

2020 Westpac Swimmer of the Year Awards



Award Selection Criteria

Western Australian Swimming Association Swimmer of the Year Awards Overview

The Western Australian Swimming Association (Swimming WA) was formed in 1902 and is the peak body for swimming in Western Australia. Each year, Swimming WA celebrates a full year of swimming at the annual Swimmer of the Year Awards (currently sponsored by Westpac). The Awards recognise the outstanding achievements made by Athletes, Coaches, Technical Officials, administrators and volunteers who are financial Members of Swimming WA, competing or operating in the state of Western Australia.

The Awards capture the period 1 May to 30 April and include performances in Short Course, Long Course, Open Water Swimming for able body and multi class athletes alike. There are over 30 Awards that recognise excellence over the preceding 12 months in a variety of disciplines. Swimming is the premier Olympic sport and the nature of these Awards is deliberately prestigious.

The Awards are held in mid to late May annually.

I. The Sir Frank Beaurepaire Trophy

Award Description:

Sir Francis "Frank" Joseph Edmund Beaurepaire (13 May 1891 – 29 May 1956) was an Australian distance freestyle swimmer from the 1900's to the 1920's, who won three (3) silver and three bronze (3) medals, from the 1908 Summer Olympics in London to the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris setting fifteen (15) world records.

He was also a decorated politician and businessman, serving for ten (10) years in the Victorian Legislative Council and as Lord Mayor of Melbourne and building a multimillion-dollar tyre business empire, Beaurepaires and Olympic Tyres. Sir Frank donated a trophy to each State Swimming Association in Australia to be awarded annually.

Award Criteria:

The **Sir Frank Beaurepaire Trophy** is awarded to the Western Australian resident swimmer who has the highest world ranking as of the last day of the Australian Championships.

The selection for this award will be taken from the:

- FINA
- IPC
- SI4 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.

2. The Old Court Cup

Award Description:

The Old Court Cup is awarded to the able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the Hancock Prospecting WA Long Course Swimming Championships.

Award Criteria:

The Old Court Cup is awarded to the swimmer gaining the highest number of podium finishes and accumulating the highest total number of individual points as below:

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

3. The Swimming WA Hall of Fame Alumni Trophy

Award Description:

The Swimming WA Hall of Fame Alumni Trophy is awarded to the able-bodied swimmer achieving the most outstanding performance at the Hancock Prospecting WA Long Course Swimming Championships.

Award Criteria:

Only long course Olympic events are eligible for consideration, with the selection for this Award based on the highest FINA point score.

In the case of a tie, consideration will be given to the number of State records broken by a swimmer while achieving the highest FINA point score. The swimmer breaking the most State records will be declared the winner.

Where no records are broken by either swimmer/s, joint winners are permissible.

4. Swimming WA Life Members' Trophy

Award Description:

The Swimming WA Life Members' Trophy is awarded to the swimmer who is the most consistent able-bodied performer at the Hancock Prospecting WA Long Course Swimming Championships, aged 17 - 18 years old for female athletes and 18 - 19 years old for male athletes, at the time of the event. To be eligible for the Award, athletes must swim in their respective age groups events.

Award Criteria:

Only long course Olympic events are eligible for consideration, with the selection for this Award 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.

5. The Eamon Sullivan Trophy

Award Description:

The Eamon Sullivan Trophy is awarded to the able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the SunSmart State Age Long Course Swimming Championships, aged 16 years for female athletes or 17 years for male athletes, at the time of the event.

Award Criteria:

Only long course Olympic events are eligible for consideration, with the selection for this Award 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.

6. The Jack Howson Trophy

Award Description:

The Jack Howson Trophy is awarded to the able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the SunSmart State Age Long Course Swimming Championships, aged 15 years old for female athletes or 16 years old for male athletes, at the time of the event.

Award Criteria:

Events eligible for consideration include long course 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.

7. The Jennifer Reilly Trophy

Award Description:

The Jennifer Reilly Trophy is awarded to the able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the SunSmart State Age Long Course Swimming Champions, aged 14 years old for female athletes or 15 years old for male athletes, at the time of the event.

Award Criteria:

Events eligible for consideration include long course 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.

8. The Frank Osman Memorial Shield

Award Description:

The Frank Osman Memorial Shield is awarded to the able-bodied swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the SunSmart State Age Long Course Swimming Championships, aged 13 years old for female athletes or 14 years old for male athletes at the time of the event.

Award Criteria:

Events eligible for consideration include long course 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.

9. The Bob Bestman Trophy

Award Description:

The Bob Bestman Trophy is awarded to the able-bodied swimmer who returns the most consistent swimming performance by a Western Australian swimmer at the Australian Age Championships.

Award Criteria:

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 – seven (7) points

2nd place – four (4) points

3rd place – one (1) point

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

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

10. Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy

Award Description:

The Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the able-bodied swimmer who returns the most outstanding swim by a resident Western Australian swimmer at the Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships.

Award Criteria:

Only long course Olympic events are eligible for consideration. To win this Award, swimmers must have won an individual medal at the Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships. FINA pointscore will be taken into consideration.

Should no Western Australian swimmer win an individual medal, FINA rankings will determine the winner of the Award.

11. Swimming WA Patron's Trophy

Award Description:

The Patron's Trophy is awarded to an outstanding West Australian pool swimmer for their performance both in the pool and outside of the pool, at the benchmark international competitions; the Olympics or World Championships.

Award Criteria:

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

Long course results take precedence over short course events.

Should no West Australian swimmer win a medal at these events, however, have received a medal from the Commonwealth Games, they can be eligible for consideration for the Award.

12. The Max Gerber Multi Class Championship Trophy

Award Description:

The Max Gerber Multi Class Championship Trophy is awarded to the WA Resident multi-class swimmer who is the most consistent performer at the Hancock Prospecting WA Long Course Swimming Championships in Open events.

Award Criteria:

The selection for this Award is based on the total number of individual points gained in:

- 100m Freestyle
- 100m Backstroke
- 100m Breaststroke
- 50m Butterfly

To be eligible, swimmers must compete in all four (4) 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.

I3. asctaWA Development Coach of the Year

Award Description:

The asctaWA Development Coach of the Year is presented to a Coach who has shown a commitment to developing a programme that has the capacity to produce outstanding results at a Club, State and National level.

Award Criteria:

This Award is presented to a coach of a Western Australian Swimming Club, who is a financial Member of Swimming WA and has operated throughout the year, primarily in Western Australia. They should have demonstrated a commitment to developing a swimming programme that has the capacity to produce outstanding results at a Club, State and National level.

14. Swimming WA Age Group Coach of the Year

Award Description:

The Swimming WA Age Group Coach of the Year is awarded to a coach of a Western Australian swimming Club, is a financial Member of Swimming WA and has operated throughout the year primarily in Western Australia, who has multiple swimmers that achieve outstanding performances at the Australian Age Championships. This award is eligible for coaches coaching athletes aged substantively female 13 to 16 years and male 14 years to 17 years.

Award Criteria:

The selection for this Award is based on the total number of individual points gained by up to five (5) swimmers from a Swimming WA Club. The nominee must have primarily coached athletes, for no less than six (6) months before the Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships.

Points are awarded based on individual performances, as follows:

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- 1st place – five (5) points
- 2nd place – three (3) points
- 3rd place – two (2) points
- Finalist – one (1) point

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

15. Swimming WA Technical Official of The Year

Award Description:

The Swimming WA 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.

Award Criteria:

The winner of the Award must have officiated at least 60% of SWA Sanctioned Meets and at a minimum of one (1) Regional Swimming WA sanctioned Meet.

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

1. Contribution to the sport of swimming in WA - The winner of the Award must have officiated at least 60% of SWA Sanctioned Meets and at a minimum of one (1) Regional Swimming WA sanctioned Meet.
2. Contribution to the development of emerging Technical Officials in Western Australia. 'Contribution' is defined as:
 - a. Attended further official courses to assist in their application of the rules
 - b. Delivered official courses and clinics to assist other Officials in understanding the rules
 - c. Taken measures to ensure that Athletes, Parents and Coaches have been fully informed of the rules and,
 - d. Improved the standard of officiating through service on a working party and/or SWA Committee.
3. Officiating achievements attained over the defined period (e.g. over the twelve (12) months the TO has been at leadership level at a Meet in recognition of their performance that year).
4. Participation at Club, State, National and International level.

The winner of the Swimming WA Technical Official Award will have to demonstrate more than officiating at International or National Meets, but meet the highest number of the criteria listed, demonstrating a commitment to officiating in Western Australia and beyond.

16. The Westpac Volunteer of The Year

Award Description:

The Westpac Swimming WA 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.

Award Criteria:

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

1. Contribution at Club, Regional and State level
2. Overall contribution to the sport of swimming in WA
3. Volunteering achievements attained within the swimming community.

Volunteers have the opportunity to be nominated for the Volunteer of the Month from October to March. All monthly winners are finalists in the Volunteer of the Year. Swimming WA members can make additional nominations for Volunteer of the Year when applications open.

17. Swimming WA Age Swimmer of the Year

Award Description:

The Swimming WA Age Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian swimmer, substantively aged between thirteen (13) years and eighteen (17) years (Female) and fourteen (14) years and eighteen (18) years (Male) who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period (1 May to 30 April).

Award Criteria:

Individual achievements in a long course event will take precedence over those achieved in a short course event.

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

1. Individual medal at an international benchmark meet (junior or senior team):
2. Selected to represent Australia for an individual event at an international benchmark meet:
3. Australian Record:
4. Selected to represent Australia as part of a relay team at an international benchmark meet:
5. Individual Gold, Silver and/or Bronze at Australian Swimming Championships.

Joint winners are permissible.

18. Swimming WA Coach of the Year

Award Description:

The Swimming WA Coach of the Year is awarded to the coach of a resident Western Australian swimmer, who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period (1 May to 30 April).

Award Criteria:

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

Best performance in order:

1. Individual world record
2. Individual gold
3. Individual silver
4. Individual bronze
5. Individual finalist
6. Relay world record
7. Relay medal (applicable to International Meet only)
8. Coach selected to represent Australia at the international long and short course Meet, being Olympics, World Championships or Commonwealth Games
9. Individual Australian Record
10. WA State Record.

Achieved in order at:

1. International long course benchmark meet, representing Australia, being Olympics/Paralympics, World Championships or Commonwealth Games
2. World Short Course Championships
3. Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships
4. Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships.

The nominee must have primarily coached the swimmer/s for no less than six (6) months before the performance being considered.

19. Swimming WA Multi-Class Swimmer of the Year

Award Description:

The Swimming WA Multi Class Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian multi class swimmer who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period (1 May to 30 April). Only athletes that compete in Paralympic events are eligible for consideration for the award.

Award Criteria:

The following criteria will apply to swimmers to be considered for the award.

1. Multi Class World Record
2. Individual medal at an International Meet, being Paralympics or World Championships
3. Relay medal at an International Meet, being Paralympics or World Championships
4. Selected to represent Australia at an International Meet
5. Australian Record
6. Gold, silver and/or bronze at Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships
7. WA State Record achieved at Hancock Prospecting Australian Swimming Championships.

The Award applies to results in Open events only. Achievements in a long course event will take precedence over those achieved at a short course event.

20. Swimming WA Open Water Swimmer of the Year

Award Description:

The Swimming WA Open Water Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian swimmer who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period.

Award Criteria:

The following criteria will apply to swimmers to be considered for the award.

Best performance in an Open Olympic event (in order):

1. Individual Gold medal
2. Individual Silver medal
3. Individual Bronze medal
4. Selected to represent Australia for an individual event at the international Open Water benchmark meet (i.e. Olympics or World Championships).

Achieved (in order) at the following events:

1. International Open Water benchmark meet representing Australia (i.e. Olympics or World Championships)
2. Australian Open Water Championships
3. State Open Water Championships.

If criteria 2 not met, the Committee will consider using fastest time achieved at Nationals before considering State Open Water Championships results.

21. Lyn McClements Swimmer of the Year Medal

Award Description:

The Lyn McClements Swimmer of the Year Medal is awarded to the resident Western Australian able-bodied pool swimmer who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period (1 May to 30 April).

Award Criteria:

The following criteria will apply to able-bodied swimmers to be considered for the Award:

1. World Record/s
2. Individual medal/s at an International Meet, being Olympics, World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships or Commonwealth Games
3. Australian Open Record
4. Relay medal at an International Meet, being Olympics, World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships or Commonwealth Games
5. Individual finalist at an International Meet, being Olympics, World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships or Commonwealth Games
6. Selected to represent Australia for an individual event at an International Meet, being Olympics, World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships or Commonwealth Games
7. Selected to represent Australia for a relay event at an International Meet, being Olympics, World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships or Commonwealth Games
8. Numbers of Gold, then Silver then Bronze at Australian Championships
9. Australian Age Record.

Achievements in a long course event will take precedence over those achieved at a short course event. Should no Western Australian swimmer meet the criteria above, the highest FINA ranking will be eligible for consideration for the award.

Joint winners are permissible

In the event that any two athletes achieve the exact same level of success for the awards listed above, the winner may be determined by the highest FINA pointscore attained during the defined period.

All awards recognise performances from 1 May to 30 April on an annual basis.

23. The Roy Hammond Trophy

First placed Western Australian female swimmer of the Women's Open 100m freestyle at the Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Long Course Swimming Championships.

24. The Hicks Ive Trophy

First placed Western Australian male swimmer of the Men's Open 100m freestyle at the Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Long Course Swimming Championships.

25. The BG Agencies Cup

First placed Western Australian club of the Women's Open 4 x 100 medley relay at the Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Long Course Swimming Championships.

26. The Peter Evans & Neil Brooks Cup

First placed Western Australian club of the Men's Open 4 x 100 medley relay at the Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Long Course Swimming Championships.

27. Swimming WA Metropolitan Long Course Club Shield

Presented to the metropolitan Club gaining the most points at the Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Long Course Swimming Championships, and Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Age Long Course Swimming 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.

28. Swimming WA Country Long Course Club Shield

Presented to the country Club gaining the most points at the Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Long Course Swimming 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.

29. Swimming WA Metropolitan Short Course Club Shield

Presented to the metropolitan Club gaining the most points at the Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Short Course Swimming 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.

30. Swimming WA Country Short Course Club Shield

Presented to the Country Club gaining the most points at the Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Short Course Swimming 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

31. Swimming WA President's Award

This Award is presented to a Swimming WA Member who is recognised by the President of Swimming WA as making a significant contribution to the sport of swimming in WA.

32. Swimmers' Swimmer of the Year Award

This Award is a peer selected award by Swimming WA Travel Assistance Grant (TAG) funded athletes. The winner tallies the highest number of votes.

33. Swimming WA Champion Club of the Year – Metropolitan

This Award recognises those Clubs that have demonstrated:

- Strong governance practices;
- Membership Growth;
- Programme engagement;
- Opportunities for their Members to develop the sport.

34. Swimming WA Champion Club of the Year – Regional

Award Description: This Award recognises those Clubs that have demonstrated:

- Strong governance practices;
- Membership Growth;
- Programme engagement;
- Opportunities for their Members to develop the sport.