## USA Swimming Recognizes 2024-25 Club Excellence Programs. Metro's Long Island Aquatic Club ranks sixth in the Nation



**Club Excellence Program** Now in its 24th year, the program's primary objectives are to recognize and promote:

- The development of strong, well-rounded age group and senior swimming programs that produce elite 18-and-under athletes;
- Resources to motivate and assist USA Swimming member clubs to achieve the highest athlete performance ideals;
- Grant funding to support Gold and Silver status achieving teams; and
- The USA Swimming club development system as an integral part in achieving excellence in the sport.

18-and-under athletes were eligible to earn points through pool and open-water performances between September 1, 2023, and August 31, 2024. Open water performances from the 5K and 10K at the 2024 USA Swimming Open Water National Championships and the 5K and 7.5K at the 2024 USA Swimming Open Water Junior National Championships are also eligible. All program requirements, including time standards, can be viewed <a href="here">here</a>.

In conjunction with the USA Swimming Club Excellence program, USA Swimming will honor Long Island Aquatic Club as one of eleven 2024 Podium Clubs. To qualify for Podium Club, a USA Swimming member club must achieve Gold Medal club status for four consecutive years.