 - c. Plan to attend college the same year as high school graduation.
6. Athletes submitting applications should check with the college they will be attending to make sure the award does not jeopardize his/her chance for receiving an athletic scholarship.
7. Each applicant must submit the original and four (4) copies of the completed application form (APP-20) by completing the following requirements

Nominations/Applications:

- a. Must have a letter of recommendation from their coach or trainer.
- b. Must be signed by the athlete's club, coach, or authorized adult trainer and must list:
 - 1) Name and address of swimmer.
 - 2) High school graduating from.
 - 3) Parent's name and address.
 - 4) The college he/she is planning to attend in the fall following graduation from high school.
 - 5) Include a transcript, which indicates minimum NCAA qualifying grade standards have been met, a minimum GPA of 2.50 in high school, and an 18 ACT score or equivalent SAT score.
 - 6) Special accomplishments in any field and swimming.
 - 7) One (1) letter of recommendation from the club or individuals involved in the applicants swim training explaining why the swimmer should receive the award and two (2) letters of recommendation from members

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of the community in which the swimmer resides.

Submit the original and four (4) copies of the application and attachments by March 15th to the IASI office.

8. The awards shall be made to the swimmers determined by the committee and approved by the Board of Directors of IASI to be MOST DESERVING on an overall basis. NO ONE CATEGORY WILL CONTROL. *(Revised BOD 2/27/2021)*
9. Though no one criteria shall control, the following will be considered and should be touched upon in the letters of recommendation, etc.:
 - a. Citizenship
 - b. Leadership and attitude
 - c. Length of time in competitive swimming
 - d. Potential for college success as shown on standardized test such as ACT or SAT.
 - e. Scholarship (GPA of 2.50 or better)
 - f. Service to Iowa competitive swimming by serving as youth representative on the IASI Board of Directors, representation on the ALL-Star team and/or Iowa Zone team, representing local swim club at Junior and National Championships, Olympic Festival, Special Teams selected by IASI, etc.
 - g. Club representation at the local level.
 - h. Need (which would be secondary)

Order implies no order of significance. NO ONE CATEGORY CONTROLS.
(Revised BOD 2/27/2021)

10. Scholarship awards will be announced and presented during the IASI Spring HOD meeting. *(Revised BOD 2/27/2021)*

IV. IASI Sportsmanship/Spirit Award at Championship Meets.

- A. The following criteria should be used to determine the club to receive the sportsmanship/spirit awards.
 1. Handshake initiated by athlete to competitor before or after competition.
 2. Competitors and coaches maintain self-control in frustrating situation.

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3. Competitors and coaches treat other teams with respect by avoiding trash talking, insults, and flamboyant displays of taunting.
4. Competitors and coaches treat teammates with respect and demonstrate a positive attitude with each other by using words of encouragement and cheering.
5. Competitors and coaches treat officials with respect by avoiding ridicule and sarcasm.
6. Coaches recognize the performance of swimmers from other teams by speaking to the athletes or by congratulating the swimmers coach.
7. Competitors demonstrate team spirit by cheering for teammates, putting up posters and wearing team apparel.

- B. One coach and one athlete from each team will vote. In addition, the meet referee will cast a vote. Each person voting will rank the top three teams for this award. They will write a 1 (first), 2 (second), or 3(third) next to the top three teams that they think are most deserving of the award. All votes are to be returned to the Clerk of Course by 2:00pm on the last day of the meet. The winning team will be announced at the conclusion of the meet.

V. IASI Coaching Awards at Championship Meets.
(Adopted: HOD 05/2025)

A. Age Group Coaching Staff of the Year

1. The following criteria should be used to determine the club to receive the Age Group Coaching Staff of the Year:
 - a. The two (2) teams with the greatest number of top 100 nationally ranked athletes in the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups during the selection period (March 15 of the previous year to the start of the Winter SCY Age Group Championship meet) will be automatic nominees. Ties for second place will be decided by the next highest national ranking events by the top-ranking athlete coached.
 - b. Four (4) additional at-large nominees may be nominated based on but not limited to the following criteria:

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- i. nationally ranked athletes coached by a team
 - ii. improved team rankings at IASI Age Group Championship Meets/Sectional Meets
 - iii. or proof of Junior National qualifiers
- c. If more than four (4) at-large teams qualify for nomination, the teams with the greatest number of top 100 nationally ranked athletes will be selected.
- 2. All IASI coach members may submit names of fellow coaches for consideration by the panel by emailing the IASI Age Group Chair prior to the conclusion of Saturday Finals of the Winter SCY Age Group Championship meet. At-large nominees will require a short explanation of criteria met.
- 3. The Age Group Chair will collect the automatic nominees and at-large nominees and confirm results with the IASI Office.
- 4. Voting will take place during the penultimate session of the Winter SCY Age Group Championship meet and will be announced with the awards presented following the final session.

B. Senior Coaching Staff of the Year

- 1. The staff selected as the IASI Senior Coaching Staff of the Year will receive an educational stipend of \$200 from the Senior budget to use for further coach development.
- 2. The following criteria should be used to determine the club to receive the Senior Coaching Staff of the Year:
 - a. Three (3) Senior coaching staffs with the greatest number of top 100 nationally ranked athletes in the senior swimming category of USA Swimming during the selection period (March 15 of the previous year to the start of the Winter SCY Championship meet) will be automatic nominees. Ties for third will be decided by the highest national ranking athlete from each tied team.
 - i. Athletes connected to a team must be training full-time with

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said team during at least 6 months of the swimming year for which the award is being considered.

ii. Rankings of collegiate athletes will not be considered.

b. Four (4) additional at-large nominees may be nominated by IASI coaches and added to the ballot if proof is provided that athletes have achieved the following criteria:

i. nationally ranked athletes in the 15-18 age group;

ii. improved team rankings at Sectional meets/USA Swimming National meets;

iii. or proof of National/Junior National/Olympic Trials qualifiers.

3. All IASI coach members may submit names of fellow coaches for nominations by emailing the IASI Senior Chair. At-large nominees will require a short explanation of criteria met.

4. The Senior Chair will collect the automatic nominees and at-large nominees and confirm results with the IASI Office.

5. Voting will take place during the penultimate session of the Winter SCY Championship meet and announced with the awards presented following the final session.

C. Future Champion Award

1. An unlimited number of coaching staffs can be nominated by IASI coaches based on the following criteria:

a. Leadership and participation at the club, LSC, Zone, Sectional, and National level;

b. Participation in IASI camps, clinics, and events;

c. Community service involvement;

d. Involvement in other swimming organizations (YMCA, Red Cross, Summer League, etc.):

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- e. Length of service;
 - f. or other leadership projects and/or events worthy of recognition.
2. All IASI coach and official members may submit coaching staffs for consideration by emailing the IASI Age Group Chair. The Age Group Chair will submit the final list of nominees to the Senior Chair before the start of the penultimate session of the Winter SCY Championship meet.
 3. Voting will be completed in conjunction with the Sportsmanship Award at the Winter LSC Championship meet. All teams will have one vote.
 4. The winners will be announced with the awards presented following the final session.

VI. Iowa Swimming Hall of Fame

- A. Qualification for membership in the Iowa Swimming Hall of Fame is open to all individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport of swimming as a member of Iowa Swimming, Inc. (or its predecessor of the AAU) as an athlete, coach or contributor.
- B. Recommendations for inclusion in the Hall of Fame will be decided by a committee composed of the Senior Vice-Chair, IASI Scholarship & Finance Vice-Chair, and up to 3 additional members elected to serve on the committee. The committee will submit names to the IASI Board of Directors for final selection.
- C. Section will be taken from nominations received by the Hall of Fame Committee. Any individual can send in a nomination. Nominations shall be postmarked by December 31st of any given year. Selection of the Hall of Fame will be determined by February 1st of the year following the reception of the nomination.
- D. A swimmer selected to the Iowa Swimming Hall of Fame must have been a member of Iowa Swimming, Inc (or its predecessor) for at least five years and be at least 25 years old.
- E. Any Iowa 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 or National Age Group Record holder will

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automatically be selected to the Hall of Fame, upon receipt of nomination.

- F. Criteria for selection shall include outstanding achievement to the sport of swimming, significant contribution to the sport, and demonstration of superior character and sportsmanship.
- G. The induction ceremony shall occur annually during the Iowa Swimming, Inc. Awards Banquet.
- H. The initial inductees into the IASI Hall of Fame may include up to twenty (20) members and each subsequent class may include up to three (3) members.
- I. A Hall of Fame page will be created on the IASI website and will include photos, and biography of all inductee.