

Swimming WA Awards & Recognition of Performance Criteria

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Overview

In recognition of swimming performance and non-swimming contribution, Swimming WA acknowledges Awards on an annual basis. To facilitate Annual Awards, Swimming WA sets out the following procedure:

Swimming WA defines the following:

- The timing of the awards within the Membership year.
- The method of nomination.
- Category criteria, along with methodology as to how the criteria were derived.
- The 'defined period' for recognition of the relevant award.
- Establishment of a suitable, independent, qualified Committee to evaluate nominations and make recommendations to the Swimming WA Board on award winner(s).

Honours & Awards Committee

The Honours and Awards Committee shall work with the CEO to consider the nominations for the various Award categories. The Committee shall submit recommendations for Awards winners in each category to the Swimming WA Board, with a clearly articulated rationale for the recommendation against the previously established criteria. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject a recommendation from the Honours and Awards Committee, at its absolute discretion.

Once the Swimming WA Board has ratified the awards recommendations from the Honours and Awards Committee, the CEO shall extend invitations to all finalists in each Award category or a particular Award category.

Note: Any award that is the prerogative of the President to award, will be at the sole discretion of the Swimming WA President and shall not be subject to any criteria, other than the criteria established by the Swimming WA President.

Where awards are recognized for achievements within a defined period, the defined period will be 1st September to 31st August each year.

Resident Swimmer - a swimmer must be a financial member of Swimming WA, have resided in Western Australia for a minimum of 6 months and declare Western Australia as their 'home State'. Where a nominee currently resides interstate or overseas, specifically for study or training purposes, the nominee must hold a current membership with Swimming WA, be eligible to compete for Australia and not represent a team that competes against WA.

Association Awards

Persons eligible to be nominated for Life Membership or Honorary Membership shall have complied with the guidelines outlined in the Swimming WA Life Membership or Honorary Membership criterion.

Nominations on the prescribed form shall be submitted to the CEO by the closing date in each year.

The Honours and Awards Committee shall consider the nomination and may recommend the award to the Board for consideration. If the Board does not ratify the recommendation from the Honours and Awards Committee, the reasons shall be conveyed to the proposer.

Life Membership may be conferred by a resolution of the AGM following nomination by the SWA Board. Any Member so appointed shall be issued with a Swimming WA Life Members lapel pin. Presentation of this lapel pin shall admit him/her to all Swimming WA competitions.

Swimming WA Awards of Excellence

The following Awards are presented at the Swimming WA Awards of Excellence, usually held in October of each year.

New Awards 2023

1. Sustainability Award

The Sustainability Award recognises the contribution and achievement of a Swimming WA club member or affiliated club to sustainability in the WA swimming community environment.

The following criteria for the Sustainability Award to be considered:

- What sustainability initiatives or activities have been undertaken in the WA swimming community environment?
- What has been the impact of these sustainability initiatives or activities? How have they contributed to change (e.g. attitudes, behaviours and practices) in the swimming community environment?
- What plans are in place to build on these sustainability initiatives and activities into the future?

Nominations may be received for Swimming WA members (individuals) or clubs.

Nominations will be appraised by the H&A committee with the top four (4) nominees, individuals or clubs, being shortlisted.

This being a new Award, Swimming WA will likely seek to modify and improve the award criteria in future years, as well as distribute more information and tools for clubs addressing sustainability in WA's swimming community environment.

2. Pathway Program of the Year

The Pathway Program Award recognizes an affiliated Swimming WA club for excellence in its open and age performance program / squad / equivalent – with particular reference to performance, practice and values.

The following criteria for Pathway Program of the Year to be considered:

1. Performance: Demonstrated performance impact of the Pathway Program
 - Athlete: Reference may include athlete achievements, results, improvements. Metrics may include % National finalists and medalists; % athletes selected into Swimming Australia Performance Pathway Squad.
 - Coach / Club: Reference may include coach achievements, results, improvements, club retention of athletes. Metrics may include % increase in coaches improving accreditation; # coaches selected for Swimming WA performance pathway; % athlete retention in club pathway; % athletes progressing through club pathway to Open/Age Performance Squad.
2. Practice: Demonstrated excellence, leadership and/or innovation in practices of the Pathway Program.
 - Training Environment: Reference may include community firsts, new strategies, adoption

- of new technologies, culture building, activity that is developmentally appropriate and/or long-term focused for athletes.
 - Club: Reference may include broader club support for Pathway Program, stakeholder engagement and collaborations, building future capacity and capability in the Program.
3. Values: Demonstrated alignment and adherence to Swimming WA's SPIRIT values in the club's Pathway Program.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for their Club. Nominations will be appraised by the H&A committee with the top four (4) Clubs being shortlisted.

This being a new Award, Swimming WA will likely seek to modify and improve the award criteria in future years, as well as distribute more information and tools for clubs addressing sustainability in WA's swimming community environment.

Existing Awards

1. Sir Frank Beaurepaire Trophy

The Sir Frank Beaurepaire Trophy awards the Western Australian resident swimmer who has the highest world ranking as of 30 September each year.

The selection for this award will be taken from the WORLD AQUATICS, IPC and S14 world rankings. Events eligible for consideration include long course Olympic or Paralympic events only or Olympic distance open water event.

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

2. Aqua Technics Age Swimmer Scholarship Award

The 2023 Aqua Technics Age Swimmer Scholarship Award has been established to assist families meet some of the costs associated with the sport of swimming at national level. The Scholarship will be the responsibility of the SWA Management who will recognize one (1) athlete (male or female) who swims with a Swimming WA Club, no matter where that Club is based in the State. Girls must be aged 15 and 16, and boys must be aged between 16 and 17 years of age, as of 31st August 2023.

The Scholarship is designed to recognize the potential of the athlete (in the opinion of SWA Performance staff) to compete at national level or beyond.

The 2023 Aqua Technics Age Swimmer Scholarship will be awarded to an Age SWA Club swimmer who:

- Achieved at least four (4) national times in the long course season.
- Has competed in at least one (1) National competitions during their career.
- Embraces the values and direction of Swimming WA.
- Has demonstrated leadership in and out of the water.
- Does not receiving additional support from WAIS.

Award Prize: \$500 for (1) athlete

Nominations will be appraised by the H&A committee with the top four (4) swimmers being shortlisted.

3. Swimming WA Patron's Trophy

The Swimming WA Patron's Trophy is awarded to an outstanding West Australian pool or open water swimmer for their performance both in and out of competition, at benchmark international competitions: Olympics, World Championships or Pan Pacific Swimming Championships.

To be eligible for consideration for this Award, swimmers must have won a medal at one of these events.

Should no West Australian swimmer win a medal at these events, however, swimmers who have received a medal at the Commonwealth Games or World Short Course Championships, will be eligible for consideration for the Award.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

4. SWA Development Coach of the Year

The SWA Development Coach of the Year is presented to a talented, emerging accredited coach who has demonstrated an ability to coach at a high level across a range of abilities and ages, with a clear vision that reflects a journey towards excellence in all areas of coaching.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for a coach within their Club who best deserves this award.

Nominations will be presented to the Coach Advisory Group with the top four (4) coaches being shortlisted.

5. Technical Official of the Year

The Technical Official of the Year is awarded to a Swimming WA Technical Official who has attained a level of excellence in the field of officiating.

The following criteria is used to determine Technical Officials who will be considered for the award:

- Contribution to the sport of swimming in WA.
- Contribution to the development of WA Technical Officials which includes.
- Officiating achievements attained over the defined period.
- Alignment with Swimming WA values.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for an official within their Club who best deserves this award.

Nominations will be appraised by the TEO committee with the top four officials being shortlisted.

6. Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year is awarded to an individual who has displayed an outstanding level of volunteer commitment and contribution to the sport of swimming in WA.

The following criteria for Volunteer of the Year to be considered:

- Contribution at Club, Regional and State level.
- Overall contribution to the sport of swimming in WA.
- Volunteering achievements demonstrated within the swimming community.
- Alignment with Swimming WA values.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for a volunteer within their Club who best deserves this award. These will be included for consideration along with those winners of the Volunteer of the Month during the defined period, who will receive automatic entry.

Nominations will be presented to the H&A committee with the top four (4) volunteers being shortlisted.

7. Club of the Year – Metropolitan & Regional

The Club of the Year is awarded to a Metro Club AND a Regional Club that has displayed an outstanding level of engagement within the community across multiple levels.

The following criteria for Club of the Year to be considered for the award:

- Strategic partnerships.
- Club governance.
- Development.
- Performance.
- Profile.
- Inclusion.
- Club Culture.
- Finance.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for their Club.

Nominations will be appraised by the H&A committee, with the top four (4) Metro Clubs and top four (4) Regional Clubs (i.e. eight in total) being shortlisted. A winner will be selected for both Metro Club of the Year AND Regional Club of the Year.

8. Ben Beale Memorial Award

The Ben Beale Memorial Award has been established to celebrate and recognise those 'champions' of the SWA Club environment. This perpetual award will annually celebrate the 'Best Club person' (must be a current athlete) within a Swimming WA Club.

The Award is designed to further the winner's leadership skills and experience, with the objective that they will not only stay in the sport longer term but will also contribute to their Club in a meaningful manner, well beyond their days as an athlete.

The Ben Beale Memorial Award will be awarded to a Club person who:

- Demonstrates leadership “in and out of the water”.
- Regularly sets a high standard of behaviour at training, competitions, Club events.
- Assists the Coach in building a positive camaraderie and a ‘sense of team’.
- Exhibits the values and spirit of Swimming WA.
- Volunteers to take on roles within the Club throughout the year.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for the swimmer within their Club who best deserves this award.

Nominations will be appraised by the H&A committee with the top four swimmers being shortlisted. To read more on the award, [click here](#). More information is also available in Appendix 1.

9. Age Swimmer of the Year

The Age Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian swimmer, substantively aged between 13 years to 16 years for girls and 14 years to 18 years for boys who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period.

The following points system will apply to determine the award winner:

- 1 Point - 3rd most points scored at Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs
- 2 Points – 2nd most points scored at Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs
- 3 Points – Most points scored at [Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs](#)
- 4 Points - 3rd highest point scorer for the Bob Bestman Trophy
- 5 Points - 2nd highest point scorer for the Bob Bestman Trophy
- 6 Points - Highest point scorer for the [Bob Bestman Trophy Championships](#)
- 7 Points – Selected to represent Australia on junior team / National Age Record
- 8 Points – Individual medal at junior benchmark meet (e.g. Junior World Champs)
- 9 Points – Selected to represent Australia on senior team.
- 10 Points – Individual medal at an international benchmark meet (e.g. Olympics)

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

10. Swimming WA President’s Award

This award is presented to the Swimming WA member who has contributed to the sport of Swimming and is at the discretion of the Swimming WA President.

11. Swimmers’ Swimmer of the Year Award

This award is a peer selected award by swimmers aged 16 years and over for that season in a 3,2,1 voting system. Eight (8) athletes, to be determined in advance by the Athlete Advisory Group, will be eligible to receive votes.

12. Coach of the Year

The Coach of the Year is awarded to a resident Western Australian accredited coach, who returns the most outstanding results during the defined period.

The following criteria will apply to coaches to be considered for the award:

- 1 Point – World Aquatics finalist at peak long course selection meet
- 2 Points – Medallist at peak long course selection meet
- 3 Points – Gold medallist at peak long course selection meet
- 4 Points - Highest point scorer for the [Coach of the Meet Trophy](#)
- 5 Points – Athlete selected to represent Australia on Junior Team
- 6 Points – Athlete selected to represent Australia on development team.
- 7 Points – Athlete selected to represent Australia on senior team at international meet (e.g. Short Course World Championships)
- 8 Points – Athlete selected to represent Australia on senior team at international benchmark meet (e.g. Olympics)
- 9 Points – Athlete wins relay medal at an international benchmark meet / Australian Open Record
- 10 Points – Athlete wins individual medal at an international benchmark meet.
- 20 Points – Athlete wins individual gold medal at an international benchmark meet / Individual world record.

The nominee must have primarily coached the swimmer for no less than six months before the performance being considered.

Multiple achievements will tally points; however, it will be limited to one record per event per season.

Top four (4) coaches to be shortlisted.

13. Elizabeth Edmondson Swimmer of the Year

The Elizabeth Edmondson Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian para-swimmer who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period.

The following points system will apply to determine the award winner:

- 1 Point – 3rd most points scored at Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs
- 2 Points – 2nd most points scored at Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs
- 3 Points – Most points scored at [Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs](#)
- 4 Points – Selected into Australia junior development squad
- 5 Points – 3rd highest point scorer for the Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy
- 6 Points – 2nd highest point scorer for the Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy
- 7 Points – Highest point scorer for the [Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy](#)
- 8 Points – Selected to represent Australia on senior team at benchmark meet / Australian Open Record
- 9 Points – Individual medal at an international benchmark meet (e.g. Paralympics)
- 10 Points – Individual gold medal at an international benchmark meet (e.g. Paralympics) / World Record

Multiple achievements will tally points; however, it will be limited to one record per event per season.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

14. Shelley Taylor-Smith Swimmer of the Year

The Shelley Taylor-Smith Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian swimmer who returns the most outstanding performances during the defined period.

The following points system will apply to determine the award winner:

- 1 Point - 3rd WA Resident in the 10km Open Water State Championships
- 2 Points - 2nd WA Resident in the 10km Open Water State Championships
- 3 Points - 1st WA Resident in the 10km Open Water State Championships / 3rd point scorer for Open Water Swimmer of the Meet
- 4 Points – 2nd point scorer for Open Water Swimmer of the Meet / National Junior Team / World Cup Finish (10km)
- 5 Points – Highest point scorer for [Open Water Swimmer of the Meet](#) / National Development Team / World Cup Top 20 (10km)
- 6 Points – National Senior Team / World Cup Top 10 (10km)
- 7 Points - Finisher Benchmark Meet / World Cup Medal
- 8 Points - Top 10 Benchmark Meet 10km
- 9 Points - Medal Benchmark Meet 10km
- 10 Points - Champion Benchmark Meet 10km, such as World Championships and Olympic Games

Swimmers must be representing Australia to be eligible for the award. Criteria based from start of Swimming WA Open Water Series.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

15. Lyn McClements Swimmer of the Year

The Lyn McClements Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian able-bodied pool swimmer who returns the most outstanding performances during the defined period.

- 1 Point – 3rd highest point scorer for the Old Court Cup
- 2 Points – 2nd highest point scorer for the Old Court Cup
- 3 Points – World Aquatics finalist at peak long course selection meet / [highest point scorer for the Old Court Cup](#)
- 4 Points – Medallist at peak long course selection meet
- 5 Points – Gold medallist at peak long course selection meet
- 6 Points – Highest point scorer for the [Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy](#)
- 7 Points – Selected to represent Australia on senior team at international meet (e.g. Short Course World Championships)
- 8 Points – Selected to represent Australia on senior team at international benchmark meet (e.g. Olympics)
- 9 Points – Relay medal at an international benchmark meet / Australian Open Record
- 9 Points – Individual medal at an international benchmark meet / Relay World Record
- 10 Points – Individual gold medal at an international benchmark meet / Individual world record.

National Awards of Excellence (NTT)

The following awards are presented at the National Awards of Excellence held annually, usually in May of each year.

1. National Championships Outstanding Coach Award

The National Championships Outstanding Coach is awarded to a coach of a Western Australian swimming Club, who has multiple swimmers that achieve outstanding performances at the Australia Open Championships, Australian Para Championships, Australian Open Water Championships & Australian Age Championships.

The selection for the Award is based on the total number of individual points gained. The nominee must have primarily coached athletes for no less than six months before the Australian Championships.

Points are awarded based on individual performances, as follows:

1st place – ten (10) points
2nd place – six (6) points
3rd place – three (3) point
Finalist – one (1) point

Points are double for Open events.

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top three (3) coaches to be nominated.

2. The Bob Bestman Trophy

The Bob Bestman Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident swimmer who returns the most outstanding achievement by a Western Australian swimmer at the Australian Age Championships.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of points gained, based on individual performances.

Points are awarded as follows:

1st place – ten (10) points
2nd place – six (6) points
3rd place – three (3) points
Finalist – one (1) point

Should no Western Australian swimmer win individual medals, the highest World Aquatics rankings will be eligible for consideration for the award.

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top three (3) swimmers to be shortlisted.

3. Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy

The Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident swimmer who returns the most outstanding swim at the Australian Open Championships and Australian Para Championships.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of points gained, based on individual performances.

Points are awarded as follows:

1st place – ten (10) points
2nd place – six (6) points
3rd place – three (3) point
Finalist – one (1) point

Top three (3) swimmers to be shortlisted.

4. New Town Toyota Open Water Swimmer of the Meet

The Open Water Swimmer of the Meet is awarded to the WA Resident swimmer who returns the most outstanding achievement by a Western Australian swimmer at the Australian Open Water Championships.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of points gained based on individual performances.

Points are awarded as follows:

1st place – ten (10) points
2nd place – six (6) points
3rd place – three (3) point
Finalist – one (1) point

Top three (3) swimmers to be shortlisted.

Hancock Prospecting State Open & Age LC Championships Awards

These awards are presented at the conclusion of the relevant meet.

1. The Old Court Cup

The Old Court Cup is awarded to the WA Resident swimmer who is the most consistent Open Category able-bodied performer at the State Open and Age Long Course Championships.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of individual points gained in the long course Open Olympic events only, with the following points awarded:

- 1st place – seven (7) points
- 2nd place – four (4) points
- 3rd place – one (1) point

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

2. The Hall of Fame Alumni Trophy

The Hall of Fame Alumni Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident able-bodied swimmer giving the most outstanding performance at the State Open and Age Long Course Championships. The selection for this award is based on the highest WORLD AQUATICS point score.

Events eligible for consideration include long course Olympic events only.

Where no records are broken, and in the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top WORLD AQUATICS point scorer from both State Age and Open Championship events,

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

3. Swimming WA Life Members' Trophy

The Swimming WA Life Members' Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident swimmer who is the most consistent able-bodied performer at the State Open and Age Long Course Championships, aged 17-18 for female athletes and 18 – 19 for male athletes, as at the first day of the meet.

Events eligible for consideration include long course Age Olympic events only.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of individual points gained on the following:

- 1st place – seven (7) points
- 2nd place – four (4) points
- 3rd place – one (1) point

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

4. The Eamon Sullivan Trophy

The Eamon Sullivan Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the State Open and Age Long Course Championships, aged 16 years for female athletes or 17 years for male athletes, as at the first day of the meet.

Events eligible for consideration include long course Age Olympic events only.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of individual points gained on the following:

1st place – seven (7) points

2nd place – four (4) points

3rd place – one (1) point

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

5. The Jack Howson Trophy

The Jack Howson Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the State Open and Age Long Course Championships, aged 15 years old for female athletes or 16 years old for male athletes, as at the first day of the event.

Events eligible for consideration include long course Age Olympic events only.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of points gained in 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley.

Points are awarded as follows:

1st place – seven (7) points

2nd place – four (4) points

3rd place – one (1) point

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

6. The Jennifer Reilly Trophy

The Jennifer Reilly Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the State Open and Age Long Course Championships, aged 14 years old for female athletes or 15 years old for male athletes, as at the first day of the meet.

Events eligible for consideration include long course Age Olympic events only.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of points gained in 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley.

Points are awarded as follows:

- 1st place – seven (7) points
- 2nd place – four (4) points
- 3rd place – one (1) point

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

7. The Frank Osman Memorial Shield

The Frank Osman Memorial Shield is awarded to the WA Resident able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the State Open and Age Long Course Championships, aged 13 years old for female athletes or 14 years old for male athletes as at the first day of the meet.

Events eligible for consideration include long course Age Olympic events only.

The selection for this award is based on the total number of points gained in 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley.

Points are awarded as follows:

- 1st place – seven (7) points
- 2nd place – four (4) points
- 3rd place – one (1) point

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

8. Max Gerber Multi Class Championship Trophy

The Max Gerber Multi Class Championship Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident Multi-Class swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the State Open and Age Long Course Championships.

The award is designed to recognise versatility, therefore the selection for this award is based on the total number of individual points gained in MC 100m freestyle, MC 100m backstroke, MC 100m breaststroke, MC 50m butterfly. Athletes must ideally have swum in all four (4) of these Multi-Class events to be considered.

If no athlete has swum in all four (4) of these events, then consideration will be given to those athletes who have swum in three (3) of these MC events, then two (2) of these MC events.

Points are awarded as follows:

- 1st place – ten (10) points
- 2nd place – eight (8) points
- 3rd place – six (6) points
- 4th place – five (5) points
- 5th place – four (4) points
- 6th place – three (3) points
- 7th place – two (2) points
- 8th place – one (1) point

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top four (4) swimmers to be shortlisted.

9. B & G Agencies Trophy

First placed Western Australian female team in the Women's Open 4x100m medley relay final at the Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships.

10. Peter Evans & Neil Brooks Trophy

First placed Western Australian male team in the Men's Open 4x100m medley relay final at the Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships.

11. Roy Hammond Trophy

First placed Western Australian female swimmer in the Women's Open 100m freestyle final at the Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships.

12. Hicks Ive Trophy

First placed Western Australian male swimmer in the Men's Open 100m freestyle final at the Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships.

13. Metropolitan Long Course Club Shield

Presented to the metropolitan Club gaining the most points at the Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships.

Point Allocation: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for individual events. Relays 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2

14. Country Long Course Club Shield

Presented to the country Club gaining the most points at the Hancock Prospecting WA Swimming Championships.

Point Allocation: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for individual events. Relays 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2

State Open & Age Short Course Awards

The following awards are presented at the meet.

1. Metropolitan Short Course Club Shield

Presented to the metropolitan Club gaining the most points at the State Open & Age Short Course Championships.

Point Allocation: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for individual events and 15, 10, 7, 5, 3, 2, 2, 2 for relay events.

2. Country Short Course Club Shield

Presented to the country Club gaining the most points at the State Open & Age Short Course Championships.

Point Allocation: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for individual events and 15, 10, 7, 5, 3, 2, 2, 2 for relay events.

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Hall of Fame Induction

Introduction

The Swimming WA (SWA) Hall of Fame is an alumni comprised of fifty-six (56) of the most prominent names in Western Australian swimming. The SWA Hall of Fame is an illustrious group of SWA's most respected and celebrated champions who span time and achievement.

Induction into the SWA Hall of Fame is a public acknowledgement of attainment of the extraordinary feats of an individual at an international level that has set them above their peers, and made a contribution that is 'uncommon'.

Induction into the SWA Hall of Fame differs from SWA Life Membership. Life Membership of the Association acknowledges selfless commitment and long-term service to the Association and to the sport of swimming in Western Australia. Inductees into the SWA Hall of Fame do not automatically receive Life Membership of SWA and vice versa.

The SWA Board has engaged the SWA Honours and Awards Committee to manage the process on their behalf. The Committee oversees the SWA Hall of Fame nomination process and submits their recommendations to the SWA Board for their endorsement.

Induction into the SWA Hall of Fame is on an "achievement basis" and not necessarily an annual occurrence. SWA Hall of Fame inductees are recognised at the SWA Hall of Fame Induction function.

Principle

To recognise and promote the outstanding achievements of our members at the international level of swimming.

SWA will seek to acknowledge, promote and preserve the achievements of these individuals, by extending to them an appropriate honour in recognition of their outstanding contribution to Swimming in Western Australia.

Criteria for Eligibility

Nominations for recognition may be made from any area of the sport of swimming in Western Australia and shall have no boundaries as to environment (i.e. Club, Technical Official, swimmer, member, etc.), field of endeavour, age, sex or contribution to SWA.

SWA Hall of Fame Membership is divided into four (4) nomination categories:

- Athlete
- Coach
- Technical Official
- Administrator

The following criteria shall be the basis for evaluation and selection of an 'Outstanding or Enduring Achievement' by a Member of SWA.

Athlete:

The nominee must meet three (3) of the following four (4) criteria to be considered for induction into the SWA Hall of Fame:

- Retired for three (3) years.
- Must have competed at one (1) Olympic Games representing Australia.
- Swum at one (1) International World Aquatics (Olympics, WORLD AQUATICS World Championships or Commonwealth Games) as an individual, or medalled as a member of a relay team.
- Held an Open National record in their chosen event.

Please Note: Nominations will not be considered for selection to the SWA Hall of Fame if the athlete has been subject to disqualification, recognised by the governing body of their sport, which precludes them competing in the sport for reasons of use, or consumption of performance-enhancing drugs or banned substances, or use of illegal performance-enhancing techniques. ^[1]_{SEP}

Unlawful misdemeanours or offences will not bar conferring of an award unless said misdemeanour, offence or conduct of that member is, in the judgment of the Honours and Awards Committee and the SWA Board, of a nature to be harmful to the reputation and standing of SWA and its Members, or is conduct not of the standard expected of a member of SWA. ^[1]_{SEP}

Coach:

Has served for a minimum ten (10) years continuous service and may be awarded posthumously, or on retirement, at any time where the Coach:

- Has coached a swimmer or swimmers to an individual medal at Olympic Games or swimmer has medalled at WORLD AQUATICS World Championships or;
- Has coached a swimmer or swimmers to an individual World Record and;
- Is well known as an outstanding Coach to the International swimming community (i.e. overseas swimmers would relocate to be coached by this coach).

Please Note: Unlawful misdemeanours or offences will not bar conferring of an award unless said misdemeanour, offence or conduct of that member is, in the judgment of the Honours and Awards Committee and/or the SWA Board, of a nature to be harmful to the reputation and standing of SWA and its Members or is conduct not of the standard expected of a member of SWA. ^[1]_{SEP}

Technical Official:

Must have participated at both State and National level for at least twenty (20) years and may be awarded posthumously, or on retirement, where a Technical Official:

- Has attained WORLD AQUATICS accreditation.
- Has made significant and enduring positive contribution to Technical Official development in ^[1]_{SEP} Western Australia.
- Has officiated at the Olympic Games and WORLD AQUATICS World Championships.
- Is highly respected by all participants in swimming, both in Western Australia and Nationally.
- Has brought officiating to a very high standing at State, National and International levels.

Please Note: Unlawful misdemeanours or offences will not bar conferring of an award unless said misdemeanour, offence or conduct of that member is, in the judgment of the Honours and Awards Committee and/or the SWA Board, of a nature to be harmful to the reputation and standing of SWA and its Members or is conduct not of the standard expected of a member of SWA.

Administrator:

Must have served the Association for a minimum of twenty (20) years and may be awarded on retirement, or posthumously, for a member/ recipient who is or is not a paid SWA Employee and who:

- Has administered swimming at its highest level (i.e. President or Director) at State level and at National level and/ or WORLD AQUATICS level.
- Is considered to have brought a significant positive standing of WA swimming to the Nation and International swimming. [L] [SEP]

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It shall be acknowledged that the context in which the contribution is recognized, is primarily one of long term and sustained contribution to SWA. However, in the case of Athlete Members, the nomination may arise from a particularly outstanding athletic achievement that warrants special recognition.

SWA Hall of Fame Nomination Format and Requirements

Please include the following with the SWA Hall of Fame nomination form: [L] [SEP]

Athlete:

A testimonial from the nominator/s (must be a World Aquatics member of the Association) that outlines a brief biography of the nominee, including the nominee's superior achievements at the highest level of competition including:

- Confirmation that the nominee was/is a SWA member at the time of the achievement.
- A statement confirming attainment of all four (4) minimum criterion.
- The level of personal and outstanding contribution the nominee has made to the sport of [L] [SEP] swimming in WA, nationally or internationally (whichever is applicable).
- The level of involvement and effectiveness in the sport of swimming together with the degree of [L] [SEP] difficulty for the nominee to attain the highest level of achievement.
- A statement of claim relating to the nominee's integrity, sportsmanship and character that [L] [SEP] demonstrates an exemplary contribution, above that of peers.
- Any supporting documentation deemed appropriate to assist the H & A Committee in their deliberations. [L] [SEP]

Coach:

A testimonial from the nominator/s (must be a World Aquatics member of the Association) that outlines a brief biography of the nominee including:

- Confirmation that the nominee was/is a SWA member at the time of the achievement.

- The level of personal and outstanding contribution the nominee has made to the sport of swimming in WA, nationally or internationally (whichever is applicable).
- The level of involvement and effectiveness in the sport of swimming, together with the degree of difficulty for the nominee to attain the highest level of achievement.
- Specific examples of the long term and sustained exemplary contribution, that positions the nominee above other SWA members.
- The number of years dedicated to SWA.

Technical Official:

A testimonial from the nominator/s (must be a World Aquatics member of the Association) that outlines a brief biography of the nominee including:

- Confirmation that the nominee was/is a SWA member at the time of the achievement.
- The level of personal and outstanding contribution the nominee has made to the sport of swimming in WA, nationally or internationally (whichever is applicable).
- The level of involvement and effectiveness in the sport of swimming, together with the degree of difficulty for the nominee to attain the highest level of achievement.
- Specific examples of the long term and sustained exemplary contribution, that positions the nominee above other SWA members.
- The number of years dedicated to SWA.

Administrators:

A testimonial from the nominator/s (must be a World Aquatics member of the Association) that outlines a brief biography of the nominee including:

- Confirmation that the nominee was/is a SWA member at the time of the achievement.
- The level of personal and outstanding contribution the nominee has made to the sport of swimming in WA, nationally or internationally (whichever is applicable).
- The level of involvement and effectiveness in the sport of swimming, together with the degree of difficulty for the nominee to attain the highest level of achievement.
- Specific examples of the long term and sustained exemplary contribution, that positions the nominee above other SWA members.
- The number of years dedicated to SWA.

SWA Hall of Fame – Conditions to Revoke

The SWA Board, pursuant to clause 5.1.4.3 and 10.3 of the SWA Constitution has power to revoke an Award , as set out below:

- A member of the Board or the CEO may recommend to the Board at its regular meetings that an award be revoked.
- A written statement must be provided in writing to the Board setting out why the award should be withdrawn and the reasons, facts and evidence why the member/recipient no longer satisfies the Award selection criteria;
- The Board may appoint a Complaints/Grievance Sub-Committee to consider the recommendation and accompanying material. This sub-committee will follow the protocols and procedures set down by the Board, including the application of Natural Justice.

Hall of Legends Induction

Introduction

The Swimming WA (SWA) Hall of Legends is a new elite Alumni category designed to recognise outstanding achievement by Western Australian swimmers on the international stage. Members of the SWA Hall of Legends represent an illustrious group of SWA's most respected and celebrated champions who span time and achievement. They are the "best of the best" who, (through their achievements), have made an enduring or significant contribution to the sport of swimming, inspiring young and old alike.

Elevation from the SWA Hall of Fame into the SWA Hall of Legends is a public acknowledgement of attainment and the extraordinary feats of an individual, at an international level, that has set them above their peers and captured the attention of the swimming world.

Induction into the SWA Hall of Legends differs from induction into the SWA Hall of Fame. The SWA Hall of Fame acknowledges those who have achieved outstanding results at a National and International level. The Hall of Legends celebrates achievements that are of a level that can only be described as elite and world class (i.e. winning an Olympic medal). Inductees into the SWA Hall of Legends do not automatically receive Life Membership of SWA and vice versa.

The SWA Board has engaged the SWA Honours and Awards Committee to manage the process on their behalf. The Committee oversees the SWA Hall of Legends nomination process and submits their recommendations to the SWA Board for their endorsement.

Induction into the SWA Hall of Legends is on an "achievement basis" and not necessarily an annual occurrence. No more than 15% of the Hall of Fame may be inducted into the Hall of Legends. SWA Hall of Legend inductees are recognised at the SWA Awards of Excellence.

Principle

To recognise and promote the outstanding achievements of Western Australian athletes at the international level of swimming.

SWA will seek to acknowledge, promote and preserve the achievements of these individuals, by extending to them an appropriate honour in recognition of their outstanding contribution to Swimming in Western Australia.

Criteria for Eligibility

The SWA Hall of Legends is only open to athletes. SWA Hall of Legends Membership is divided into three (3) nomination categories of Athletes only:

- Pool
- Open Water Swimming
- Multi-Class

The following criteria shall be the basis for evaluation and selection of an 'Outstanding or Enduring Achievement' by an Athlete Member of SWA.

Athlete:

All three (3) criteria must be achieved to be considered for induction into the SWA Hall of Legends.

- Retired for five (5) years.

- Competed, at least, at one (1) Olympic Games.
- Won at least one (1) individual Olympic Medal.

Open Water Swimming Athlete:

- Retired for five (5) years.
- Competed at an International-Standard meet.
- Held at least one (1) World Record or won a Gold Medal at an International-Standard meet.

Please Note: Nominations will not be considered for selection to the SWA Hall of Legends if the athlete has been subject to disqualification recognised by the governing body of their sport, which precludes them competing in the sport for reasons of use, or consumption of, performance-enhancing drugs or banned substances, or use of illegal performance-enhancing techniques.

Unlawful misdemeanours or offences will not bar conferring of an award unless said misdemeanour, offence or conduct of that member is, in the judgment of the Honours and Awards Committee and the SWA Board, of a nature to be harmful to the reputation and standing of SWA and its members or is conduct not of the standard expected of a member of SWA.

SWA Hall of Legends Nomination Format and Requirements

Please include the following with the SWA Hall of Legends Nomination Form;

Athlete:

A testimonial from the nominator/s (must be a World Aquatics Member of the Association) that outlines a brief biography of the nominee including the nominee's superior achievements at the highest level of competition including:

- Confirmation that the nominee was/is a SWA member at the time of the achievement.
- A statement that addresses all six (6) of the nomination criteria.
- The level of personal and outstanding contribution the nominee has made to the sport of swimming in WA, nationally or internationally (whichever is applicable).
- The level of involvement and effectiveness in the sport of swimming together with the degree of difficulty for the nominee to attain the highest level of achievement.
- A statement of claim relating to the nominee's integrity, sportsmanship and character that demonstrates an exemplary contribution above their peers.
- Any supporting documentation deemed appropriate to assist the H&A Committee in their consideration of the nomination.

SWA Hall of Legends – Conditions to Revoke

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Appendix 1.

Ben Beale Memorial Award

Rationale for Introducing the Award

As the peak body for swimming in Western Australia, SWA included a section in the SWA Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024 to assist Clubs to improve in the area of retaining and recognising valuable members. Since 2015, considerable emphasis has been committed to refining and improving the SWA Club 'environment' to be one that is positive, nurturing and inclusive. SWA Clubs now understand that retention of members is a far better and more positive.

The ingredient of the success of this strategy over the past four (4) years vary from each local area, but one common theme has been the role of the dedicated Club Member and their ability to significantly positively add to an engaging and fun Club environment. Swimmers regularly comment that a key reason for their longevity in the sport, is the camaraderie between the swimmers and the swimmers and the coach.

SWA would like to recognise the wonderful contribution that such individuals make at the 'coal face' and to publicly acknowledge the crucial role that such individuals play in the broader strategy. The sport of swimming is thrilled that the Beale Family through Aqua Technics has embraced this concept and is prepared to invest financially in the recognition of these individuals by providing an award that will recognise and reward these people as well as offer and opportunity to further their leadership skills.

Description - The Ben Beale Memorial Award:

The Ben Beale Memorial Award has been established to celebrate and recognise those 'champions' of the SWA Club environment. This perpetual award will annually celebrate the 'Best Club person' (must be a current athlete) within a Swimming WA Club. The athlete must be aged fourteen (14) years or older at May 1st of the year of their nomination.

The Award is designed to further the winner's leadership skills and experience, with the objective that they will not only stay in the sport longer term but will also contribute to their Club in a meaningful manner, well beyond their days as an athlete.

The Ben Beale Memorial Award will be awarded to a Club person who:

- Demonstrates leadership "in and out of the water";
- Regularly sets a high standard of behaviour at training, competitions, Club events and functions;
- Assists the Coach in building a positive camaraderie and a 'sense of team' ;
- Proactively encourages the swimmers to support the direction set by the Club Committee and embraces the values and direction of the Club ;
- Exhibits the values and spirit of West Australian swimming at SWA meets, events and functions;
- Volunteers to take on roles within the Club throughout the year.

The winner of The Ben Beale Memorial Award will receive a combination of cash and specialised leadership training. The cash is designed to assist with travel and training costs, with part of the award dedicated to enrolment in AIM (WA) leadership training.

Scholarship Prize: \$3,000 (\$2,500 cash and \$500 in Leadership training).

Aqua Technics Age Swimmer Scholarship

Background

Swimming WA is proud to announce the 2023 Aqua Technics Age Swimmer Scholarship. This Scholarship made possible by the generous support of our Silver Level Sponsor, Aqua Technics.

Rationale for Introducing the Scholarship

SWA would like to fund travel costs for elite athletes aged between 15 - 16 for girls and 16 - 17 for boys. The sport of swimming is thrilled that Aqua Technics has embraced this concept and is prepared to invest financially in the recognition of these athletes by once more providing a scholarship that will assist meet costs of coaching, equipment and travel.

Description 2023 Aqua Technics Age Swimmer Scholarship

The 2023 Aqua Technics Travel Scholarship travel has been established to assist families meet some of the costs associated with the sport of swimming at national level. The Scholarship will be the responsibility of the SWA Management who will recognize one (1) athlete (male or female) who swims with a Swimming WA Club, no matter where that Club is based in the State. Girls must be aged 15 and 16 and boys must be aged between 16 and 17 years of age at 31st August 2023.

The Scholarship is designed to recognize the potential of the athlete (in the opinion of SWA Performance staff) to compete at national level or beyond.

The 2023 Aqua Technics Age Swimmer Scholarship will be awarded to an Age SWA Club swimmer who:

- Achieved four (4) national times in the long course season;
- Has competed in at least one (1) National competitions during their career;
- Embraces the values and direction of Swimming WA;
- Demonstrates leadership both in and out of the water
- Does not receiving additional support from WAIS.

Award Prize:

\$500 for (1) athlete

The Nomination Process:

Athletes complete the prescribed Nomination Form by the defined date.